



Lancaster Royal Grammar School

- **The School**

In existence by 1235, endowed by John Gardyner in 1472, and favoured with royal patronage by Queen Victoria when it moved to its current site in 1851, Lancaster Royal Grammar School is one of the oldest maintained schools in the country.

One of only four grammar schools in Lancashire and one of just thirty-five state-funded schools which offer boarding in addition to day places, LRGS has over 1000 boys aged 11 – 18, including around 200 boarders and a thriving Sixth Form of 350. This selective school has a long tradition of providing opportunities for boys to excel academically as well as a national reputation for sporting and extra-curricular achievement.

- **Aims and Ethos**

LRGS has a long tradition of providing excellent opportunities for able boys to excel academically. The school upholds traditional academic standards, within a caring and happy environment. The strong ethos is to provide a wide range of opportunity, to develop mature responsible young men and to bring out the potential of each student according to his ability and aptitude.

If the school succeeds in putting these aims into practice, boys will feel at ease in the increasingly complex and rapidly changing world of the future and will be able to contribute fully to the community and society of which they will be part.

- **Academic Standards and Curriculum**

Recent inspections have confirmed that attainment at Key Stage 3, GCSE and A-level is very high compared with national averages, regularly placing LRGS in the top echelon of schools across the country. In a typical year, well over 95% of pupils will move on to university, with about 10% gaining offers of places at Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

- **Beyond the Classroom**

The school prides itself on its outstanding extra-curricular provision and OFSTED inspectors have confirmed that “the wide range of activities is a clear strength”.

Drama and music flourish throughout the school, often in conjunction with Lancaster Girls Grammar School, and pupils have achieved success in national choral and instrumental competitions. All boys are encouraged to begin or to continue learning a musical instrument. There are several drama productions each year, often staged at the nearby and aptly named Grand Theatre.

The school has a long tradition and a national reputation for sporting excellence particularly in rugby, cricket, cross-country and athletics.

There is a particular emphasis on outward bound activity, including a three service Combined Cadet Force and large numbers involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Numerous clubs and societies encourage the boys to develop their skills, from debating to wargaming, soccer to sailing, chess to ventriloquism.

Every year the boys raise considerable sums for local and national charities.

School staff

The School employs over 70 teachers and around 80 support and boarding staff. New members of staff are assured of help and support from their colleagues whenever required and professional development is further aided by the School's commitment to train and develop all members of staff.