## **Christmas at LVC**

The lead up to the Christmas holidays provided us with opportunities to celebrate together as a community.

We were excited to revive our Carol Concert at the Holy Trinity Church in Balsham. Thanks to Reverend McColl's support, students had the privilege of performing in beautiful surroundings befitting the heartwarming programmes of classical and contemporary music. Over a hundred LVC students took part in the event.

The concert started with traditional carols accompanied by the Symphonic Wind Orchestra and an ethereal solo performance of 'Once In Royal David's City' by Katie in Year 9. The Concert went on to showcase our choir, The Linton Voices, The Tuesday lunchtime Jam Club and a range of musical ensemble groups led by our team of peripatetic teachers. The evening ended with a blessing and the Year 7 Massed Choir whose beautiful sea of voices sang 'The Greatest Gift'. It was a poignant festive moment.

During the month of December, LVC students also showed their community spirit by engaging in events to raise money and share donations for charity. 'Reverse Advent' has become a long standing LVC initiative where tutor groups collect toiletries and groceries to present as Christmas hampers for Jimmy's in Cambridge. Jimmy's is a community-based charity providing both support and housing to people who are rough sleeping. Another Charity the school supports on our Christmas Jumper Day, is Tom's Trust. Tom's Trust is the UK's only charity dedicated to providing mental health support to children with brain tumours, and their families.