

Marsh Mail

The start of the new academic year marks a time of change for our young people. Some of the summer holiday highlights include celebrating students' GCSE results and recognising LVC alumni's post-16 successes.

One of my favourite tasks over the break is the privilege of reading letters penned by our next cohort of students. Responding to 180 soon-to-be Year 7s is a great means of starting to get to know the newest additions to our College community.

Returning to school in September comes with a number of physical changes too, aside from the customary growth spurts and fresh uniform and stationery. Thanks to much-needed and long-awaited capital funding from the government, LVC's site has benefited from improvements to its safeguarding infrastructure over the holiday. This includes the installation of CCTV cameras and additional gating.

The College remains a community facility with access for village users but the new site security measures, which are already standard in most other secondary schools, will enable us to manage our large, open grounds more effectively, keeping the buildings and people within them more secure.

Another change at the start of the new school year is an addition to the College's support staff. As part of an innovative initiative that we will be trialling with a number of other local secondary schools, Sergeant Priestley, recently employed by South Cambridgeshire constabulary and working in partnership with LVC, will be based at the College on a weekly basis to support vulnerable students and contribute to our PSHE (personal, social and health education) programme.

LVC students benefit from a talented and loyal team of staff and volunteers that care greatly about their education and wellbeing. What makes the adults at LVC so special is their commitment to the College's strong community ethos and emphasis on key values including ambition, inclusion and relationships.

We are in the process of recruiting community volunteers to join LVC's governing body. If you are interested in contributing to the College's success and supporting its strategic leadership in this way, please see our website (http://www.lvc.org/pages/Governing_Body.php) and express your interest to Clerk to the Governing Body: Tracy.Coston@lvc.org.

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