



Dear Parents,

Friday 6th December 2019

Events and debates continue over the next few days as we prepare for our **Mock elections** on 12th December. Thank you to our candidates from all parties! Well done to Upper Sixth students who organised our **“Making a Difference”** conference recently at the University of Cumbria. Over 100 students from local schools discussed politics, the environment, social media and mental health – with outstanding feedback.

We need some more volunteers for the Memo Café rota! Please get in touch with Mr Loney (aloney@lrgs.org.uk) if you would like to help selling refreshments for an hour or two on Saturdays.

Another request to click through to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise funds for the Friends of LRGS if you are Christmas shopping online!

The Cricketer – Top 100 schools

Congratulations to our coaches and grounds staff – as well as our pupils – on our inclusion as one of England’s top 100 cricketing schools in The Cricketer magazine. This is a wonderful and well-deserved recognition of the quality of our cricketing provision at LRGS. The full list of schools can be seen [here](#).



Lenten Charities 2020

Thank you to our charities prefects and to everyone who put forward charities this week. We raised a fabulous £24,000 last year. Let’s see if we can match that in 2020 for these charities which pupils have chosen!

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| ○ CANCER RESEARCH UK | Saving lives through research | www.cancerresearchuk.org |
| ○ MONEY FOR MADAGASCAR | Investing in people and the environment | moneyformadagascar.org |
| ○ MOVEMBER | Changing the face of men’s health | uk.movember.com |
| ○ NISHKAM SWAT | Transforming disadvantaged communities | swatlondon.com |
| ○ ST. JOHN’S HOSPICE | Providing specialist palliative care | www.sjhospice.org.uk |
| ○ TEAM REECE | Children’s brain tumour and cancer care | www.teamreece.org.uk |

Absences

Illness levels have been very high over the past three weeks. We hope that the worst is over! Please be sure to report any absence on the first morning, otherwise staff will spend much time chasing up and phoning home for pupils who don’t appear at registration. You can report absences here: www.lrgs.org.uk/form/?pid=2&form=33

Data sheets

We will send home data sheets for every pupil next week. These are important for us to ensure that our records and details are correct for everyone in the school. The deadline for their return is Friday 10th January.

Lost property

If named lost property is handed in, then we email pupils to collect it from Lee House. However, we accumulate lots of unnamed lost property. Lee House is open on **Wednesday** and **Friday lunchtimes** – any pupil can drop in to look for lost items. We will dispose of any unnamed lost property that is not claimed by Wednesday 18th December.

With best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle



Muddy victory vs. RGS Newcastle



LRGS ♥ reading! Costa Book Awards