

From the Principal...

As this week's newsletter shows, there has been a wealth of enriching activities across the school. Students engaged very maturely and responsibly with the topics of the first PSHE curriculum of the year. We were fortunate to have a host of external visitors to supplement the programme with specialist guest speakers. The Dalehead Challenge is another excellent example of how our students benefit from community partnership and links with businesses and agencies.

It was lovely to welcome back the Class of 2017 on Thursday evening to present them with their GCSE certificates and other awards to acknowledge a range of achievements and successes. While it has only been a number of months since we last saw them, it is amazing how they have grown so much in terms of independence, character (and height, for a number of the boys!) It was great to speak with a number of students to find out about their current studies and how well they have settled into sixth form Colleges and other ventures.

A common feature of many of the conversations with ex-students and parents is an appreciation of the level of support and care they benefited from whilst at LVC and, in particular, the significance and impact of their relationships with tutors, teachers and support staff.

I am grateful for the parents/carers that have already taken the time to share their views as part of our review of pastoral support at the College. This consultation seeks to consider the most effective aspect of current practice and how we can develop provision further. Consideration to the different responsibilities of the tutor team, Lead Tutors, Heads of Faculties and Student Support team is integral to this review, as is the impact of pastoral mentoring. Please do use the dedicated email address pastoralreview@lvc.org by 30th November to share your experiences of the current system and suggestions for improvements.



Helena Marsh

Dalehead Challenge

Year 9s were involved in a Dalehead Foods challenge on Thursday which involved designing and making sausages with a World Cup theme. They had to pitch their concept to industry experts. The winning team is pictured with their Brazil-inspired product. *Miss Jones*



Jazz Festival

Last weekend the Jazz Band had the exciting opportunity to give a performance as part of the Cambridge Jazz Festival supporting the London Gay Big Band at Emmanuel United Reformed Church. 21 students, conducted by Ms Horton, played to a fantastic audience. Many people commented on their high standard and commitment. *Mrs Jukes*



Debating

Several Year 11s were involved in a debating competition today with MP Lucy Frazer. Eleanor and Rose have been selected for the next round which will take place in December at the Houses of Parliament. *Mr Stewart*

PSHE day

On Wednesday, Year 7 students looked at e-safety, bullying and employability skills. Year 8 investigated the British legal system, enacted a mock court trial and explored finances. Year 9s studied healthy relationships, self-esteem and contraception, involving Diverse. Year 10s learnt about the UK political system, the stock market, freedom of speech and the influence of Malala Yousafzai. Our Year 11s explored mental health, the changing political landscape and spent time on Post -16/UCAS applications. It was wonderful to see so many passionate discussions and varied activities. *Mr Stewart*



Dates for your Diary

29th Nov	Philosophy Club Trip to Linton Heights LVC Basketball vs Comberton
30th Nov	Year 11 Mock Results Day
1st Dec	Disaggregated Training Day — School Closed
5th Dec	OAP Coffee & Carols Kings College Trip
6th Dec	Linton Basketball vs Parkside
7th Dec	GCSE Drama Exam

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Overdue	October 10 Month Bus Payment Plan
30.10.17	GCSE Art Print Workshop
20.11.17	Year 10 Deposit for Duke of Edinburgh
20.11.17	
Payment	GCSE Poetry Live
28.11.17	Year 10 French Chateau Trip 2018
29.11.17	November 10 Month Bus Payment Plan
30.11.17	Years 7 & 8 Bronze/Silver Arts Award
30.11.17	Christmas Lunch
04.12.17	Carol Concert
12.12.17	Final Payment for Ski 2018
15.12.17	Year 9 Enrichment Week
16.03.18	Year 10 Snowdon Trip
27.04.18	
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