

## From the Principal...

Zdravo! We celebrated European day of languages on Wednesday with a variety of foreign phrases across the school. Miss Cherrier will be announcing the winners of the inter-form House competition. It has also been great to welcome our team of Language Futures mentors this term who generously volunteer their time to support our Year 9s to learn languages including Turkish and Greek. It has also been an apt time for our Year 11s who immersed themselves in Spanish.

The letter attached explains why I will be marching in London today as part of the Worthless campaign in response to the education funding crisis. I have shared information with parents/carers previously about the challenges of managing budgets that have decreased in real terms by 8% since 2010, with ever-increasing costs and demands on education.

We are preparing for a walk of a more pleasant and enjoyable kind to raise much needed funds to enhance the school's facilities and resources on the last day of this half term. Please look out for the links below for pledging money to sponsor tutor groups and also start thinking about fancy dress ideas. I am grateful to the team of Friends of LVC who will be marshalling the route and make the event and important fundraising possible.

Please do engage with the important safeguarding notice below to keep abreast of topical issues. It is important that parents and carers work in partnership with the school to prioritise our children's safety and wellbeing.

*Helena Marsh*



### Murcia trip

Last week a group of Year 11s visited Murcia. The students' feedback has been really positive. They appreciated the chance to practise their speaking and listening skills and to develop their confidence with the language. The 'monitoras' were really welcoming and enthusiastic and helped the students to learn new vocabulary as well as find out about the country's culture. *Mrs Keen*



### SSAT Leadership Legacy Project

I am pleased to announce that Miss Cherrier has been accepted onto the prestigious Leadership Legacy Project by SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers network. She will be part of an impressive group of future education leaders from across the country designated as SSAT Leadership Fellows. Successful Leadership Fellows are all in their first 2-4



years of teaching and have been selected by their Headteachers as already showing the potential to become outstanding school leaders. Involvement in the programme demonstrates commitment by LVC and SSAT to developing the next generation of system leaders. *Miss Mayzes*

### Dates for your Diary

2 Oct	School Photos Order Deadline
3 Oct	Women in Computing Trip
4 Oct	Open Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm
11 Oct	Year 11 Parents' Evening 1
12 Oct	Debate Mate Competition
17 Oct	Year 11 Olympic Park Trip
18 Oct	Year 11 Parents' Evening 2
19 Oct	Sponsored Walk

### Safeguarding focus

In light of changes to the Keeping [Children Safe in Education](#) statutory guidance, we have been updating the content of our safeguarding assemblies to include age-appropriate topics such as equality, sexism and peer on peer abuse. We would also like parents/carers to discuss the latest drug fashion: inhaling nitrous oxide/laughing gas to create euphoric effects. This fairly readily available substance can be lethal due to the way in which the drug restricts oxygen flow. Since the Psychoactive Substances Act came into effect on 26 May 2016, it is illegal to supply or import nitrous oxide for human consumption. It is important for families to raise awareness of the risks of this drug and be vigilant in recognising the gas canisters. More information can be found on the [Frank website](#). *Mrs Matarazzo*



### Book competition

We are encouraging students to take part in a competition being run by Heffers bookshop with a chance to win a £50 Heffers voucher and books for our school. To enter, students must write a book review in 50 words or less on their favourite book. Entry forms are attached or can be collected from the Library. All completed forms can be returned to the library by Friday 5th October and we will arrange their safe delivery to Heffers. *Mrs Hay*



### sQuid online payments

Payment	
30.09.18	Bus Instalment
30.09.18	Year 11 Woman in Black Trip
30.09.18	Dance Uniform Years 9-11
05.10.18	Sports Leadership Registration
10.10.18	Year 11 Geography Trip
10.10.18	Deposit for Year 10 Chateau Trip
30.10.18	Bus instalment
28.03.19	Lake Garda Windband Trip



### sQuid catering system

If you would like to cap your child's daily allowance please contact Mrs Fenn: [helen.fenn@lvc.org](mailto:helen.fenn@lvc.org).

Sponsored walk donations for your child's tutor group can be made [here](#).



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