

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

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Happy New Year from the Friends

Dear Parents

May we take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils and parents who supported our events in 2011. We had a good year and managed to raise around £5,000 which has been put to good use throughout the school. Our funds paid for a new floor in the drama studio as well as a set of furniture which has greatly improved this facility. The Friends also made donations towards the cost of LGGS's participation in the Shakespeare for Schools competition, funded materials for the LGGS Technology club and paid for guest speaks for the Year 9 Health day. In the past The Friends have made significant contributions to the school's extensive Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

Our target this year is £10,000 for investment in the school's refurbished library and ICT equipment. We think this is an achievable target – but only with your continued help and support.

We are running four events over the following two terms. The first one is our tongue in cheek **Mamma Mia night!** This is the perfect opportunity to let down your hair, lose your inhibitions and sing a long with partners and friends to the music of your youth! Fancy dress is optional but strongly advised – so look for that lycra and hunt for that headband and join the other dancing queens on Thursday 9th February at 7pm.

Back by popular demand on March the 29th is **The Pamper Night**. Once again, we will be hosting a fashion show by Ambience of Garstang, and Josephs of Lancaster, with make-up by Benefit, as well as having various stalls where you, your mum, sister or daughter can be pampered. Sorry gentleman, but this one is for the ladies only!

If anybody is interested in running their own stall, whether you are a chiropodist, a beautician, an artist, or you make your own crafts, then please do get in touch. We hope to have something for everyone this year – so if you want to sell a product, promote your business, or if you feel you can help in anyway – please contact us. You can email in using the school's email address lggs@lggs.lancs.sch.uk. Please mark your email Pamper Evening. Failing that, just buy a ticket and support us on the night!

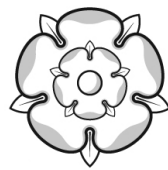
For our third event of the year, we have decided to push the boat out and hold a **Ball**. The date and venue are to be confirmed soon, so look out for it in the next Newsletter! This will be the perfect opportunity to meet fellow parents and staff in a relaxed atmosphere whilst having a superb three-course dinner with entertainment until the early hours. We have not held a ball for many years and this has been a huge leap of faith, but we are hoping that as many parents and friends as possible will come and support us and that this could become a more regular event.

Thank you to Miss Sharples for all her hard work with the organisation of our **midsummer supper run** on Tuesday 19th June. Registration has already opened for this event. More information and entry forms are available on the LGGS website.

The Friends work hard behind the scenes to raise money for the school and for your children, but this is not just about fund raising, this is also about parents meeting other parents and having some fun!

So **PLEASE** support as many of these events as possible, starting with our **Mamma Mia** night - tickets are available from reception, £3 adult and £1 child.

With best wishes,
The Friends of LGGS



NEEDED... CAMPAIGN ADMINISTRATOR

LGGS is embarking on an exciting fundraising campaign to raise £750K for new sixth form facilities. Would you like to be part of this exciting new venture?

The campaign is looking for a part-time Administrator. The role will be voluntary but with expenses paid. We are looking for approximately two days per week (some evening work).

You will provide admin support for the campaign and help organise events.

It is a busy role and a fantastic opportunity to learn about fundraising and events. The role will be until the end of July 2012.

For further information, please contact:

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