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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 10 NOVEMBER 2017

### Parents and Carers of Students in Year 11: Dates for your diary

**Year 11 SPRE on Tuesday 14 November:** We would appreciate the attendance of all Year 11 parents/carers at this evening as it will give subject staff an opportunity to share key priorities for your child in preparation for their mock examinations.

**Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 22 November:** We then extend an invitation to you to attend this event from 6pm onwards if you are considering a place in our Sixth Form for your child in September 2018. Further information can be accessed on our [Sixth Form Pathways](#) website page.

## Learning and Progress

### Mock Exam Season Countdown...

Time is flying by and it will not be long before the Year 11 and 13 Mock Examination season commences (Wednesday 6 December - Thursday 21 December).

Specific details and student timetables will be issued soon and in the meantime students should be well under way with their revision programme.

A timetable of additional revision sessions will be published. These will occur both at lunchtimes and after school and we would be grateful if you would encourage your child to attend all relevant sessions.

We would encourage the students to be using the additional resources we have provided for them such as *PiXL Maths App*, *Tassomai* for Science and *GCSEPod* for all other subjects. Information about these resources will be available for parents at the Year 11 SPRE.

### Year 9 and 10 GCSEs: Off to a flying start...

Following their Study Skills Workshop, Year 9 and 10 students have been issued with a sample of revision materials: some flashcards, a *'Plan, Do, Review'* template and some A3 paper for mind maps. Please encourage your child to access their school email account to pick up the resources electronically as well.

Now it is about sustaining the process of regularly creating revision material and developing the stamina to survive their GCSE studies: your child should be encouraged to create revision resources for topics as they move through their studies in each subject so they are not overwhelmed as their courses reach a conclusion at GCSE exam time. They know this, but your support and encouragement in reminding them would be greatly appreciated. Their mock exams will come round quickly!

### Aspire: After School Study Support for Students

This week sees the launch of our new after school study support '**ASPIRE**' which replaces 'Homework Club'.



'**ASPIRE**' is located in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and IT3 and will now operate daily from 3.15 to 5.00pm. All students are welcome to come along for any sessions that they choose and enjoy a drink/snack before settling down to complete their homework. Two members of staff will lead the '**ASPIRE**' sessions and provide assistance to students, as well as liaising with teachers to ensure students are receiving the best support possible.

IT3 will provide a silent study room with IT facilities. The LRC will provide a quiet space for students with non-IT based homework. Resources will be available to assist with completion of homework. For those students who have completed their work, we will be offering skills based additional learning, such as support with handwriting practice – essential skills needed for formal exams!

On their first visit to 'ASPIRE', students will be given a letter to bring home for parents/carers to sign giving permission for their child to attend. Please contact Mrs Bowers: [ABowers@latimer.org.uk](mailto:ABowers@latimer.org.uk) if you require further information.

### **Northamptonshire County Council SEND Local Offer**

The SEND Code of Practice 2014 prescribes that every local authority must have a Local Offer that provides on-line information about resources in the area that are available for children with special educational needs and disabilities. The [Local Offer](#) provides information, links to services, guidance and useful website links. Should you feel that you or your child needs particular support, please do visit this website or contact Mrs Hawkins, SENCo: [rhawkins@latimer.org.uk](mailto:rhawkins@latimer.org.uk)

### **Safeguarding Update**

#### **Evacuation and Lockdown Procedures**

It is difficult to accept that we are living in a climate of some uncertainty when it comes to public safety, but nonetheless, sadly this is the case.

As sensitive as it is, as a College, we want to ensure that we have equipped our students with the strategies to manage a situation where their personal safety might be at risk and so during this term, we will be addressing the 'Run, Hide, Tell' strategy within tutor time and assemblies. To ensure we approach this difficult topic sensitively and appropriately, we will be working closely with the PHSE association and the police National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO).

We feel it is essential to inform our students of what to do in the unlikely event of such incidents, rather than shock them into thinking such attacks are likely or inevitable. By approaching this in both House assemblies and in tutor groups, it will allow students to be informed and discuss this with their teachers in a safe, age-appropriate and reassuring manner.

As part of this, we will also be informing students of two drills they must be aware of in the unlikely event of such incidents on the College site: these are a 'lock-down' and a 'complete evacuation'. Students will practise both of these processes in pre-planned drills towards the end of November.

#### **Promoting Positive Well-Being**

We are delighted to be able to offer a monthly drop-in session run by a Keyworker from the CAN Young People's Service. Students can access additional education and advice around drugs and alcohol. There will be a pop-up stand outside Student Services at lunchtime on 14<sup>th</sup> November to make students aware of the services on offer.

#### **'All Different, All Equal': Anti-Bullying Week**

To promote this year's National Anti-Bullying theme, 'All Different, All Equal', we will be running various tutor time activities for students to get involved in.

In addition to this, we have some incredible acts lined up for our 7th 'Latimer's Got Anti-Bullying Talent' contest, with heats next week and the final on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Students who wish to be part of the audience can collect a ticket from Mrs Squires. The heats are free, however, for the final, we would be grateful if students could make a small donation on the door. The money raised will contribute towards further anti-bullying initiatives in the future.

