

## *Marsh Mail*

November marked an important anniversary of remembrance. The playing of The Last Post from the College roof was a poignant moment and two LVC students contributed to the Armistice church service at Linton.

The month has also marked other events in which to focus on being reflective and caring with Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need fundraising. Students wore odd socks and Pudsey ears to support charitable causes and raise awareness of children's welfare and wellbeing.

It's also a time when we invite past members of the College back for a Presentation evening to celebrate their time at LVC, awarding GCSE certificates and prizes to recognise their achievements. Aside from catching up with past students, it's a lovely opportunity to listen to their tutors speaking fondly about their memories and highlights of their form group, reflecting on time spent together and relationships built. A school reunion for LVC alumni also took place in the school hall – it is great to see past students booking the College for important events.

Bottisham Village College, another one of the early examples of Henry Morris' vision for community education, recently celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Part of the celebrations involved their students visiting LVC for their commemorative 'Project 80'. They explored the similarities in our Art Deco architecture as well as the more modern buildings as they formally opened their new Morris Wing. We featured in the video screened at their anniversary event.

What happens inside school buildings is more important than the buildings themselves. However, Henry Morris believed in the importance of schools' architecture to inspire and support learning. We are fortunate to benefit from some beautiful spaces at LVC. We are also keen to bid for funds to make improvements to dilapidated parts, including ageing mobile classrooms. We are bidding for capital improvement monies from the government to enable us to update and improve our facilities, but need to invest ourselves. If any community members would be able to support with philanthropic financial donations or fundraising to support with this venture then please do get in touch with Mr Darby, Deputy Principal.

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