

THE OLYMPICS ARE COMING!



With just over 200 days to go until the London Olympic Games, excitement is building at LVC. Assemblies this month will focus on the Olympics and LVC will be supporting athletes from Great Britain and South Africa, where our partner school is based.



On 7 July, the Olympic torch will pass through Haverhill and we are hoping that many of our students will turn out to welcome the flame. Sports Day this summer will be extra special, with opening and closing ceremonies on the Olympic theme.

Later this month, we have a very special visitor as Olympic champion David Hemery will officially open our new building. David won gold in the 400m hurdles at Mexico 1968, setting a new world record time, and was chosen as BBC Sports Personality of the Year. It is very fitting that he should open our new building in an Olympic year.

CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS FOR LVC

LVC took a team of 50 students to the district cross-country championships at Royston Heath on a cold, windy day in December. Our students put in a fantastic effort and came second out of 16 schools. Congratulations to all who took part and especially to our three individual champions—Niall Ackroyd, Lauren Murphy and Charlotte Murphy.



The future is orange—get into shape for an Olympic year at the new state-of-the-art fitness suite at Linton Community Sports Centre



LVC students at the Varsity rugby match at Twickenham on 8 December

Dates for your diary

19 Jan	PSHE Day
26 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening A-K
27 Jan	Opening of new building
27 Jan	Friends of LVC Burns Night



Christmas is always a special time at LVC and 2011 was no exception. On Friday 9 December year 9 invited 120 local pensioners to their annual 'coffee and carols' morning. There was more wonderful singing and music at the carol concert in St Mary's Church. On the last day of term, the Christmas Charities Fayre raised £2,229 for charities.

From the Principal...

Happy New Year! I do hope that you and yours enjoyed a good Christmas.

Our end of term was a lovely one at the college. Year 9 did a fine job of entertaining local elderly people at the 'coffee and carols' event, the carol concert was of an excellent standard and enjoyed by all and the term ended with our enterprise event in the form of the Charities Fayre. One highlight for me was watching 57 infants from Linton visit Santa in his grotto, ably assisted by the year 11 elves.

We have now settled into our new building—and in these dark, wet days of winter we are enjoying having so many attractive indoor spaces. In a couple of weeks, a café and snack bar will be open to students between the new common rooms. This will greatly ease the queues and pressure on the dining room at breaks and lunchtimes. The café will serve a range of snacks and sandwiches plus hot and cold drinks.

Our new fitness suite is now open to the public and is an incredible improvement on the facilities we had before. Our students get to use the fitness suite in PE lessons and lunchtimes so there is great benefit to the school as well as the community. If you haven't yet seen it, you will be impressed by the quality of the new facility and by how orange it is!

There are many events at LVC to look forward to in the new year. We do hope you will join us for some of them.

Caroline Derbyshire

Real-life history lessons

GCSE history students learning about the Middle East peace process received a visit from a former diplomat and consultant specialising in Middle East affairs.

Stephen Day spent 25 years working for the British colonial and diplomatic service in Yemen, Qatar, Tunisia and the United Nations. As British ambassador in Tunis, he was involved in secret talks with Yasser Arafat, the exiled chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation who later won the Nobel Peace Prize.

'The Arab-Israeli conflict has been the biggest problem in world politics over the last fifty years and I very much doubt that it will be resolved in my lifetime,' he told the students. 'I hope that some of you will go on to become diplomats and that your generation will find a solution, otherwise the conflict will continue for another fifty years.'

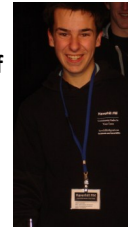


Stephen Day with year 10 students, a signed photo of Yasser Arafat and an embroidered Palestinian shawl

LVC STUDENTS ENTERTAIN CROWDS AT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT



Year 10 students Lauren Midwinter (left) and Dan Bell of Haverhill FM (right) were invited to entertain the crowds at Haverhill's annual Christmas shopping night in December.



FRIENDS OF LVC

BURNS NIGHT

Friday 27 Jan



The Friends of LVC will be hosting a Burns Night supper from 7.15-11.30pm on Friday 27 January. There will be a traditional three-course meal with vegetarian option, a bar and a ceilidh with dancing to live music.

Tickets £17.50 from LVC reception.



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