



# LGGS ALUMNAE

**D**ear Alumnae, Thank you for your great response to the last newsletter. It has been lovely to hear your news. Over the coming months, I will display this news (with your consent) on the new school website [www.lggs.org.uk](http://www.lggs.org.uk). There is a section for alumnae on the site and I am hoping to have different areas for you to view.

## These will include:

- what have other old girls been doing since leaving school?
- search for friends
- view achievements of old girls. (In July 2008 Professor *Noreen E Murray (nee Parker left 1953)* was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*. The presentation speech and Noreen's acceptance speech can be read [here](#)).
- view events which are taking place in school involving old girls

**If you have any other ideas, please email me at [alumnae@lggs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:alumnae@lggs.lancs.sch.uk)**

## Staffing News

This summer we will be wishing Mr Ken Bates a happy retirement. Mr Bates has been Deputy Head at LGGS since 1991, having been appointed to the school as Head of Mathematics in 1987. He has contributed greatly to the success of LGGS. He has played an invaluable role in improving the buildings and accommodation at the school. Our specialist status as a Leading Edge School and Language College owe much to his hard work. His knowledge of curriculum issues and his skills as a timetabler have been a tremendous asset to our Senior Leadership Team.

Miss Sarah Bellin, currently Director of Teaching & Learning and Head of PE at LGGS, has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head with effect from September 2009.

A number of other long standing staff will also be leaving this summer. Mrs Pat Davies will be stepping down as Head of Sixth Form. Mrs Davies has given so much to the school. Her leadership of the Sixth Form has been outstanding. Her enthusiasm for her job and desire to do her best at all times for LGGS have made her an excellent role model both for staff and students. It says something about Mrs Davies that when she retires she will be replaced by two people not one! She will also not give up all her links with LGGS but will continue to teach Media Studies and Critical Thinking on a part time basis.

Also retiring this year is Mrs Marion Woolnough who has inspired many girls with her love of History. We also hope that Mrs Woolnough will continue on a part time basis.



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## Events involving Old Girls

### Girls into Engineering Day

(organised by Mrs Jacqui Sandbach – Head of Technology)

Written by **C Jesmont – 11K**

On Friday 30th January 2009, Year 11 pupils who studied electronics were given the opportunity to attend the Girls into Engineering Day. In the morning we gathered in the Centenary Hall to listen to an introductory talk which provided an insight into engineering and what it involved. In listening to this talk I discovered how small the number of woman undertaking a career in engineering was. After this talk we were introduced to the people who would be giving us an insight into their careers throughout the day. It was nice to see the many familiar faces of the people who were former pupils at our school. Throughout the day we were split up into smaller groups and attended sessions on different aspects of engineering. It was helpful that many of these sessions were taken by former pupils, as it made it easy for many of us to relate to what they had to say. It was interesting to see what they had done at GCSE and A level and how their career aspects had changed throughout their time at LGGS. Throughout the day I also found out about the many different routes that can be taken in order to reach different stages and careers in engineering. Not only did we learn about careers in engineering but we were also given an insight into life at university, which was useful to pupils who were quite certain they would not be taking this career path.

The day as a whole gave me a fresh look into the career of engineering and I now have an alternative career path to consider for the future.

### Talks were given by the following former pupils:

**Lucy Pilkington** – who graduated with an Honours degree in Systems Engineering, currently working at BAE Preston.

**Kelly Spavin** – who had left at the end of Year 11 to take up an apprenticeship with BAE and who has now completed her qualification.

**Georgia Sandbach** – who graduated with a Masters degree in Engineering and currently works in Software Engineering with CSR.

**Juliet Summerfield** – currently at Loughborough University, studying Automotive Engineering and sponsored by Toyota.

**Amy Redman** – currently at Edinburgh College of Art studying Architecture.

**Sophie Jones** – currently on a Year in Industry placement prior to attending Loughborough University to study engineering.

In addition we had Wendy Brown a member of the Women's Engineering Society, representatives from Lancaster University Engineering Department, Kate Lowe from Furmanite Ltd, Kendal, a Chemical Engineer and two other students currently on the Year in Industry programme, who will be attending Manchester and Liverpool universities to study Engineering in October.

**A big thank you to all those involved**



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## **ICT Careers Day**

The ICT department is looking for old girls who are pursuing careers in the ICT industry to get in touch and possibly take part in a day of promoting and informing current pupils about careers in the ICT industry. If you are currently studying an ICT qualification, own a company that specialises in an area of ICT or work for an ICT company in some capacity and feel able to contribute we would love to hear from you. Please contact Miss Joanne Gates, Acting Head of ICT, on email:

[j.gates@lggs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.gates@lggs.lancs.sch.uk).

Many thanks.

## **Speech Day**

Our annual Speech Day is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Our prizes fund has become depleted over the years and many of the original donations and bursaries no longer contain sufficient funds to enable us to donate prizes. If any old girl would like to make a contribution to our prize fund or discuss the possibility of setting up a prize in their name, then please contact our Bursar, Mrs Ann Milce at

[a.milce@lggs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.milce@lggs.lancs.sch.uk)