

From the Principal...

This week is abuzz with excitement about international travel: the Chateau residential trip is in full swing; there has been a lot of interest in the Camps International excursion to Kenya in 2019; preparations for the half term ski trip are underway. We appreciate that these opportunities are exciting but also expensive which is why we aim to give as much advance notice as possible to enable families to plan ahead and budget accordingly. We also offer more affordable trips and opportunities. Further information about Year 7 and 8 enrichment week will be shared over the coming weeks.

At LVC we also offer lots of free extra-curricular activities. The Dance showcase and Harry Potter evening are examples of staff's commitment to enrichment, as are the many sports fixtures that a large number of our students participate in. Following a period of absence, Mr Maddock, Head of PE, has decided to pursue alternative career options. We wish him well with his new endeavours. Mr Kerley is now Acting Head of PE with Mrs Harris continuing in the department.

School funding continues to make headlines in the [local](#) and [national press](#). Head teachers across the country continue to challenge the lack of sufficient funding for schools and the legacy impact of historic under-funding in Cambridgeshire and other significantly under-resourced Local Authorities. This week's correspondence to The Treasury is attached.

Support from the Friends of LVC is becoming ever more crucial to the running of the school. We have recently benefited from lots of important equipment and furniture as a result of Friends' contributions. Many thanks to those involved in volunteering and in supporting fundraising events. I hope that more parents/carers are able to commit some time and energy to the Friends. I am looking forward to Friday's quiz night. After three years as champions, the LVC SLT team might be ready to share the quiz crown...

Helena Marsh



Harry Potter Night

It was International Harry Potter Night yesterday and the LVC Library was transformed into a haven for Harry Potter fans. The Year 7 students who attended were treated to all things Harry Potter. Lots of fun was had making magical creatures, dishing up wonderful worms and finishing off wands. The night ended with a few film clips and a chapter from The Prisoner of Azkaban read aloud as it was also International Read Aloud Day.

Mrs Keys



Volunteers needed

We are looking to build a bank of volunteers for our events (helping with refreshments at school events and marshalling at the sponsored walk etc.) so whether it's for a one off event, or as a more regular volunteer please email me at friends@lvc.org if you can help. It's a great way to meet other parents and we always try to have a bit of a laugh in the process! Thanks
Nicola (Chair of Friends)

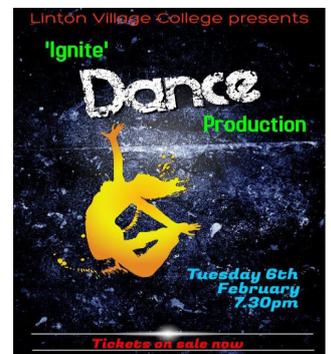
Dates for your Diary

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| 2nd Feb | Friends Quiz Night |
| 5th Feb | Under 14 Girl's Basketball Final |
| 6th Feb | Dance Production |
| 8th Feb | Year 10 Parents' Evening Year 11 Poetry Live Trip |
| 10th Feb | Ski Trip |
| 12th Feb | Half Term |
| 19th Feb | Back to School |

Dance production

Tickets for the Ignite Dance Production on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm, are available to purchase [here](#). The tickets are priced £5.00 Adults/£3.00 Children and Senior Citizens.

Mrs Washbrooke



Sports news

Last Thursday the Under 14 Girl's Basketball team took part in a preliminary tournament at Bottisham. They had a great start to the tournament, beating Chesterton 14-8, playing well as a team with Morven Osborn being the highest scorer and also rebounder. The second game against St. Bedes was always going to be the hardest and unfortunately the girls switched off a little in the first half but brought it back slightly in the second half, resulting in a 8-4 loss. The girls achieved a 14-6 win in their final game against Bottisham and are now through to the District Finals on Monday 5th February at Long Road Sixth Form College. *Miss Cox*

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| 08.02.18 | Years 10 & 11 Butchery Class |
| 18.02.18 | Maths Revision Materials Years 9 –11 |
| 18.02.18 | Cooking Club |
| 28.02.18 | February Bus Payment |
| 05.03.18 | DoE Final payment |
| 16.03.18 | Year 9 Enrichment Week |
| 27.04.18 | Year 10 Snowdon Trip |
| 13.07.18 | Year 10 Murcia Spanish Trip |

Science Revision Papers are ready to collect from Finance.

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.