



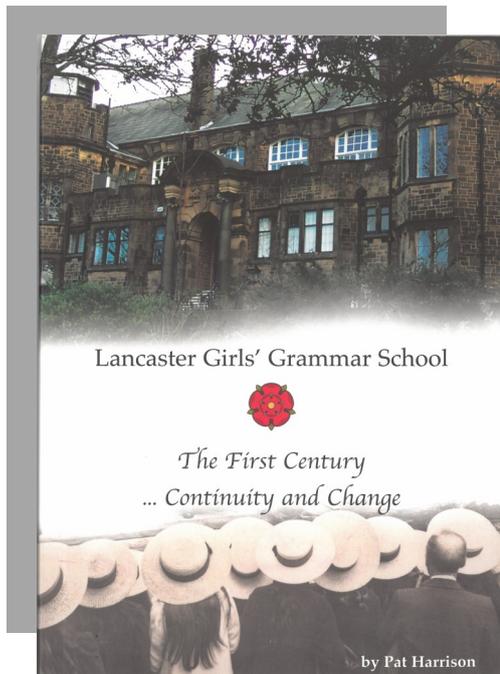
# Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

## Pat Harrison B.A. 1940-2018

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of Mrs Harrison's death, following a fall, at the age of 78.

Patricia Courbet first arrived at school in 1952, aged 12, having transferred from Ormskirk Grammar. After her studies at LGGS, she became a night nurse at the RLI while completing her A Levels at Lancaster and Morecambe College. In her thirties, she studied at the University of Lancaster, and later qualified as a teacher.

Pat, who returned to LGGS in 1979 as a part-time teacher, devoted most of her teaching career to our school. She contributed to LGGS life in and outside the classroom, leading trips all over the world. She retired as Head of History in 2001 after 22 years here, leaving a profound impression on the department and the school.



A historian in her spare time, Pat was involved with archaeological and history societies at the University and in Lancaster, and was one of an Advisory Panel of teachers who considered the educational potential of the museums in the area. In 2006 we welcomed her back to school when she wrote the history of LGGS in *The First Century...Community and Change*. The book's release coincided with the Centenary and provided the definitive history of the school's journey from a small inner city school, to one of the highest achieving state schools in the country.

Sara Keith (née Galbraith) remembers Mrs Harrison as a dedicated and passionate historian, and a lively and engaging teacher. "There was mutual respect between her and the students. We knew that she wanted us to do well, and we recognised that and worked hard for her."

Pat Harrison was part of the history of LGGS in many ways, and she will be sorely missed by staff and students alike.

The funeral will be held at 11:30am, Friday 16th November at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium.