

## From the Principal...

Apparently this Monday has become known as 'Blue Monday' when we are all at our most melancholy. Apparently it's inception was based on a formula which includes the stress of post-Christmas spending. While a mild sense of the January blues may be fairly common, we appreciate that for some families this time of year can be a particular struggle. I have attached a poster for a local charity, REACH. Their outreach support worker, Tina Rice, offers confidential advice and support with debt management and can source a range of financial assistance for local families ranging from purchasing white goods to supplying food hampers. The school's Trust Fund is also available for applications of support towards the cost of school equipment, uniform and trips through contact with [Amanda.Clay@lvc.org](mailto:Amanda.Clay@lvc.org).

Another topical issue that we have come across in the last couple of weeks at LVC has been the inappropriate sharing of sexualised images amongst students. There have been a number of incidents investigated involving children sharing intimate photographs of themselves out of school hours through various messaging platforms. We have addressed these matters with those involved and continue to raise awareness through the PSHE programme. National research suggests that 16% of teenagers don't think that sharing naked images is inappropriate. The link [here](#) provides information for parents/carers to discuss with their children. If you are made aware of inappropriate use of images please contact the school's safeguarding team for advice using the **think pink** email account ([thinkpink@lvc.org](mailto:thinkpink@lvc.org)) or by contacting designated safeguarding staff: Mrs Matarazzo (Lead), Mr Clarke, Mr Farr and Mrs Addley (Deputies). Children make themselves incredibly vulnerable by sharing intimate images in this way and such behaviour can be considered to be illegal. It is important that we help them to act responsibly to develop relationships in a safe and healthy way.



*Helena Marsh*



### Mosque Trip

Year 11 Philosophy and ethics students went to visit Abu Bakr Jamia Mosque in Cambridge on Wednesday. Students were shown around the mosque

and were able to ask a wide range of questions about topics they have been studying. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into the religion of Islam.

*Miss Lewis*

### Attendance

In the piece, "From the Principal" taken from The Linton Village College Newsletter dated 11 December 2017, Mrs Marsh wished to draw to the attention of parents/carers, the new Government guidance around how schools approach periods of unauthorised absences as well as unauthorised term time leave. We would like to take the opportunity of explaining the circumstances in which Penalty Notices may be issued in the letter attached.

*Mrs Matarazzo*



### Aldeburgh Young Musicians Composition Workshop

On Tuesday, thirty of our musicians spent the day composing with a team of seven professional musicians from Aldeburgh. The progress the students made and the teamwork they showed was really incredible. You can hear their composition [here](#). Any student feeling inspired by this is encouraged to enter our LVC Composer's Competition. The brief is to create incidental music for the school production of The Crucible in March. Students can collect a more detailed brief from the Music Department. Entries close on 22nd February. If you haven't already done so, there are still a few tickets available for the [Jazz and Sparkle Evening](#) here on Saturday. If your son or daughter is involved with the Jazz Band, please could they arrive in school at 7pm, thank you. *Mrs Jukes*



### Homework Club

Reception is open 7.45am-4.45pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to collect your child from homework club in the library after 4.45pm (Monday to Thursday) please ask them to make their way to Reception by 5pm. *Mrs Miners*

### Dates for your Diary

20th Jan	Jazz and Sparkle
24th Jan	PSHE Day
25th Jan	Dalehead Foods Challenge
28th Jan	Chateau Trip
29th Jan	Staff Training Day—LVC Closed
30th Jan	Year 9 Core Exams
1st Feb	Intermediate Maths Challenge
1st Feb	Harry Potter Night

### sQuid online payments

<b>Overdue</b> 30.12.17	Bus December Payment
<b>Payment</b> 23.01.18	Arkwright Scholarship Exam (Selected Year 11)
25.01.18	Harry Potter Night (Year 7)
25.01.18	Dance Uniform (Equilibrium Youth Company)
25.01.18	Deposit Murcia Spanish Trip (Year 10)
29.01.18	BTEC Business Finance Exam
29.01.18	Science Revision Materials (Year 11)
29.01.18	Woman in Black Drama Trip (Year 11)
31.01.18	Bus January Payment
16.03.18	Year 9 Enrichment Week
27.04.18	Year 10 Snowdon Trip

**When making payments of less than £10 for 'Trips and Offers', you must top up your online 'purse' by £10 to avoid a 25p admin fee.**

Tickets for our quiz night on 2nd February are now available by emailing [friends@lvc.com](mailto:friends@lvc.com)



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