

# LVC Newsletter 15.09.2023

We have now been through two weeks of the timetable cycle. I hope that your children have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and are starting to get used to the routines of their new Year group. We have welcomed a large number of new students into Years 8, 9 and 10 at the start of term who have moved from overseas or other schools. It has been great to see existing students helping our new starters to settle in and to see the school filling up to capacity in these year groups.

Staff contact details have now been updated on our website. You can find email addresses for all pastoral and teaching members of staff to enable you to make contact with the relevant person. Your child's form tutor is your first port of call for most matters. They can be found through the [pastoral web page](#). Please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns so that any worries can be nipped in the bud. Teachers please escalate matters to your child's Head of Year or Subject Leader if appropriate.

I look forward to meeting parents face to face at our upcoming Year 7 Parent-Tutor Evening, Year 6 Open Evening and Year 11 Post-16 information evening and Parent-Tutor evening on 5th October. Please add relevant dates to your diary (listed at the end of the newsletter). I hope that a number of you are also able to make the Friends AGM on Monday evening, advertised below.

*Helena Marsh*  
*Principal*

## Senior Leadership Team and school improvement priorities

As outlined in our summer term newsletter (attached for the benefit of new parents or those that missed this), there have been some changes within the College's [Senior Leadership Team](#). The main difference is that Mrs Matarazzo, while still a member of the College's Safeguarding Team, is no longer the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The DSL is now Mrs Keen, an experienced Deputy DSL who has received training and induction. Mrs Matarazzo, who is now responsible for the quality of education at LVC and leads the Curriculum leadership team. Mr Darby, Deputy Principal, leads our Inclusion leadership team with strategic responsibility for behaviour and attitudes and personal development. These changes have been shared with students in assemblies.

Our College Improvement Priorities for this year have been shaped by feedback from staff, parent/carers and student surveys that took place in the summer term.

1. Empower all leaders to drive whole school improvement.
2. Establish a culture of professional collaboration.
3. Embed effective AIE teaching and learning (Ambitious, Inclusive and Enriching) and establish effective assessment practices across the school.
4. Ensure that students' behaviour is ready, respectful and safe in and outside of lessons.
5. Build community relationships.

Staff training this academic year includes a focus on developing middle leadership (Heads of Subject and Heads of Year), embedding our staff workload charter and culture code, developing

inclusive classrooms teaching and feedback approaches and ensuring a consistency in the application of our behaviour expectations. We have calendared more opportunities for face to face Year group information study skills events and have a drive on improving the quality of home school communication to develop home-school partnership.

## Friends of LVC AGM - Monday 18th September

The Friends of LVC are our PTA. They do amazing fundraising for the school which helps to provide facilities and opportunities for students. The Annual General Meeting for Friends is taking place on Monday 18th September at 7pm in the Staff Meeting Room.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend. This is an important meeting to appoint a new Chair and committee members and also recruit new volunteers to support with Friends events during the year, such as stewarding at our annual sponsored walk. The commitment to the role is minimal but it is an opportunity to support the College and to meet other parents/carers. We're keen to expand the number of Friends events this year to build community relationships, as well as supporting the school financially at a time when school budgets are under particular strain. Please do come along to get involved and find out more.

## Uniform support

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring that your child is ready to learn and arrives at school fully equipped and in the correct uniform. On the whole, standards of uniform have been much better this term, reducing the need for staff time being taken up in conversations to address uniform infringements.

Now that two school weeks have passed, any issues should have been resolved and communication should have taken place with form tutors to resolve any outstanding issues. Students that choose not to follow our uniform expectations can expect to lose their social times and receive consequences in line with the policy.

Please get in touch if you need support with remedying barriers to uniform compliance, such as financial assistance.

*Mr Darby*

## Abington Festival of Running

**Abington Festival of Running - morning of Sunday 1st October 2023 at Granta Park, Abington.**

The annual running festival returns this October with 10k, 5k and a 2k Family Fun run options. For those wanting a personal best this is a fast course for all three distances. The 5k and 2k family run take place within the Granta Park campus meaning a very safe and family friendly opportunity for all. The 10k course is fast and takes in the park and the villages of Great and Little Abington. There are trophies and Mugs to win alongside a medal for each runner. The races are chip timed and a delicious cake stall will be stocked to replenish your energy during the event. Attached is the event poster with further details. We hope to see you in October.

[Abington Festival of Running Website](#)

## Message from GCP: A1307 Road Closure

We will need to close the A1307 in both directions between Fourwentways roundabout and Haverhill for two weekends:

- **Saturday 30 September until Monday 2 October (6am - 6am)**
- **Saturday 7 October until Monday 9 October (6am - 6am)**

As a contingency, we may also need to close the A1307 on the weekend of 14-16 October but hope to complete the works in full the previous weekends.

Outside of the planned weekend closures, and until the carriageway surfacing is finished, it will be necessary for road users to travel on sections of incomplete new surfacing with temporary road markings.

Traffic lights will be in use from 8pm on Friday 29 September and Friday 6 October, to commence construction activities before the full road closure the following mornings.

Signal controlled traffic management will be installed from 9-12 October to complete the remaining carriageway surfacing and road marking. The A1307 will continue to be open to one way traffic overnight, but localised signed diversions of Bartlow Road North and South will be in place.

A map of the diversion route can be found [here](#).

## Dates for your diary

**21.09.2023 Year 7 Parent-Tutor Evening**

**28.09.2023 Year 6 Open Evening**

**29.09.2023 Staff Training Day**

**05.10.2023 Year 11 Post-16 Information Evening and Parent-Tutor Evening**

**20.10.2023 Sponsored Walk**

**23.10.2023 Half Term**

**30.10.2023 College Opens - Week 2**

## sQuid

### Payment deadlines

#### **Overdue but still available on sQuid for this week only**

17.07.23 Music enrolment

03.09.23 Deposit for Year 9 enrichment

31.08.23 School bus instalment

#### **Due in September 2023**

10.09.23 Year 11 Morocco 2024 trip

30.09.23 Year 11 drama theatre trip

30.09.23 Year 10 GCSE Art pack

30.09.23 School bus instalment

If you would like your child's spending capped at a daily amount or if your child has any food intolerance's, please email [Mrs Fenn](#). If the app is not working please use this link to access the sQuid online payment system <https://portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>