### **Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations**

#### **Year 10 Skills Show: Get Prepared...**

Just a reminder that Year 10 students need to explore the [Skills Show](#) website prior to our trip on 16 November as there will be so much to visit on the day. Following this learning event, we will be providing continued guidance for the students to ensure they are working towards their ideal pathway and to raise their aspirations to achieve this.

#### **Careers Performance and Workshop**

On 13 November in our continued collaboration with Northampton University we have a special careers performance and workshop for Year 8 and Year 9 students to support and inspire them in making informed choices about their future pathways. Please do talk to your child about these events!

## **Guest Speakers Enriching the Curriculum**

We look forward to welcoming Andrew Rogers, a parent guest speaker from Frogmore, a Private Equity Real Estates company. Students in Business Studies will have the opportunity to hear about how the company manage investors' money and invest in Real Estate in the UK, and with Andrew's vast experience in banking they will also gain a valuable insight into the world of work in financial institutions to support their studies. We are always grateful to all of our business contacts especially from our parent and carers who give up their time to support the curriculum.



We had **1467** visits to the library during lunchtime last term: an average of **53** students per session!

We issued **832** books last term, **457** fiction and **375** non-fiction.

### **Well done to our top 5 borrowers:**

Cameron Cassidy, Jessica Dunham, Ruby Bushell, Josh Capp and Cy-Enna Cassidy

## **Uniform Update: PE Kit**

As we are approaching winter, just a reminder that along with the usual Latimer PE kit for PE lesson, if students are outdoors:

Girls may wear leggings under skorts or track suit bottoms under shorts.

Boys may wear track suit bottoms.

Red socks can be trainer socks/football socks for indoor and outdoor PE wear.

## **Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success**

### **Kettering and Corby Sports Awards 2017 Winners**

We are delighted to be able to congratulate Ellis Panter, Year 7, for becoming Kettering Young Sportsperson 2017 in recognition of his boxing success. Ellis started boxing at five years old and this has been his first competitive year. He is undefeated after 11 bouts, has competed five times to win the English National Championships at 38.5kg and has boxed three times to win the prestigious Monks Town Box Cup in Ireland, a cup entered by hundreds of clubs from all over the world.

We are also delighted that Archie Evans, Year 9, was awarded Corby Young Sportsperson of the Year 2017 in recognition of his success as a swimmer. Archie trains for over 12 hours a week and his dedication has brought him great success. He was voted by Corby Swimming Club as the most outstanding swimmer. Further to this he has set 22 new club records in 2016/17 and won 7 Gold medals at Northants County Championships. This year his dedication has brought him recognition by Swim England and later this year will be taking part within the England Talent Programme.

And to add this to, our very own Mr Hallett was named Kettering Coach of the Year 2017. Not only content with leading the College to an amazing number of sporting successes, Mr Hallett has devoted the past five years to developing Futsal in Kettering, where he is head coach of Kettering Futsal Club, winners of the FA National Futsal League Midlands Division 2.

Congratulations to our Basketball teams who have secured recent success with Year 11 Boys winning 54-31 against KSA and Year 10 Boys beating KBA 25-20.

### **'Spotacular' will be Spectacular!**

Castle House are gearing up for this year's BBC Children in Need day on Friday 17 November, when a variety of fundraising activities will take place in the Masque at lunchtime. This charity works throughout the year to ensure that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their full potential – very much like us at The Latimer Arts College.

We rely on the energy and commitment of the College community to support this fantastic charity: we hope that students will be able to support our non-uniform day with the theme being 'Spotacular' by wearing something with spots on. If students wish to wear non-uniform we would be grateful if they would donate £1.

## As the temperature cools down, our House competitions hot up!

The House competitions are well under way and this week sees the first of our achievement assemblies to celebrate our House successes in our 4 competition areas: attendance, Vivos, effort and inter-form enrichment activities.

Students have already been competing in quizzes and maths challenges and we look forward to our chess competition getting underway!

Latimer and Barton House are top of the leader board for Term 1. We wish the other Houses success in Term 2 as the competition really hots up...

## Tasty Treats: Caterlink Update

We have had a fabulous start to the new academic year with some great interest in our promotions which included Chinese and American themed days and cup-cake week in September! And the food fun did not stop there: this term we started off with a special menu based on Halloween, which incorporated some ghoulish lunch time meals and snacks and some unusual cakes and biscuits.

Coming next week we have a fiesta of delights with our **'Mexican Day'** on 14 November.

Throughout November we are excited to be launching our new concept **'The Pasta Kitchen'**, where students should look out for some exciting and tasty new sauces to add to their pasta cup, available Monday to Thursday lunchtimes.

Ask your child to save the date for their diary: **Christmas Lunch** will be served on 12 December.

## Dates for your diary

Please take the time to view our [calendar](#) and ensure that you are aware of all of the key dates for the year.

Tuesday 14 November	Year 11 Student Progress Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 22 November	Sixth Form Open Evening (for Year 11s) 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 7 December	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 6 December	Year 11 Mock Exams (until Thursday 21 December)
Monday 11 December	Year 13 Mock Exams (until Thursday 14 December)
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 21 December	End of Term 2
Wednesday 3 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Thursday 4 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3 (Week 2 on the timetable)