

Marsh Mail

The New Year creates an opportunity to set resolutions. For many, the indulgence of the festive season prompts a focus on developing a healthier lifestyle. For others, the new calendar year encourages a commitment to try a new hobby or skill.

The College's Sports Centre characteristically sees a spike in membership and use in January. Having such a facility for the community is part of what makes our Village College a special one. Chris Baker, our Sports Centre Manager, is keen to continue to increase participation, as is Margaret Kiddy, our Adult Education Manager, who has introduced a number of new evening classes, taster sessions and weekend workshops to develop our adult education learning programme.

The philosophy of the Village College movement was to ensure that schools were at the heart of their villages and provided opportunities for life-long learning and community activity. Having the school buildings and outdoor facilities busy outside of the school day is an important aspect of our school character, as is welcoming visitors into the College to share special moments and activities.

At the end of the autumn term, we had lots of events of this nature. Our annual Coffee and Carols was a particular highlight, as was the Christmas Concert at Balsham Church and the Christmas Fayre with Granta School. Children benefit a great deal from performing to an audience beyond the school community and working in partnership with students and adults beyond LVC. Thank you to everyone that supported these activities.

Two of our students took part in a debating competition at the Houses of Parliament in December, competing against other schools. This was a great public speaking challenge and one that provided a great deal of access to cultural capital.

Students at Linton Village College are fortunate to have staff that are committed to making these enriching extra-curricular activities possible through planning trips and visits and providing opportunities to experience real-life learning. While many schools are stripping back non-academic provision due to financial and workload pressures, we remain committed to offering a rich, holistic education experience for all of our learners.

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