

## School Improvement Update

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This newsletter captures progress made against our school improvement objectives over the course of the spring term. It also captures some enriching learning activities.

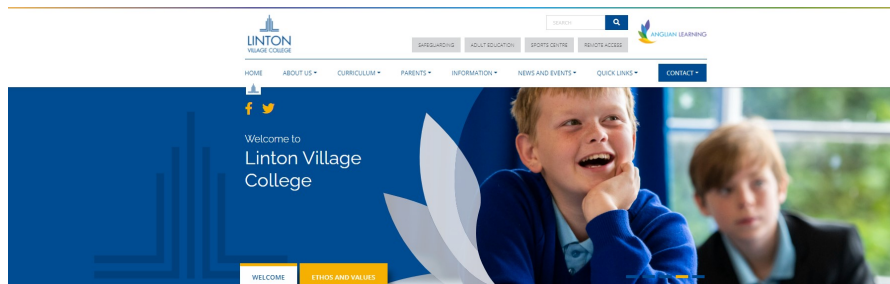
### Sports Centre rebrand

**Anglian Leisure is the new name uniting sports centre facilities across the Trust.** You'll notice the new signage going up soon around our site. The centre will have a better online presence with more flexible class times and online booking. Investment in improved facilities will benefit our students and community users. You may have already spotted our new Reception area. Other improvements will continue in the near future.



### New school website

**Our new website was launched earlier this term.** Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and find the information that you need. The development of the website has included the addition of [subject pages](#) where you can find out more detailed curriculum information to help you to support your child with their learning. Please share any feedback or suggestions to help us to improve the website content with [reception@lvc.org](mailto:reception@lvc.org). Staff contact details are all available via the blue 'Contact' tab.



**PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME**  
 As a relatively small secondary school, we foster positive relationships and support students as individuals. We pride ourselves on offering a nurturing and inspiring learning environment in which everyone can thrive and achieve. Our curriculum offers a ambitious and we place a significant value on enrichment experiences. This extends to providing community sports, leisure and learning facilities in line with our Village College heritage.



### Parent volunteers

Parent volunteers play a vital role in the life of the College. We are very grateful to the team of community volunteers that made it possible for us to test all students on their return to school in January. **The Friends of LVC currently have vacancies for a Chair and Treasurer.** The fundraising arranged by the Friends has made a huge difference to students' facilities and experience of school. Please do get in touch with Nicola Tudge (outgoing Chair) if you are interested in getting involved: [nicolatudge@gmail.com](mailto:nicolatudge@gmail.com). Previous experience of running a PTA is not necessary. **We also have a Governor vacancy.** HR expertise has been identified as an area that we would benefit from further expertise within our Governing Body, however, all skills and experiences are welcome. We are keen to have diverse representation.

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents/carers that attended our Parent Forum in February focusing on curriculum and assessment. More communication about recovery learning and setting decisions is being shared with you as a result of parental suggestions. We'll also be factoring feedback into our assessment and home learning policies.

# An ambitious curriculum and high expectations

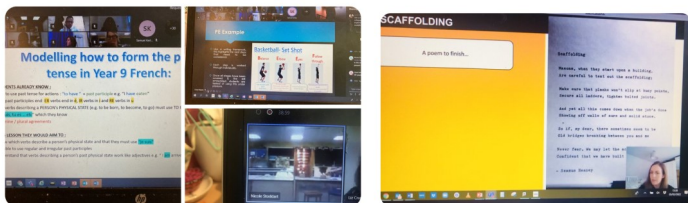
## High quality teaching

Ms Kahr is leading the College's Teaching and Learning working party. The group has been developing our Teaching and Learning strategy.

Miss Harriss, who joined the English department in January, is our second Teaching and Learning Lead. She has been involved in leading teacher training on sharing effective ways of modelling learning to support students to develop ambitious outcomes.



