

Marsh Mail

This term we mark the 80th anniversary of Linton Village College. The school first opened its doors in 1937 with a much more modest building and staff. While the Art Deco architecture remains intact, a great deal has changed. It was lovely to meet with ex-students and staff to appreciate their memories of the College.

As part of the preparations for LVC@80, we have explored archive material including historic photographs and documents. We have discovered fascinating items including strongly-worded parental letters of complaint penned over 60 years ago, reports of supernatural activity and some outrageous bus incident reports.

One of the most poignant pieces was a war-time letter capturing a teacher's commitment to the profession, despite offers of employment to support the war effort because of his staunch belief that: 'there is a job of work of equal importance to be done right here on the spot; to plan for a better world when once the struggle is over'.

Written in February 1942, the author urges the then Warden of the College to focus on 'the inner nature of the child'. Amongst the teacher's 27 proposals includes bringing up a generation that will be free from hate and fear and to focus on developing children's character and initiative.

75 years on, we still strive to encourage this kind of holistic education at LVC. Children are encouraged to be curious, reflective and independent, to take responsibility and be ambitious in their learning and lives. Another of the school's values, caring, is symbolised not only in the Linton Learner logo but by the sculpture outside of the school's original entrance.

In addition to the tea, cake and music, the anniversary celebrations included the official unveiling of a commemorative mosaic which captures the Linton Learner attributes that we value and grow in the school community. This piece of collaborative art work, created by every student in a year group, serves as a lasting contribution to the school's heritage.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the anniversary celebrations and reinforced what is so special about our Village College.