



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

It is sometimes dark and damp at this stage of the Michaelmas term, but this is still an exciting time of year in our classrooms and labs!

It was excellent to meet some of our **Hong Kong** parents and boarders over half term, along with prospective boarding families. We value our long links with Hong Kong - thank you for your warm welcome.

We have enjoyed a busy **Parliament Week** in school this week, including debates with students and local and national politicians. I hope it will help pupils to take an informed interest in the election campaign!



*Light Up Lancaster – The Priory Church*

### Ofsted Boarding inspection

We were delighted to be graded Outstanding in all areas of our Ofsted boarding inspection in October. Thank you to parents who completed the Ofsted survey and to your sons who spent time talking to the inspectors.

Boarding at LRGS is very special indeed, and has always been important in the school. (Our first named pupil was a boarder – in 1288 AD!). The inspection was rigorous and challenging, and the report is a glowing testament to our boarding community. It is particularly pleasing to see its praise for our boarding staff: their drive to improve, unity of purpose, and the fact that nothing would function without the matrons!

Please read the report here: <https://www.lrgs.org.uk/ofsted2019>

### Speech Day

I am looking forward to seeing pupils in Years 8 and 9, prizewinners and parents for Speech Day next Saturday morning. Our guest speaker is **Christopher Wright** who attended LRGS from 1968 to 1974. He is a banker and investor who has worked in Europe, Asia, the USA and South Africa, and he co-founded Roper Technologies which is a major software and engineering company. He is also a trustee of the Ogden Trust, Britain's leading charity dedicated to promoting social mobility through education.



### Admissions Consultation

Governors are proposing some changes to Year 7 Admissions arrangements from September 2021. Most arrangements are not affected, and admission numbers and catchment areas are unchanged. The main change is to give higher priority to applicants eligible for the Pupil Premium (children who have been in receipt of free school meals). Our grammar school mission is to open doors of opportunity for pupils from every street and background, and these changes support that aim. The proposal and details of how to comment if you wish to are here:

[www.lrgs.org.uk/parents/school-policies](http://www.lrgs.org.uk/parents/school-policies)

Very best wishes, especially to rugby teams playing Sedbergh tomorrow! ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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