Teachers have ended the term engaging in a TeachMeet, sharing great examples of modelling across the curriculum. #everyoneisalearner #ambitious #inclusive #enriching

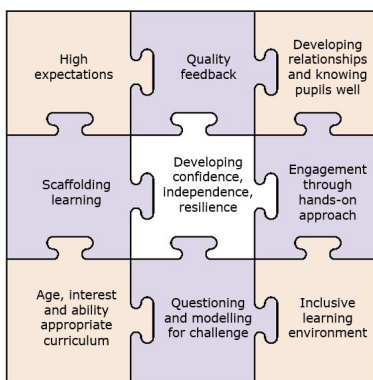


LVC teachers spent the afternoon discussing, reflecting and sharing effective scaffolding approaches as part of our teaching and learning strategy. An inspiring session led by Miss Harriss and inspired by @teacherhead #ambitious #inclusive

# An inclusive teaching and learning environment

## Inclusive classrooms

Mrs Garner, our SENCO and Director of Inclusion, is involved in a Department for Education funded initiative to develop high quality teaching to support SEND learners. Our SEND working party is involved in the Inclusive Classrooms project. They are developing whole school approaches that enable all learners to feel successful in every classroom. These overlap with our teaching and learning and behaviour for learning priorities.



## Healthy relationships

The healthy relationships working party has developed materials addressing sexist and homophobic language. Tutor time activities and assemblies have focused on educating students on protected characteristics and harmful language.

# An enriching educational experience

## Careers education

Year 7s have benefited from a 'What's My Line' workshop, gaining insight into different professions. Year 9s have been involved in 'Eyes on the Prize' careers education, listening to a range of speakers including Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge Regional College, Anglia Ruskin and the University of Cambridge.



Year 8s have been designing their own bugs in oil pastel with fantastic results so far #curious



Here are the finished dishes using the pasta we made and froze a few lessons back...

Sausage, fennel and garlic pasta with focaccia. A fantastic achievement for our Year 10 Food and Nutrition students.



## Maths Feast

We hosted the annual maths problem solving competition run by the Advanced Maths Support Programme. One of our Year 10 teams came second overall in the event which included schools from across the region.





## Linton Learner achievements

Over 52,000 House points have already been issued so far this academic year with an average of 63 points per student. House point trade-ins have included booking trampolining sessions with friends.



### School production

After a brilliant virtual Christmas Concert organised by our team of peripatetic music teachers, it was great to be able to welcome a live audience for this year's school production. The cast all worked incredibly hard to devise and perform their own pieces inspired by the Grimm Fairytales. Despite a range of Covid challenges, including the need to rehearse separately and manage the absence of the Director and cast members, the students did exceptionally well.



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### Year 11 assessments

Our Year 11 students have demonstrated great maturity during their second mock exam period. They have completed in class assessments and a number of option subject papers in the sports hall. There have also been some exceptional outcomes from the Year 11 Food and Nutrition practical exam.

Year 11s went to see the musical Blood Brothers at the New Wimbledon Theatre yesterday. The students really enjoyed the performance and we were really proud of their impeccable behaviour and maturity throughout the day #enriching @AnglianLearning



LVC Sport @LVCSport · 5d Well done to our Year 8 Netball team, against fellow @AnglianLearning school @bottishamvc. Player of the match was shared by Trudi and Cressida 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

### Extra-curricular activities

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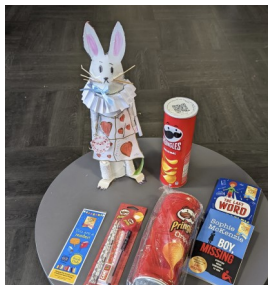
We had a fantastic range of entries for the Great Linton Bake-off Competition. Well done to all who entered @AnglianLearning 🍰



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### Library celebrations

Valentines-themed activities took place in the library including blind dates with undercover books. As well as two important birthdays, we have celebrated the 25th World Book Day with a range of reading and book-inspired activities.



We are celebrating two important milestone birthdays today. Happy birthday to our amazing Librarian, Mrs Hay, and LVC library! 🎂🎉🎈



### Debating success

Congratulations to Ben and Will who will be representing LVC at the House of Parliament in the next round of the debating competition.

