

LRGS eNewsletter

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2019 is a landmark year for LRGS. Looking back, it is 550 years since John Gardyner's original benefaction to "*instruct and inform boys in Grammar*". Looking forward, we are planning the next ambitious phase of the school's development. It is also the year that our Sixth Form becomes co-educational, a significant milestone in the school's history.



For the wider LRGS community: the Bank of England's longlist features four Old Lancastrians who are in the running to be the face of the new £50 note, and our Archive has recently had an impressive overhaul thanks to the hard work of our volunteers.

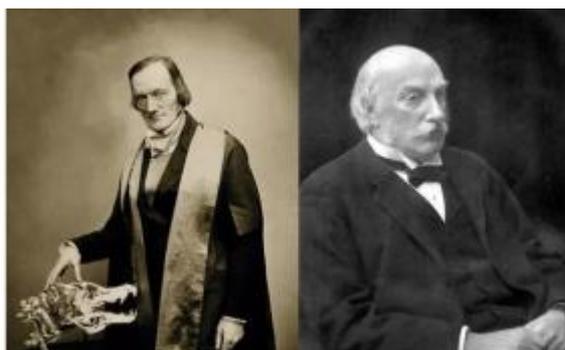
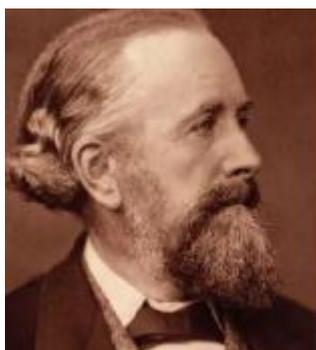
And our 1st XV rugby team has got through to the finals of the Lancashire Cup – more details below.

As always, we love to hear from the LRGS community so [get in touch](#) with your news, or feel free to visit us if you are in the area!

With best wishes,

Dr C J Pyle

Headmaster



OLs on £50 note Longlist

With the news that a scientist will be the new face on the £50 note, we are delighted that four Old Lancastrians have fulfilled the criteria to make the 989-name nomination list: Sir Edward Frankland, Dr William Whewell, Sir Richard Owen and Professor John Edward Marr.

The Banknote Character Advisory Committee is considering the merits of each nomination and will announce the chosen public figure in the summer.

Old School House Building Work continues

Our incoming coeducational Sixth Form will be the first to use the new £1.9m Sixth Form Centre in Old School House. You may have seen some of the scaffolding being taken down as the stonework pointing and cleaning on the exterior of the building has gradually been completed. Work on the interior is on schedule and also nearing completion.



University Offers

We are delighted that so many of our pupils have received offers for university, including thirteen offers for Oxford and Cambridge. Well done to all of our Sixth Formers who have gained offers from a wide range of top universities, medical schools and apprenticeships!

Rugby News

The 1st XV are looking forward to the U18 Lancashire Cup Final which will take place at Preston Grasshoppers on the 30th January at 2.30pm. We're very proud of our team so far and wish all the players the very best of luck for their upcoming match! All are invited and we'd love your support.



LRGS Archive

We are fortunate to have a school archive, which is filled with many artifacts detailing the school's rich history, spanning over five centuries. The Archive is located in Old School House and is run by volunteers. We also have a [digital archive on Flickr](#) which we welcome you to browse.

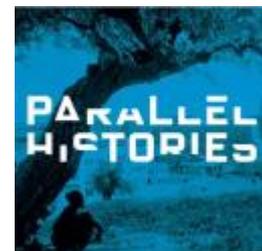
OLs Paul Andrew, Clive Holden and Stephen Clarke, with assistance from Upper Sixth pupils Sam and Ed, maintain the Archive and its many items. If you have any enquiries about family history, your own time at LRGS or simply a query about the school itself, they will do their best to respond.

If you are interested in getting involved, or have any items or memorabilia you wish to donate to the Archive, then please do [get in touch with us](#).



Alumni News

OL Joshua Hillis (07-14) has recently been awarded a grant from the OL Club for his Arabic studies in Jordan. He will also be working for [Parallel Histories](#), the charity established by former teacher Michael Davies to increase schools' awareness of conflict zones in the Middle East.



In news which links two LRGS alumni, the family of former pupil James Elliott (05-12) recently exhibited the work of the late ceramicist Edward Hughes (66-72) at the Gavagan Art gallery in Settle, North Yorkshire. Edward, a former Head Boy of the School, was world-renowned for his pottery which was particularly popular in Japan.

Christmas Quiz

Thank you to all those who took part in our Christmas Quiz. The answers are as follows:

A E A P A U U U E C O E (second letter of months in a year)

U O U E H R A (second letter of days of the week)

P U U I (second letters of seasons)

Number sequence: 111221, 312211 (say it out loud!)

Thank you to all those who took part. The winner, selected from all correct entries, was Tom Woolerton (97-04). Congratulations Tom!

LRGS on LinkedIn

LRGS has recently been recognised as a registered educational institution on LinkedIn. Simply re-enter your school details and years of attendance and select the institution with the LRGS logo. This will give you access to our Alumni page to network with other OLs.



Upcoming Alumni Events

Friday 8th February: Leeds OL Dinner, Castle Grove

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

Friday 22nd March: Cornwall OL Dinner, Budock Vean Hotel

Friday 29th March: East Lancs OL Dinner, Higher Trapp Hotel

Thursday 2nd May: Oxford OL Dinner, venue TBC

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

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July: Founders' Weekend