

# The Friends of LRGS

Newsletter for Parents & Friends, Summer Term 2020



## Hello from the Friends of LRGS...

We hope everyone is well and coping with the COVID-19 situation. In the blink of an eye, the lockdown measures have transformed us into a virtual community.



“To expect the unexpected shows a thoroughly modern intellect.” Oscar Wilde

On behalf of our the school families, the Friends, would like to thank the Head and the LRGS staff teams for all the measures they have put in place to help the pupils stay safe, motivated and to progress in their learning. Given the wonderful array of social media posts from our pupils, these certainly seem to be effective in encouraging our young ones to develop a “*thoroughly modern intellect*” during unexpected times.

## Highlights from the Spring Term with the Friends....

Sadly, our plans for the Spring Term took an unexpected turn with the early school closure. This meant that the Spring Festival scheduled for March could no longer take place.

As this event was to be a focus for welcoming our boarding families and incoming Year 7 families, we'd like to reach out to you all at this time.



It's been great to hear that boarding families have been reunited prior to the current travel restrictions. Many are coping with different time zones across the world to stay in touch with LRGS and the Friends, which is hugely appreciated. Meanwhile we'd like to invite our incoming Year 7 families to join the Friends of LRGS Facebook page.



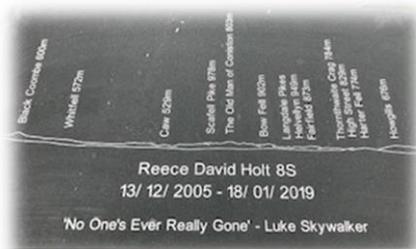
## LRGS support for our community.

Congratulations to LRGS for the additional support the school is providing to our emergency services staff, and key workers, in the local community. The Friends were able to add to this initiative and help our visitors settle in by donating the items we had collected for the Spring Festival, as well as surplus catering supplies from the Memo Café.

Many thanks to the Friends who continue to bake cakes and goodies for our key workers, and to those who have collected donations of new bedding to help out. We were thrilled to hear Hayley from School House being interviewed on Radio 5 Live too.



### “No one’s ever really gone”... in memory of Reece



In conjunction with LRGS and the Old Lancastrians, the Friends were happy to be able to support a memorial for Reece.

After many months of hard work and design from Reece’s classmates, LRGS 6<sup>th</sup> Formers, the

Geography and Arts Departments, LRGS invited Reece’s family to unveil the panoramic viewfinder on the upper school site. Given the extensive vista across the Bay, the viewfinder details the Lakeland peaks, and an inspirational quote from Luke Walker. This fitting tribute to Reece seems to be all the more poignant today than we’d perhaps ever imagined.



### Looking ahead.....

It may seem a long time since the school doors closed, but the Friends are working with the school staff to provide more opportunities for our pupils to look forward to. Here are just some of the pledges we have been delighted to support:

- **Board Game Club :**

*“Board-gaming will improve your mental arithmetic, give you a good grasp of probability and familiarise you with game theory.” The Economist magazine*

The Friends have made a pledge to the Board Game Club for purchasing new board games. The board game club members meet at lunch times during the school term. We wonder which new games will they choose?



- **6<sup>th</sup> Form Drama:** We have funded an interactive drama workshop relating to social awareness and relationships for 6<sup>th</sup> Form students. We are also looking to support current creative work on lockdown experiences, which can be shared, enjoyed and reflected upon post lockdown.

- **LRGS Short Film Competition prizes:** We are pleased to support Mr Hallsworth's initiative by providing prizes for the short film animations competition during lockdown.
- **LRGS Stamp Club:** While may not be able to travel, we are looking ahead to support the Geography Department to set up a world stamp collection club when school returns.
- **LRGS MasterChef:** We are pledging to provide prizes, crockery and a winner's board for the Food Tech Department. Judging by the high number of social media posts and culinary videos our pupil groups are posting, it seems that we are aiming high!



The Friends are very grateful to staff for several other bids. We are deferring decisions on some of these until we know more about school re-opening and the likelihood of our next events taking place. Watch this space!

### We'll meet again....

Thank you, to our Friends, families and the LRGS community at this time. Please stay safe, stay home and do keep in touch via our Facebook page: [Friends of LRGS facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/friendsoflrsgs)



We hope to see you soon!  
Praesis ut prosis  
Kind regards

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Success is not final,  
failure is not fatal:  
it is the courage  
to continue  
that counts.

- Winston Churchill