

## *Marsh Mail*

Coming back to school this autumn term has felt particularly special as we've been able to enjoy returning to subject-based teaching with the removal of a number of Covid-19 restrictions such as year group bubbles and zones.

It is also great to see the College buzzing with extra-curricular and enrichment activities for our students and the wider community. The restarting of adult education classes in September is an important aspect of our commitment to life-long learning that we were keen to see back on the calendar.

While remaining cautious and maintaining health and safety measures, we are hopeful that a number of College events will be able to take place this term. We are looking forward to welcoming back our outgoing Year 11s for an awards ceremony/mini prom to celebrate their GCSE results and their time at LVC on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Observing their arrival will be limited to parents on this occasion to avoid large crowds on site.

It is also great to be able to welcome Year 6 parents and students for a face to face Open Evening this year on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Families wishing to attend will need to book a place on a tour in advance. We'll also have a range of online materials to showcase the College.

We're delighted with the results of our recent Ofsted monitoring visit and details are now available on our website. The report shows the progress that has been made since our last inspection in February 2020 and recognises that we are taking effective action to become a good school. It is pleasing to see external validation of the improvements that have been achieved by College staff over the last 18 months, especially considering how much educational disruption we have also managed successfully, including remote learning.

Some highlights from the letter from the lead inspector include students' views shared in the report that LVC 'is really inclusive and welcoming' and recognition that changes made to improve the curriculum experience, SEND provision and behaviour for learning are having a positive impact. Our effective PSHE education and robust safeguarding practices are also noted.

This monitoring report demonstrates what has and will continue to be achieved for the benefit of our young people. We'd like to thank our students, parents and local community for their support in achieving this progress and we look forward to seeing what we can continue to achieve together.