



Lancaster Royal Grammar School eNewsletter

November 2018

These past few months have been a time of great celebration for the school. Last weekend, we welcomed former pupils the Rt Hon. Lord Foster of Bath and Peter Dornan, FRS to our Speech Day which also coincided with the opening of our new Science Building. As many of you know, it's an occasion where we reflect on our achievements, celebrate successes and also look forward to the future.

Looking ahead, we have announced more exciting plans for our coeducational Sixth Form. Last week the Governors approved plans to accept female boarders from 2020, which you can read more about below.



We hope to see many of you at our upcoming events, including a special Carol Service for our alumni which will take place on Monday December 17th.

As always, we love to hear your news so don't hesitate to [send us an email](#) and let us know what you're up to.

With best wishes,

Dr C J Pyle

Headmaster



Coeducational Boarding from 2020

Following on from our decision to admit girls into our Sixth Form, the Governors have approved plans to admit girls as boarders from September 2020.

Several of our staff have previously worked in girls' boarding and we are excited about this latest development. Boarding at LRGS will create an exceptional opportunity for Sixth Form girls from across the region, the UK and overseas.

The draft admissions policy can be found [here](#). The proposal to introduce girls' boarding is open for consultation until 14th January 2019.

Opening of the New Science Building

The new Science Building was officially opened last Saturday, to coincide with Speech Day celebrations. Alumnus Peter Dornan, FRS (1951-1958), who has worked extensively at CERN and is Professor Emeritus at Imperial College, returned to the school for the first time in fifty years to open the new building. He was joined by former staff, parents, pupils and representatives from the companies who assisted with its construction.



Speech Day

Last Saturday marked our annual Speech Day, which celebrates the previous year's academic, sporting and personal achievements. This year's speaker was Rt Hon Lord Foster of Bath (1958-1965), who gave an insightful and inspiring speech about his time at LRGS as a boarder.

From his career as a Physics teacher to his current position in the House of Lords, he told guests that, "of my time in parliament – and my work before it - has led me to one inevitable conclusion; that education is the key."

You can read more about the Speech Day celebrations and view photos of the event on [our website](#).

Important Announcement: Carol Service

This year due to the sheer pressure of numbers, we are holding three Carol Concerts at Lancaster Priory. The Saturday morning concert is for Year 7 and their parents. The Year 7 intake is now so large that this warrants a separate event.

The Governors and alumni community are being invited to a special concert to be held at **6.30pm on Monday 17th December**.



The remainder of the school will have their concert on Wednesday 19th December during school hours.

The concert is a free but ticketed event so to book your place you will need to follow [this link](#). If you have any difficulty using the link or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the [Development Office](#).



Remembrance Sunday

To mark the centenary of the First World War, our CCF was honoured to take part in memorial services in both Bentham and Lancaster.

On Remembrance Sunday, the CCF took part in a Remembrance Parade to remember the 76 former pupils from Lancaster Royal Grammar School who lost their lives during WW1. At Lancaster Priory, a rose was laid at the altar by a cadet in memory of each of the Old Lancastrians who fell in WW1.



Cricket on the Douthwaite

Looking for Christmas present ideas...?

The sale of the picture shown above will be used to raise funds for LRGS Cricket and the Geography Department. It was painted by David Talks, who is a professional painter and member of the East Anglian Group of Marine Artists and Norwich Art Circle.

Large copies (19x13) are priced at £45 and smaller (15x10) are priced at £35.

Please email the [Development Office](#) if you wish to purchase a copy.

Alumni Successes

We are always delighted to hear of our alumni's achievements and this issue celebrate the successes of two former pupils:

Andy Ward (1984-1991) has recently been [elected](#) a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Mike Stevens (2006-2013) has won Young Journalist of the Year at the O2 Media Awards.

Ben Taylor (2009-2016) was featured alongside Elon Musk's Hyperloop One project and Virgin's Galactic project in The Discoverer Blog as 'Start-ups that are changing the way you travel' with [Boataffair](#). Ben, a former Head of School, has also recently become our Alumni Ambassador, helping us develop our outreach with the school's younger alumni.

If you would like to tell the LRGS community of your successes, please [get in touch!](#)





LRGS in top Cricketing Schools for 2019

Following our success in the Royal Grammar Schools Cricket Tournament this summer, we are happy to announce that LRGS has once again been named as one of *The Cricketer's* Top 100 cricketing schools in the country. More than 350 schools applied to be in the guide and we are delighted to have been chosen again.

The guide will be made available on [The Cricketer](#) website from Friday 14th December.



Upcoming Alumni Events

Friday 30th November: Durham OL Dinner

Monday 17th December: Carol Service, Lancaster Priory 6.30pm

Friday 8th March: Cambridge OL Dinner, St John's College

Friday 22nd March: Cornwall OL Dinner, new venue at [Budock Vean Hotel](#)

Friday 12th April: East Lincs OL Dinner, Higher Trapp Hotel

Thursday 2nd May: Oxford OL Dinner, venue TBC

Friday 14th June: Cotswolds OL Dinner, Royal Agricultural University

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th July: Founders' Weekend

We are pleased to announce that we will be reinstating the Leeds OL Dinner, thanks to Darren Marchment OL. Details will be confirmed soon.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the School.

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