

## From the Principal...

Today we say goodbye to our Librarian, Ruth Keys. She has had an amazing impact on the school in her promotion of the library as a welcoming and enriching space and through her care and passion for developing a love of reading and extra-curricular opportunities, such as author visits and Shakespeare live screenings. LVC has been fortunate to benefit from such a committed individual. We wish Ruth all the best for the future and thank her for all that she has done for LVC.

Thanks to parents/carers for your support with our response to the malicious threats made to schools in the local area this week. We worked with police and Local Authority guidance to enhance our vigilant approach.

It was great to meet with our new Year 6 parents/carers on Wednesday evening and to launch the primary transition process. Strong relationships with home and school is integral to LVC's success. We value constructive feedback and have acted upon many of the suggestions and comments raised in parental surveys in previous years. Developments have included the introduction of Show My Homework as a platform to enable better engagement and support with home learning; revisions to school uniform to improve clarity and consistency of expectations; additional opportunities for home-school communications, including this weekly newsletter and mechanisms to support parents/carers' understanding of curriculum and assessment. This year's parent/carer survey is now open; please click on this [link](#) to access it. We welcome your responses. The first 11 questions are brief obligatory; the remainder are more specific and detailed with scope for specific comments. Thank you in advance—we hope to improve on last year's total of 112 replies. We also look forward to a good turnout at the Parent Forum on 25th April.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break.

*Helena Marsh*



### Author Visit

On Wednesday we welcomed author Dave Cousins to talk to Year 7 students and Year 6 pupils from six local primary schools. Dave writes the popular Charlie Merrick's Misfits books. His message to the students

was to be bold and determined enough to follow your dreams, and not to forget that everyone has a story to tell. *Mrs Keys*



### Henry Morris Awards

We are now at the end of a very successful Henry Morris Awards application process (the main function of the Trust is to make funding awards for a specific purpose to young people aged 13-19 in Cambridgeshire). This year three groups of Year 10 students have been successful in gaining financial support for independent travel to Berlin, Skye and the Lake District. In total the students have received £1960.00 towards their projects. These successful students have worked hard to reach the end stage of a very competitive application process. More information about how students can benefit from the Awards can be found at <http://henrymorris.org/funding-awards/>. *Mr Clarke*

### SSAT awards

LVC has been recognised nationally for its excellent results in 2017 based on data from the Department of Education and Ofsted, analysed by SSAT (the Schools, Students and Teachers network). We are among the best performing secondary schools in the country, receiving two awards for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for both attainment and progress. A big thank you and well done to pupils, parents, staff and governors for helping us achieve this. *Miss Mayzes*



### Musical Meadow visit

Year 11 GCSE musicians visited The Meadow School in Balsham last Friday to give a concert of some highlights of their GCSE performances, covering Baroque, jazz and popular styles. The

Year 11s were brilliant ambassadors for music and taught the children to play and sing 'Crazy' by Gnarlz Barklay, ending with a performance on the stage of Meadow and LVC musicians playing and singing together. It was really good for all of us to see the music that we'd worked so hard on this term bring a smile to an audience. *Mrs Jukes*

### Dates for your Diary

<b>30 March</b>	LVC Closed Easter Break
<b>16 April</b>	LVC Open for Summer Term
<b>18 April</b>	Year 10 Farm to Fork Trip
<b>19 April</b>	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	Year 10 Blood Brothers Trip
<b>23 April</b>	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
	Year 10 MFL Oral Exams

### sQuid online payments

<b>Overdue</b>	
<b>05.03.18</b>	DoE Expedition
<b>28.03.18</b>	Years 7 & 8 Enrichment Week Deposits
<b>Payment</b>	
<b>31.03.18</b>	March Bus Payment
<b>16.04.18</b>	Cooking Club
<b>17.04.18</b>	Years 10 & 11 Revision Materials
<b>18.04.18</b>	Deposit for Years 8 & 9 Battlefields Trip
<b>27.04.18</b>	Year 10 Snowdon Trip
<b>30.04.18</b>	April Bus Payment
<b>04.05.18</b>	Final payments for Year 7 & 8 Enrichment Week
<b>25.05.18</b>	Year 11 Leavers' Ball and Yearbook
<b>31.05.18</b>	Final Bus Payment
<b>13.07.18</b>	Year 10 Murcia Trip