

# The Friends of LRGs

*Newsletter for Parents & Friends,  
Autumn Term 2019*



## Welcome from the Friends of LRGs...



Say hello to the autumn term with the Friends of Lancaster Royal Grammar School! We are thrilled to welcome our new families and wish you and your children a very happy time here. The Friends are a parent, guardian and grandparent fundraising group, which supports the school in many ways. You'll see us at the various school and social events throughout the year. We meet once each half term in the Grab and Go for coffee, chat and planning, so we'd love new members to come along. Look out for our termly newsletter and our Facebook page, Friends of LRGs; please like and join us! We look forward to meeting incoming families soon at the LRGs Welcome Evenings.

## LRGS School Shop & Blazer Bazaar!

The Friends are very proud of our school shop, in fact we really love it! You'll see why when you visit! We are open on **Friday 30 August 3.30 to 4.30pm** and **Saturday 31 August 10.00 am to 12 noon**. We have a good stock of pre-owned school blazers, uniform and sports kit, as well as a selection of sporting ties and LRGs memorabilia. All proceeds from the shop go directly to the Friends funds. We'd welcome any donations of current sports kit and school uniform items, which may be left at City View Reception. The shop is open during term time from **3.30 to 4.30 pm on Fridays** and **10.00 to 11.00am on Saturdays**.



## Looking ahead to the Autumn Term 2019 with the Friends of LRGS.....

This year we'd like to think we have "something for everyone" to offer to our families, even more so than ever before. Which will you choose? The atmosphere is always fun and friendly at our events, which are a great way to meet people. Please invite your family and friends along too, as the Friends of LRGS is an inclusive community centred on a celebration of learning for our children. We rely on your support.



### LRGS Fun Run and Supper, Wednesday 18 September

The school year begins with our annual fundraiser, the LRGS Fun Run and Supper. This is a fun filled family event, with entries for all ages for the 5K Set Run route starting on Douthwaite Field. The finish line, through "the hole in the wall,"

promises a carnival atmosphere, with the music from the LRGS jazz band and a welcome chip butty supper. Don't be put off, all abilities are welcome, dogs too, with spot prizes and fancy dress awards! Guest suppers are available for non-runners. Please find the entry forms and details on the school website.



### Sebastian Gallardo Barton Piano Recital Friday 04 October, LRGS Assembly Hall.

**7.00pm Reception: Prosecco & Canapés**

*"My name is Sebastian Gallardo Barton, I am a classical pianist from Chile. I will be performing well-known repertoires like Beethoven, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Liszt among others."*

We are delighted to welcome pianist Sebastian Gallardo-Barton in concert in the LRGS Assembly Hall. Sebastian started his musical formation from an early age at University of Chile (Dr.Svetlana Kotova) and pursued further studies with Edith Fischer (Claudio Arrau's pupil). Currently he is a musical educator at the "Enrique Soro Music School" and a prominent performer. He will perform a program that includes well-knowns works by Beethoven, Mozart, virtuosic pieces by Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and re-discovered works by Advis and Pedrell. Tickets on Wisepay: £12; Concessions £8; Under 18 years £5.







### Groundforce Day, Saturday 05 October

Come to LRGS with your wellies and gardening gear to join in small project work in the gardens. We share hot drinks and homemade cakes to add to the fun. Families welcome. Details will follow in the Headmaster's newsletter.



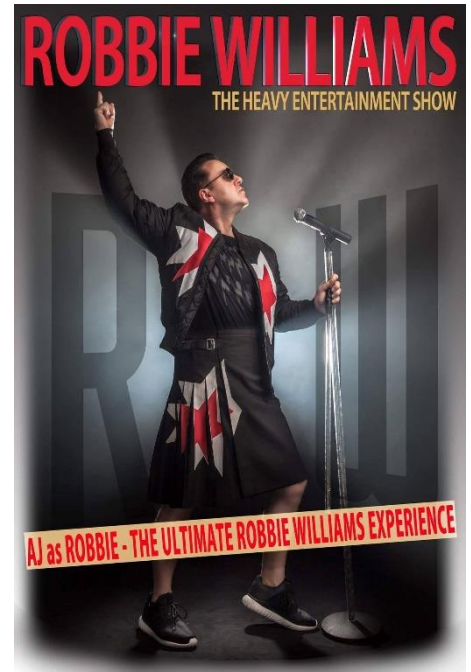
### Robbie Williams Tribute Night Friday 11 October 7.00pm-11.30pm Let us entertain you!

