

From the Principal...

It has been good to welcome students back to school this week.

Our Year 11 students have been busy preparing for mock examinations and many have been engaged in language speaking exams this week. Revising knowledge and practising skills to excel over the next fortnight is demanding their independent learning skills. It is also the season for Post-16 Open Evenings, this is certainly a significant time for students making decisions about their future and developing a commitment to their studies to be able to access the widest range of options.

We are also focusing on students' responsibilities for their own personal safety and the safety of others. We have needed to address some potentially dangerous behaviours this week, particularly outside of lessons and on the journeys to and from school. We have addressed reports from members of the school community about students crossing roads in Linton without looking and behaving irresponsibly on the bus. Duty staff have also dealt with boisterous play that has led to near misses or injuries. Please can you reinforce the message with your children about the need to behave in a responsible and caring way in and out of school to avoid causing harm to themselves or others.

I am thrilled to be able to announce that we have a new Chair and Secretary for the Friends of LVC: Nicola Tudge and Claire Edwards. Nicola will be in touch in future newsletters with details of upcoming events. I am very grateful for the continued support of the parental community to be able to sustain the important fundraising work of the Friends. I hope that many others are able to contribute through volunteering and/or supporting forthcoming fundraising activities.



Helena Marsh

Rugby Success

The Year 8 Boy's Rugby team participated in the annual rugby tournament on the 16th October. With mixed results going into the tournament the boys showed excellent resilience and determination to not only participate and play some good rugby, but also to become eventual winners of their tournament. The work on the training field paid off with each boy focusing on their job and ensuring that positions were held throughout each game. This allowed the boys to move the ball through their hands and exploit the space that they had opened up and been left exposed by their opponents. *Mr Kerley*



Olympic Park Trip

On 1st November, sixty eight Year 11 students went to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London to carry out fieldwork as part of their GCSE in geography. They carried out surveys into urban environmental quality, completed crime risk assessments and quality of life questionnaires in order to help answer the question "Is the quality of life in East London improving as a result of regeneration?".

Staff and students enjoyed some particularly clement weather as we learned how the Olympics have left a lasting social, economic and environmental legacy. *Mr Hyde*



Think Pink

Have you heard of the Saharah App? Please follow the link below to learn more about it. Please talk to your children about the dangers of it (it is being referred to as "the bullying app"). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDG7yTxmVvI>
Further to this week's Year 7 e-safety evening, the following link has been provided as a very informative mechanism to keep updated about the latest technological developments. <https://www.facebook.com/The2johns/>
Mrs Matarazzo

Firework Safety

As firework season fast approaches, I suspect firework safety is on the mind of lots of parents. A library of safety resources can be found here - <https://www.ghengisfireworks.co.uk/firework-safety/> featuring videos as well as guidance and top tips that you may find useful. *Mrs Matarazzo*



Dates for your Diary

6th Nov	Year 11 Mock Exams
7th Nov	Senior Maths Challenge
9th Nov	Year 10 Work Experience Evening
21st Nov	Years 9-11 Dance Trip
23rd Nov	Dalehead Food Challenge
30th Nov	Year 11 Mock Results Day
1st Dec	Training Day—School Closed

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Overdue	October 10 Month Bus Payment Plan
30.10.17	
Payment	
03.11.17	Year 11 English Theatre Trip
15.11.17	Years 10 & 11 Humanities Revision Guides
15.11.17	Year 10 BTEC Health & Social Guide
20.11.17	GCSE Art Print Workshop
29.11.17	Year 10 French Chateau Trip 2018
30.11.17	November 10 Month Bus Payment Plan
15.12.17	Final Payment for Ski 2018
16.03.18	Year 9 Enrichment Week
27.04.18	Year 10 Snowdon Trip

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