

# LVC 6to7 PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

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## A message from Mrs Marsh, Principal

I hope that your child's postcard has arrived safely and that they are looking forward to starting at LVC. You will soon receive a consent link from Anglian Learning (our Trust) to enable your child to access two on-site Covid-19 tests. We'll then distribute testing kits for you to use at home.



## A message from Mrs Matarazzo, Deputy Principal and Transition Lead

I am sure, with just over a week to go, that there are many mixed emotions as everyone prepares for your child's first day at secondary school. This bulletin will support you with some gentle reminders as well as reassure you with what we have planned for first day and week at the College. I would like to thank you for everything that you have done and will continue to do to support your child/children in their transition.

## Getting Ready/Things to Sort Out for Parents/Carers

### Equipment

Please could you ensure that your child/children have the following items in their pencil case/s:

- Pencils (at least two)
- Pens (blue or black at least two)
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler (30cm – foldable)
- Purple pen (used for responses to feedback)
- Highlighter pens
- Pritt stick
- Scissors (for paper and suitable for school)
- Coloured pencils
- Geometry set (available on sQuid)
- Scientific calculator (available on sQuid)
- Small, pocket size dictionary

### Safeguarding at LVC

At LVC we THINK PINK for safeguarding. Many Y7 students are given a mobile phone, if they don't already have one, when starting secondary school. We understand that many parents/carers do this to ensure that their children remain safe on their journey to and from school. Phones must be switched off and stored out of sight during the College day. Please discuss online safety you're your children ahead of the start of term, including age-appropriate apps, moderate screen time habits and avoiding belonging to large 'messaging' groups that may generate an unhealthy volume of notifications and 'chat'.

### Pastoral Care at the College

Please use this [link](#) to communicate directly with your child's/children's tutor ahead of the new school year. This will enable staff to get to know our new students quickly.

### sQuid Cards

sQuid purchases will be issued to children on the first couple of days of term (longer for sweatshirts due an unforeseen delay). House badges will need to be neatly sewn onto or bonding webbed onto your child's/children's blazers (underneath the LVC logo). If your child/children are going to purchase food in school, they will also need some money on their sQuid card. We advise parents/carers to track sQuid card purchases on a daily basis to begin with! Some students have a small holder for their sQuid card and, where applicable, bus pass - this makes finding, using and storing these things much easier and safer!

### The First Day

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Y7 children will need to meet College staff on the Bowling Green (this is at the front of the College opposite the field). As students arrive they will be directed to their tutor group and a teacher. At 8:30am students will be taken to their classroom where they will engage in a series of transition activities. During this time there will be: welcome/introduction games; a tour of the whole College site; issue of timetable and an introduction to some of the College systems. There will also be plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions!

Throughout this time pastoral staff will circulate within the Y7 tutor groups to ensure that everyone is settling in. As Transition Lead I will also spend lots of time with Y7 to welcome them into our community - this is always something that I look forward to at the start of each academic year.

It is a big step but please be reassured that all students will be well-looked after by our team.

Mrs Matarazzo