

## From the Principal...

It was lovely to welcome back last year's Year 11 students for an evening of awards and prize giving on Thursday night. Despite it having only been a few months since they left the College, it is remarkable how much many of them have changed and developed with the additional responsibility and independence of Post-16 study. The tutors' speeches are a highlight of the evening — they capture the importance of the supportive relationships that have grown over the years at LVC.

Yesterday's PSHE programme enabled students to immerse themselves in a range of different and important lifestyle matters. It was interesting to pop into lessons and listen in on a range of topical discussions and observe varied activities from wheelchair basketball to personal statement writing, mindfulness to child exploitation. I was impressed by the level of maturity and curiosity demonstrated by students of all ages throughout the day.

Unfortunately the spread of seasonal germs has caused a number of staff and student illnesses to affect the timetable this week. Please do reinforce the need for handwashing and personal hygiene and refrain from sending in your child until they are two days clear of vomiting or diarrhoea symptoms to avoid the spread within the school community.

Don't forget that next week is shortened by our disaggregated training day—College is closed on Friday 30th November.

*Helena Marsh*



## Battlefields Trip

Ninety six Year 9 and Year 10 students spent three days experiencing the Battlefields of Ypres, the Somme and Arras. Highlights of the trip were Tyne Cot Cemetery at twilight, the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, where students laid a wreath to the fallen on behalf of the College, walking in the footsteps of the soldiers at the Somme and going underground in the tunnels beneath Arras. Some students and staff were able to make pilgrimages to the graves of their relatives; an experience that they will never forget. *Mrs Durham*

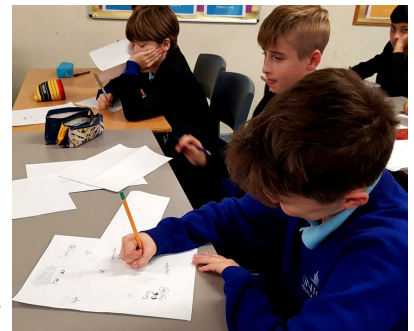


## Language Futures

We are looking for volunteers who can speak French, Spanish and/or Swedish and who are available to come in at least once a fortnight to assist Year 9 students with their language learning. Please contact [kira.sloot@lvc.org](mailto:kira.sloot@lvc.org) if you are able to help. *Ms Sloot*

## PSHE day

On the first PSHE day of the year, students explored a range of topics. Year 7 thought about how to manage change and promote a healthy lifestyle. Year 8 discussed the legal system in the UK and how this works. Year 9 reflected on questions of body image and self-esteem. Year 10 investigated British values and human rights. Year 11 spent time reflecting on their own mental well-being, and how to maintain a positive, healthy mind-set during the stresses of the exam period. There were some fascinating discussions taking place all over the College, and it was a privilege to see students supporting and learning from one another. *Miss Payne*



## Dance Production

Our annual Dance Production is on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December, tickets are available to purchase here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/281793>. *Mrs Washbrooke*

## sQuid online payments

Payment	
27.11.18	King's College (GCSE Music)
28.11.18	Year 10 GCSE PE Uniform Top
30.11.18	Silver Arts Award
04.12.18	Christmas Lunch
04.12.18	Duke of Edinburgh 2019
06.12.18	Deposit for Snowdon 2019
15.03.19	Year 9 Enrichment Week Trips
31.01.19	Chateau Trip
28.03.19	Lake Garda Windband Trip



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Dates for your Diary	
<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>Staff Training Day—LVC Closed</b>
<b>4 Dec</b>	King's College Trip
<b>5 Dec</b>	STEM Robot Challenge
<b>5-6 Dec</b>	Dance Production
	Year 10 GCSE Print Day
<b>7 Dec</b>	OAP Christmas Carols
<b>10 Dec</b>	Carol Concert