

Marsh Mail

December was a great month for seeing members of the College community come together. Over 120 local residents joined us for our annual 'Coffee and Carols' event. Our visitors were served by Year 9 students and treated to singing and musical performances from the orchestra and choir as a preview to our Carol Concert in Balsham. It is always brilliant to see how many students we manage to squeeze into the church to take part in the concert. The diverse range of music and readings is a really festive treat.

LVC students also had the joy of visiting King's College for their schools' Carol Service at the end of term. Those that attended were struck by the beauty of the music as well as the College's architecture and setting.

These events are a celebration of the season and an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. They also enable us to build community and cross-generational relationships and come together to appreciate the important, bonding quality of the arts.

Another triumph was our Evolve dance production. This year it ran over two nights enabling even more audience members to enjoy a showcase of wonderful creative talent at LVC. The shows included choreography and performances from all ages of students, from Year 7 penguins and Minions to a mixed hip hop group, an all-boys troupe and a number of accomplished GCSE pieces.

The end of term was also filled with lots of charitable events. Students donned gaudy Christmas jumpers in aid of REACH, a local Haverhill-based organisation that helps families in financial hardship. They also raised funds for a number of charities through an array of different stalls and activities at our charities fayre on the last day of term. Lots of ingenious money-making ideas showed off students' entrepreneurial skills as well as their care and commitment to those less fortunate than themselves.

When the tinsel and glitter is cleared away it is important that all of us remember that an appreciation of the arts and acts of charity and kindness are for life, not just for Christmas.

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