

## *Marsh Mail*

The country's first ever national thank you day takes place on Sunday 4th of July. There are a great number of people to be thankful to who have played instrumental roles in our lives over the past year.

Having just passed 'thank a teacher' day, I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight and praise the work of all staff members at the College.

The national news has been dominated by features on education over recent months, particularly in regards to catch up plans and speculation about changes to the school day and assessment. The media hasn't fully recognised the amazing efforts of the profession at this exceptional time.

Teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to support children with their learning, in spite of the relentless number of challenges faced. The uncertainty and pace of change has been exhausting, especially given the changes to the school environment that we are managing such as nomadic teaching.

Teaching staff have just completed the gargantuan task of setting, assessing and moderating internal GCSE assessments to arrive at Teacher Assessed Grades this year. All of this additional work, usually administered by exam boards, has been completed in addition to regular duties. I am proud of the care and commitment that staff have invested in this process and the way in which they continue to adapt and respond.

It has been disheartening to have to continue to change plans this year and scale back or cancel events that are usually highlights of the school calendar. The publication of our enrichment week plans for 2022 were met with much excitement by our Year 8 students. The LVC ambition for all Year 9s to experience a residential trip will hopefully be possible once again next year.

In the meantime, I am also extremely thankful to our wonderful school community who have coped admirably with all of the changes this year. Students have demonstrated a great deal of resilience, bringing several of our Linton Learner attributes into sharp focus (care, responsibility and independence, in particular). I am also grateful for the support and understanding shown by LVC parents.

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