

Marsh Mail

July is an important month for the induction of new staff and students at the College in readiness for the next academic year. Our new cohort of students join us for a two day transition in the first week of the month. The programme of sample lessons and time with tutors and our 8Mate student leaders helps our newest additions to acclimatise to the scale of LVC and the routines and rituals of a secondary school.

Over the years we have developed our transition process to be much more wide-reaching and to provide a variety of opportunities for primary students to benefit from time spent at the College. Our partnership with Linton cluster schools and development as a cross-phase Multi Academy Trust (CHET) has enabled us to forge strong relationships and to further enhance learning opportunities across Trust schools.

In recent weeks LVC students have been involved in leading a range of events in our two Trust primary schools which included art master classes and samba lessons for Linton Heights Junior School children and musical workshops and sports activities at The Meadow Primary School. In June we hosted the first CHET Mini Olympics, led by Mr Penfold from the Heights, bringing together Year 4 students across the locality for a day of sporting fun and competition.

CHET is committed to providing high quality education for young people in Linton and the surrounding villages but also to play a wider role in developing the standards of educational provision in the region. We are opening a new primary school in Red Lodge in September 2018, The Pines Primary and Pine Cones Pre-school, and are also supporting the Howard Primary School in Bury St Edmunds which is experiencing significant difficulties at present.

Ambitious and inclusive education should be an entitlement to all children, not just those that find themselves in a particular post code. It is great to see the sports and arts flourishing across Trust schools. We hope that growing our programme of cross-phase enrichment will help to inspire the next generation of students at Linton Village College.