

Marsh Mail

October is an important month for the College as we open our doors to prospective parents/carers on Thursday 3rd October for our Open Evening and a series of Open Mornings the following week. It is a great opportunity to share the College with future students and give Year 6s an insight into learning at LVC. I am always so impressed by the volume of student ambassadors from existing year groups who are keen to showcase their school and proud to show families around the site.

A number of local secondary schools share the same date for their Open Evenings. There is a tradition of maintaining this arrangement in recognition of our different catchment areas. While an emphasis on parental choice and school league tables are designed to pitch schools against each other, Village College head teachers do not consider our schools to be in competition with each other – we all aim to provide an exceptional standard of education for our respective local communities.

The opportunity to collaborate and be part of a strong network of local schools has been at the heart of strategic decision made by LVC's education trust, CHET, in recent weeks. The Trust Board have voted to join with another local Multi Academy Trust in order to achieve greater benefits for existing CHET schools.

Anglian Learning Trust has been chosen as a prospective partner. Currently comprising of four secondary schools (Bottisham, Sawston and Bassingbourn Village Colleges and Netherhall School and Sixth Form) and three primary schools (Bottisham, Fen Ditton and Stapleford) this is an exciting way to strengthen relationships with schools that share our fundamental educational values.

LVC students will benefit from the opportunities that arise from this venture including staff professional development, access to specialist central services and financial savings. We would continue to part of an organisation that values community focused education with each school retaining its own unique identity and local leadership and governance arrangements.

Stakeholder consultation events will be published by the College and CHET Primary Schools in due course to be able to gather community views and address any questions about the Trust proposal.

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