



## Another brilliant term for our boarding community

**Phil Marlow**, Housemaster of School House

It has been another productive and busy term in our boarding community – both Year 11 and Year 13 boarders in Denton and School House are already preparing for the summer exams and congratulations must go to the Year 13 boys who have been receiving offers from top universities during the last few months.



Outside of academic matters, the boarders continue to be involved in a whole range of activities including the usual routine of playing badminton, basketball and football on a weekly basis. They have enjoyed the wide variety of trips on offer this term including trips to Alton Towers, the Formula 1 Arcade in Birmingham, the local Snooker Club and the highlight of the term being the International Dinner where we celebrated the diverse community we have in the boarding community, with day boys invited as guests who were able to experience life in the Boarding Houses.

It is a pleasure to see our boarders developing during their time here and they are growing into confident young men ready to face the next challenge in their lives. Whether it be embracing their next year at LGS or, for those boys who will soon depart and take the next step beyond the walls of the Boarding House, sitting important summer exams, we wish all the boys the very best of luck!

## Sports spotlight

From claiming national titles to celebrating at sports dinners, we're incredibly proud of the fantastic sporting achievements of our pupils this half-term.

Following an incredible 4-2 win, our U14 badminton team claimed the title of national badminton champions at the School Sport Magazine national finals in March. The finals saw the team win three of their singles matches with strong performances from our players who each won their game with a score more than four points above that of their opponents. Using precise technique and exceptional teamwork skills the team secured the national title by winning their doubles match with a score of 21-10.

Huge congratulations also go to our U18 senior boys' basketball team who secured the Leicestershire County title with an impressive 53-43 victory in the county final. Beyond the result itself, the achievement reflects the wider value of basketball within the School's sporting provision. The sport fosters key transferable skills including communication, strategic thinking, resilience and the ability to perform under pressure – qualities that extend well beyond the court and support pupils in their academic and personal development.



## Spring Concert showcase

Loughborough Schools Foundation's annual Spring Concert returned to the De Montfort Hall stage in March, with over 250 pupils taking part in the gala concert. Featuring a myriad of musicians, performing in a wide variety of styles and in many combinations of different ensembles and groups, it was an incredible display of our pupils' musical talent.

Year 7 choirs from both Loughborough Grammar School and Loughborough High School performed music from the hit film, based on the songs of Abba; Mamma Mia! And we also witnessed fantastic solo performances from nine of our Year 13 Music Scholars, including piano, voice, oboe, violin and cello.

**The lead up to the concert was a magical experience. Having never performed with an ensemble of that size, first listening and then working with the Symphony Orchestra was truly a unique experience. I really enjoyed listening to the rest of the ensembles, seeing the whole inner workings of De Montfort Hall and meeting loads of new people throughout the Foundation. The performance was amazing; the rush of being on a stage as big as that while singing an epic song, with the choir and the band behind me, was a beautiful thing to behold.**

-David, Year 13 Music Scholar



## Focusing on the future

This term, we were delighted to welcome alum, Lawrence Ong (LGS 2018), to talk to our boys about his career journey after leaving LGS. Having recently been recognised on the prestigious Forbes 30 Under 30 list for 2025 in the Commerce & Finance category, Lawrence's story demonstrates how confidence, resilience and ambition can lead to remarkable achievements.

At just 25 years old, Lawrence has already made significant strides in transforming sustainable agriculture in the Middle East. Alongside co-founder Christina Khalife, he has pioneered innovative hydroponic farming solutions that grow fresh produce in the desert – a breakthrough contributing to local food security and aligned with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 objectives.



“The biggest impact I saw in myself from LGS was my confidence and self-esteem. Had it not been for the School, I believe that not only would I have become more introverted, but I wouldn't have had the belief in myself to take the jumps I've taken in life. Teachers treat you with dignity and like an adult, and the whole school demeanour pushes people to be excellent and competitive.”

We proudly launched the first in a new series of Careers Networking Dinners this term – an initiative designed to connect senior pupils with accomplished alumni to provide a meaningful insight into life beyond school.

Delivered in partnership with the Alumni and Development Office, the inaugural event focussed on careers in the legal sector and brought together pupils from Years 10-13 across the Foundation for an evening of discussion, mentorship and inspiration.

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## Focusing on the future

Our newly-refurbished Library balcony has quickly become a valued study space for Year 13 students. Designed with a calm, sophisticated feel, the area offers a university-style environment where students can work independently. Comfortable seating, open desk space, and a quiet atmosphere create the ideal setting for sustained concentration during this important academic year.

Year 13 is a critical stage in a student's education as many prepare for examinations, university applications and the transition to life beyond school. The balcony provides a flexible space where students can organise their own time, revise independently, and develop the study habits expected at university level.

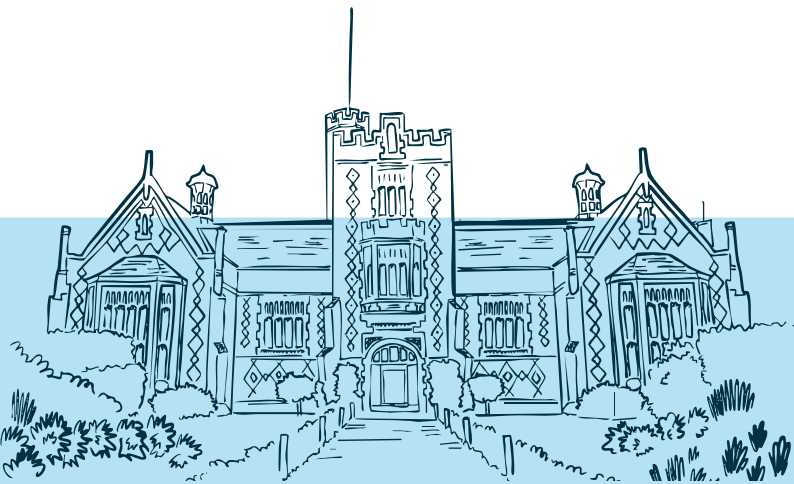
Access to the area is seen as a privilege that reflects the maturity and responsibility of the Year 13 cohort. The environment itself mirrors the transition students are making - from structured school learning to a more independent and self-directed approach. In this way, the Library balcony has become more than just a study space; it is a symbol of growth, independence, and readiness for the next chapter.





## On the horizon...

- Our Combined Cadet Force are busy preparing for the Annual Review in May. Formal proceedings begin on the Quad, including a display from the Corps of Drums and a parade accompanied by the Loughborough Schools Foundation's Symphonic Wind Band. This year's Reviewing Officer will then oversee a series of events showcasing the skill, discipline, and commitment of the cadets, including a drill competition, the Cadet Gun Run, and prizegiving.
- Summer exams begin for our GCSE and A Level pupils. Over the Easter break, they have been given access to a guide on effective learning and revision put together by a range of our specialist staff.



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