

From the Principal...

We continue to have a significant focus on safeguarding at LVC and on developing how we educate our young people about risk-taking behaviours. The letter that you received earlier today explains arrangements that we have made with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to deliver knife-crime education to our students next week to coincide with 'Operation Sceptre' - a national knife crime campaign.

Parents/carers play a pivotal role in keeping children safe online and out of school. We also want to draw your attention to the outcomes of [recent NSPCC reports into online grooming behaviours](#) with a particular focus on how social media, specifically Instagram, is being used to exploit young people. Many parents/carers that we speak to as a result of safeguarding concerns continue to allow their children to access age-inappropriate platforms or use social media in an unrestricted and unsupervised way. Parent/carers of our younger students may also find the following link helpful:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/help-me-out-staying-safe-online>.

The 'Contact Us' page on the LVC website has been updated to make it easier for parents and carers to make contact with relevant staff at the College. In recent months an increasing number of email communications are being addressed directly to me as Principal. While there are matters that will require my attention, it is often other members of the College's leadership team that are best-placed to respond to questions or concerns in the first instance.

This document, shared in previous newsletters, is a reminder for different points of contact at LVC.

I look forward to seeing some of you at Annie tonight and at Year 7 Parents' Evening next week.

Helena Marsh



World Book Day

World Book Day celebrations on Thursday saw staff dressing up as book characters, a World Book Day themed assembly and students taking part in activities including design a National Book Token and Find a Literary Pair competition, break the code word quiz, design a new book cover and mindful bookmarks. *Mrs Hay*



Sports news

This week, Year 7 girls played away in their first netball game. The girls played fantastically, with some outstanding defence from Kiera Hazell! Special mention goes to Emily Selmes for player of the match. The final score was 7 -5 to LVC. Well done girls, great first game!

Miss London



GCSE Science Live trip

The students who attended the GCSE Science Live trip enjoyed a wide range of scientific excellence on stage. Firstly, we were delighted by Professor Andrea Sella and his fascination of ice and why it floats. Secondly, Professor Steve Jones explained why a Siamese cat has different coloured fur, is this all due to genetics? We were transported to the moon and became self-certified lunatics with Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, where she delighted us about her study of lunar activity and the impact it has had. Professor Lucie Green shared her insights into the light of the sun and how looking at these wavelengths of light in a different way can show that solar flares are actually changes in magnetic fields – polarising. Finally, Professor Winston shared an experiment with a super strong mouse which could run for five hours with a bit of genetic enhancing. The chief examiner spoke twice throughout the day explaining where students commonly make mistakes and gave examples and questions in the booklet. Overall, a fun-filled day of learning for our GCSE students. I hope it inspired them to think about the wider variety which science can offer as a future career. *Mrs Waites*



Dates for your Diary

8-9 Mar	Annie
11-12 Mar	Year 11 Business Presentations
13 Mar	HPV Vaccinations (Years 8 & 9 Girls Only)
14 Mar	Year 7 Parents' Evening
15 Mar	Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip Comic Relief - (red noses can be purchased at Reception for £1.25)

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Payment

15.03.19	Year 9 Enrichment Week Trips
28.03.19	Lake Garda Windband Trip
31.03.19	Black Jumpers (Year 11s Only)
24.04.19	Ski Trip 2020 2nd Deposit
26.04.19	Snowdon 2019
30.04.19	Final Payment for School Bus

sQuid catering system

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