

Marsh Mail

It was good to be able to end the summer term with some enriching calendar events such as adjusted sports days for each year group and some day trips. Students really appreciated the experience of taking part in the geography field trip or visiting the theatre. Such events which might usually be taken for granted have felt special.

Students also benefited from virtual opportunities such as arts workshops led by West End actors/dancers and Zooming into a talk with a children's author. While Covid-19 has curtailed some enriching educational activities, it has also encouraged others.

We were able to safely host cluster primary schools to enable some of our Year 6s to benefit from a taster day at LVC. Many other Year 6s have visited us for a school tour.

We were also visited by an Ofsted team in the last full week of term for a monitoring inspection visit. Despite everyone's tiredness at this stage in the academic year, it was good to be able to demonstrate the progress that has been made since our last full inspection in February 2020.

A lot has happened in just four terms. Amongst coping with the operational challenges of the pandemic and developing our remote learning provision, we have also made strides in developing SEND teaching practices and raising curriculum and behaviour for learning standards across the school.

The inspectors will share their judgement in an interim progress report in the autumn term which will comment on the impact that governors and leaders have had on these improvement areas from the last inspection as well as ensuring the safeguarding of members of the College community.

We look forward to issuing our Year 11s with their GCSE results on 12th August. These have been generated by Teacher Assessment processes this year. However, this difference in approach doesn't make the grades any less worthy.

It wasn't possible to safely hold the Year 11 Prom as hoped in July so, instead, we will be welcoming back our Leavers in October for a special awards ceremony where we can celebrate achievements of the year group and individuals within it.

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