



## From the Principal...

The curriculum was enriched for a number of students last week including opportunities to witness the magic of the Kings College Choir and from working alongside professional print maker and tutor, Susan Jones from Curwen Print. Our young performers and student helpers were a credit to the College at the Coffee and Carols morning and it was great practice for Tuesday's Christmas Carol Concert. This week we also look forward to Christmas lunch and to raising money for charities through our wearing of Christmas jumpers and preparing for the Christmas Fayre.

While these activities may be fun, they are also part of a well-rounded education. They enable co-operation, community spirit and responsibility. Meanwhile we have learning as usual up to the end of the term with GCSE Drama students involved in exams last week and important curriculum coverage for the rest of the school.

In the lead up to the Christmas break, I want to celebrate our strong attendance record at LVC: we exceed national averages and have very low rates of persistent absence. We are grateful for parents/carers' support in continuing to minimise avoidable absences and mitigate the affect that gaps in learning have on our young people's education. While ill health and exceptional circumstances may arise, term-time holidays are unauthorised absences, in line with government guidance. Further clarification from Cambridge County Council and our Education Welfare Officer is [here](#).

School staff have worked hard to ensure that the school was safe to access this morning and that we are fully staffed. We will endeavour to keep the school open unless it is impossible to ensure the safety of the school community. In the event of extreme weather conditions please do check for updates on the school website and [twitter page](#) where we will notify you of closure.



*Helena Marsh*

### Debating in parliament

Eleanor and Rose did a fantastic job in their debate on the legalisation of drugs in Parliament last week. Both argued their points well and defended their positions excellently. Eleanor and Rose were lucky enough to debate in Committee Room 14, where just over a year ago the Conservative party held their own debate to determine who would be the successor to David Cameron as party leader and become Prime Minister. They were also treated to a great tour of Parliament and had the opportunity to enter the House of Commons itself to see for themselves how the votes are actually taken after a debate. Both were a true credit to themselves and the school - well done! *Mr Stewart*



### OAP Coffee and Carols

For the past 25 years it has been a tradition at LVC for the Year 9 students to organise and run a Coffee Morning with music for senior citizens from the local villages. Last Tuesday we had 120 in attendance. The students raised the money to fund this event by washing staff cars, a sponsored silence, selling iced cakes and biscuits and completing various sporting activities. Our guests were collected by coach and were given tea/coffee, mince pies, fruit cake, shortbread and a small present. The Symphonic Wind Orchestra played their instruments and the College Choir sang Christmas Carols. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to staff and students involved. *Mrs Pullin*



### Christmas jumper day

Students will be raising money for charity on Thursday by paying £1 to wear a Christmas jumper. The rest of the school uniform rules apply as normal. The ethos forum have decided that this year the money raised will be given to [Young Minds](#), a child and adolescent mental health charity. *Miss Gelder*



### Jazz and sparkle

Please join us on 20th January 2018 for a fabulous evening's entertainment of local jazz talent, to raise funds for a new piano for the school music department. Please see poster attached for more details. [Book now!](#) *Mrs Jukes*

#### Dates for your Diary

<b>11th Dec</b>	<b>Money and unsold raffle tickets to be returned to Reception ASAP</b>
<b>12th Dec</b>	Carol Concert
<b>13th Dec</b>	LVC v Cottenham Basketball
<b>14th Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>19th Dec</b>	Last Day of Term—LVC closes at 12.05pm Christmas Fayre
<b>3rd Jan</b>	Spring Term Starts

#### sQuid online payments

**Overdue**  
29.11.17  
30.11.17

Year 10 French Chateau Trip 2018  
November 10 Month Bus Payment Plan

**Payment**  
12.12.17  
15.12.17  
15.12.17  
16.03.18  
27.04.18

Carol Concert—**SOLD OUT**  
Year 9 Eyes on the Prize  
Final Payment for Ski 2018  
Year 9 Enrichment Week  
Year 10 Snowdon Trip

**When making payments of less than £10 for 'Trips and Offers', you must top up your online 'purse' by £10 to avoid a 25p admin fee.**

**Don't forget to return your raffle tickets ASAP to be in with a chance to win excellent prizes**



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