

From the Principal...

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at LVC on the College's 81st birthday! We have enjoyed seeing students back to school, including our new Year 7 cohort, and have been impressed by their smart appearance and organisation demonstrating their readiness to learn. Many thanks to all of you for your support in ensuring that your children are fully equipped for school and adhering to our uniform expectations; it enables school staff to maximise time and energy spent focusing on students' teaching, learning and progress.

It has been great to welcome new students and staff, as well as returning members of the school community. Please find attached a staff list for your information. Adjusting to new routines and finding their way around the school site is always a challenge for the start of term but there is lots of support and many friendly faces around the College to offer help.

Existing parents/carers will be aware that we have made some changes to pastoral support at LVC which were communicated in summer term newsletters and at the Parent Forum. A new House structure and pastoral roles have been introduced and the Support Hub replaces what was known as the Henry Morris Centre. Please find a flyer attached explaining who to contact at LVC for support. We are currently [recruiting Case Workers](#) to supplement our pastoral team and provide targeted intervention for students.

Don't forget that school photos are being taken on Monday morning!

Helena Marsh



GCSE successes

Our Year 11s coped admirably with the more demanding GCSEs. Many students achieved a clutch of Grade 9s and a significant proportion of the cohort made excellent progress. We are particularly proud of the resilience demonstrated by a number of students who overcame challenging personal circumstances to achieve great success. Many congratulations to the class of 2018. *Mr Brechin*



Peru adventures

This summer twenty three Year 11 students set off on the trip of a lifetime to Peru for four weeks. Their time was split between trekking and community work, thus giving them vast insight into the diverse culture of this breathtakingly beautiful country. The huge journey that these students undertook has allowed them to invest and be involved in the culture and lives of the people of Peru and has equipped them with a new set of skills and values that they can take forward into the future. *Mrs Keen and Miss Cherrier*



Year 7s

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support throughout the transition period - your children have been fantastic! They have certainly started secondary school with an "I can" attitude which is testament to the excellent communication from our primary schools and you. Please look on sQuid for some additional items to purchase such as: clear book covers; a mouth guard; a recipe book and a locker. Anything purchased can be collected from Finance at break or lunch time. *Mrs Matarazzo*

Uniform support

The majority of students have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their uniform. If any issues have been flagged please do communicate with your child's form tutor so we can work together to resolve them as soon as possible. We understand that, in some cases, there are exceptional circumstances for alternative/modified uniform items being worn (eg. medical circumstances) but ask that evidence can be provided by parents/carers so we can communicate this to colleagues. If you have any queries regarding uniform, in the first instance, please contact your child's form tutor. *Mrs Matarazzo*

Dates for your Diary

10 Sept	Student Photos
18-21 Sept	Year 7 CAT Tests
20 Sept	Post 16 Meeting 6pm
20-24 Sept	Year 11 Spanish Trip
27 Sept	Meet the Tutor Evening Year 10 Butchery Workshop Year 9 Tough Love Production
3 Oct	Key Stage 3 Women in Computing Trip

sQuid online payments

Payment
17.09.18 Battlefields Trip
30.09.18 Bus instalment
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New year 7 offers have been reactivated on sQuid. Students will be able to collect from the finance hatch on Monday.



sQuid catering system

The sQuid system enables you to view your child's purchases and monitor their spending. If you would like to cap your child's daily allowance please contact Mrs Fenn: helen.fenn@lvc.org.