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Our student led newsletter is part of a learning journey and so spelling, punctuation and grammar have been left as written to reflect the true student voice.

Our LVS Spirit lead is head student Daniel of Year 11. *“My job as lead is to ensure that everyone gets the newsletter – and that they can look forward to it!”*

Opening words

I still can't believe what a year 2023 was – we welcomed new students across the whole school – and I am so happy to see how well they have all settled in! As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, I will start focusing the LVS Spirit towards Year 9s transitioning into Year 10 as well, which will include GCSEs, mock exams and work experience, so keep a close eye out then! I'll also write an article about the Upper School, so you'll know what to expect!

Other than that, I welcome everyone back to LVS in 2024. Christmas is a time of celebration, but even though not everyone celebrates it, it's still a holiday!

I'm drawing closer to the end of my time at LVS so I will soon be looking for a student to take over as the LVS Spirit leader – however, until I leave, I will be fully in control, so you have March, May and June/July left with me!

Returning after Christmas will have been hard as you get back into your routines, I had that too! I hope you all got fantastic gifts and I wish you a happy 2024.

In the meantime, **keep doing your best!**
-Daniel, LVS Spirit Lead

Daniel's articles

Enterprise sale closes off 2023

- Daniel, LVS Spirit Lead, 20th December 2023

A fabulous closing to the end of 2023 was in the shape of an enterprise morning. Students in the Lower School had produced plants to sell to parents, under the new school-run company “Nurture, Bloom, Thrive”.

Below: The stand after the event concluded



Attending the entire event, Daniel, Head Student, said, “The event was a good way of bringing parents together – a great way of bringing the LVS Community together. I looked at the stand after the event, and it was nearly empty

– a massive well done to the students for being able to sell a lot of things!” He added, “I would also like to thank the parents for visiting – I hope you enjoyed the tour of the school building before progressing on to the enterprise sale itself.”

Mysterious illness takes many

- Daniel, LVS Spirit Lead, 6th February 2024

In mid-January, students and staff started coming down with flu-like symptoms. As Daniel was off with this bug, he’s documented his experiences.

“Absolutely terrible” he said. “Wiped me out for days, and then took my family too.”

Some thought it was the flu, but we can’t really be sure. It wasn’t COVID, as Daniel took a test. The bug seems to have become an absolute mystery, almost as if it was an experiment!

Student submitted articles

All student-written articles are left as they were written (although the LVS is always capitalised), so that we can reflect the true student voice.

“What are the LVS students celebrate valentines day”

- Corey, Year 8, 7th February 2024

valentine’s day is in half term

Sam buy her self some flowers and some chocolate.

Sally said she will buy her self A card and chocolate and go out for romantic dinner. And buy the dog some doggy treats.

Lucy said she got a card and chocolate fudge cake form her husband and is hoping for a romantic gift.

7x no idea

Some are seeing family

Some are watching films

Someone said' it's just another day my birthday is more important '

Some said they have never received cards, and some said they have

Having dinner with partner

Going to Devon and if I'm lucky a card and flowers.

Going to the Manoir!!!!



***Daniel's comment:** Indeed, Valentine's Day is just around the corner. There are a lot of things people will do over this time period so it looks like everyone is going to have a fantastic time!*

“What framed lunches at LVS”

- Alice, Year 8
- Billy, Year 8
- 7th February 2024

At LVS we have a lot of Sam and her catering team make all holidays and events make them special and fun wasted making them healthy.

People have said that: most people said they liked the Christmas lunch and world cup lunch the catering team decorate the lunch hall with vibrant and colorful banners and inflatables

And then the Halloween, world book day, super hero day where a close second as well as independence day with burger and chips where a big hit with most students. West India day was a big favorite with lots of staff tide with Chinese new year. Over all the themed lunches are always a big hit with every one like them most people like them all so it was hard to pick for some. And a last thank you to all the cooking staff thank you for all the amazing lunches.

***Daniel's comment:** The LVS school lunches are perhaps the most famous thing about the school as it's everyone's favourite thing. This just proves that point. Also, it's a great way to say thanks to the catering crew. They provide me with the same thing everyday, and we have a good laugh daily! One big thank you to the whole of the catering crew for providing our school with its lunch all this time.*

“Valentine’s Day is coming up”

- Anonymous, 7th February 2024

Valentine is a time were though who celebrate the day of love the reason of valentines honoring a martyr named Valentine

My person I chose to interview is.

Fiona: ‘Well I would like to think I would be wined and dined, showered with gift and flowers. Told how wonderful I am.....in my dreams!!!!!!!!!’

And that’s that.

***Daniel's comment:** This article is really good! It gives us the meaning of Valentine and why we celebrate Valentine’s Day. It also includes an interview, which is*

typical in most news articles. A massive well done to the writer!

“Graboids attack”

- Seth, Year 7, 7th February 2024

***Graboids* attack!**



A new species of animal has been discovered in the middle of nowhere!

There had been an attack on small towns around where soft dirt is, 9 people, a horse, 21 sheep and three of these ***“Graboids”*** died in the attack.

Interview of people willing to speak.

Louk Navi / age:16 / gender: male /at the time of attack: playing games with his friends.

We highr the ground rumbaling- ran out of time

Daniel’s comment: I love the formatting, and it’s a good story!

“Valentine’s Day”

- Raymond, Year 8, 8th February 2024

What are you doing for valentine’s day? – Invite someone over. said year 9

Have you got a valentine? Yes/no - girl got valentines cards said year 7 (quote) its creepy getting valentine’s card from people you don’t know. Said year 8

Are you going anywhere for valentines? Yes/no – no said year 9

Daniel’s comment: Well, it’s impressive to see what other people will do on Valentine’s Day next Wednesday.



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