



Dear Parents,

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Lenin said: *“There are decades when nothing happens; and there are weeks when decades happen.”*

Well done to everyone so far! We are doing something very ambitious – reinventing LRGS online with no warning, little training and untried tools, at an anxious time. And we will spin straw into gold!

I have been hugely encouraged by all your support for the school. LRGS will always buzz with academic challenge – and also provide wonderful stability and care.

- Pupils – Keep working hard for your GCSEs and A-levels
- The risk is generally low for children
- Everyone’s responses will be emotional as well as rational
- Look out for each other, especially those worried / isolated / vulnerable
- Expect the unexpected – no battle plan survives first contact with the enemy
- A marathon not a sprint!

My key messages for the school

We are supervising children of some key workers each day. We are also glad to be providing rooms in boarding for some NHS workers who need to be isolated from their families while they continue working on the front line.

De profundis

John Gardyner left an endowment to the school in 1472, and instructed us to read Psalm 130 forever in his memory. (It is still sung at Founders’ Day). Psalm 130 was not written for the easy days. Known as *De profundis*, it is a song from the depths. But the psalmist waits in hope: *“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, more than watchmen wait for the morning.”* His eternal theme song for our school reminds us: Dawn will come!

National awards

Two departments recently received national recognition. The History Department was highlighted in the [Prince’s Teaching Institute national awards](#) for their rich curriculum and partnerships. Mr Wareing, Head of Business and Economics, was awarded [Personal Finance Teacher of the Year](#) and features in this month’s Moneywise magazine.

Only connect!

An excellent **Parents’ Guide to Coping with School Closures** has just been published. It is full of helpful advice: please see the [link on our website here](#).

And stay connected. Our dispersal across the country and the world means that we need to find new ways to thrive in our relationships and networks.

Online learning through Teams maintains connections with teachers and other pupils. It has been great to see pupils enjoying our first challenges set through social media!



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Pupils: Stay connected, take exercise, ask for help – and remember that this is a marathon and not a sprint. There’s plenty of time, and we are here to help. We are still your teachers, and LRGS will always be your school!

With all very best wishes. In every situation, we are here for you ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Singing on the Upper Sixth’s last day



Reece Holt memorial



Junior Quiz Team