The Friends of LRGS are thrilled to bring you the AJ Robbie Williams Tribute Night, held in the Assembly Hall! AJ is sure to raise the roof with his dynamic performance of Robbie Williams' and Take That hits. Could it be magic?

We're gonna rock, DJ! Join us for Thai green curry or vegetarian supper with desserts, and the Praesis ut Prosecco bar. Please bring your family and friends along!



**Tickets on Wisepay £20**



### A Night with Eddie the Eagle - Friday 08 November 7pm-10pm

We are jumping for joy to welcome you to a family night with British Olympiad Eddie the Eagle, at the LRGS Assembly Hall. The night includes a chilli or vegetarian chilli supper, a selection of desserts and the Praesis ut Prosecco Bar.

Tickets will be on Wisepay soon.

### December Festivities - Mince pie baking Friday 13 December

Cath Mossop and the pupils invite Friends and parents to join in mince pie making. There's coffee and carols in the Food Tech Department, to help us prepare for the traditional Festivals of Nine Lessons and Carols at Lancaster Priory. Details to follow, but please save the date and bring your pinny!





## **LRGS Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December**

Ahead of Christmas Jumper Day the Friends will be happy to receive donations of any Christmas jumpers in all sizes, to sell in the school shop. Jumpers may be left at City View reception for collection.

## **Coming Soon! Burns Night Celebrations- Saturday 18 January 2020**

Tickets for the annual LRGS Gala Burns Night celebrations will be available on Wisepay from November. This formal event is held in the Ashton Hall in Lancaster Town Hall. By tradition we include an Address to the Haggis, a three course Burns' supper, dancing to a ceilidh band, whisky tasting and the LRGS Gala Raffle. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. We are able to offer tables for 10 guests and smaller parties; it's never too early to start organising your guests as tickets sell out very fast. Tickets will be on sale on Wisepay in November. More details to follow.



## **LRGS Gala Raffle - Prizes needed!**

In advance of the Burns Night Celebrations, we'd welcome any donations for raffle prizes for this event. The raffle generally raises a huge amount of income for the Friends, but this depends on us sourcing prizes and finding generous donors. If you are able to support us, please let us know or leave any donated prizes at the City View reception over the course of the autumn term.

Thank you kindly in anticipation.

## **Save the dates!**

## **LRGS Spring Festival, Saturday 14 March 2020**

The Friends are working with LRGS Boarding to welcome boarding parents and incoming Year 7 families, as well as the LRGS community, to our annual Spring Festival and International Food Corner. Details to follow.



## **LRGS St Patricks Night Party, Saturday 21 March 2020**

We are looking forward to a night of Celtic celebrations and Irish dancing in the Assembly Hall! Details coming soon.

## Money matters...

Just to let you know that all our fundraising events and the Friends School Shop operate on a **cash only** basis, with the exception of ticket sales on Wisepay. We are looking into a card payment facility and will let you know about this soon.



## A special request from Anne

Marie our Treasurer- we need to ask for a **volunteer** who has an interest in finance or runs a business, who is willing to check and sign of the Friends' accounts. This is needed to satisfy the Charity Commission. If anyone is willing to do this small task on an annual basis, please let us know. Many thanks.

## Will you join us?

- Friends Committee Meeting, LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Wednesday 11 September 2019
- Friends Committee Meeting & AGM, LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Wednesday 06 November 2019 – date tbc
- Speech Day, Ashton Hall, Saturday 16 November 2019
- Festival of Carols, Lancaster Priory, Saturday 14 December 2019
- Festival of Carols, Lancaster Priory, Monday 16 December 2019
- Friends Committee Meeting, LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Thursday 09 January 2020
- Friends Committee Meeting, LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Tuesday 25 February 2020
- Friends Committee Meeting , LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Tuesday 21 April 2020
- Friends Committee Meeting , LRGS Grab & Go 7.30pm, Tuesday 02 June 2020

*Our success depends on your support!*



**Very best wishes for the new academic year!**

*Michelle Whitton*

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