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LATIMER END OF YEAR SUMMARY 21 JULY 2017

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the academic year. Time really has flown by! We have packed so much into the year and we hope that our students have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences (and that you as parents and carers have enjoyed reading about them as much as we have enjoyed writing about them!). We have kept going right up until the last minute:

Raising Aspirations: We committed to launching a programme this year to inspire our students to aim high and to increase their employability skills and awareness of some of the opportunities that they can aspire to. We have delivered: Year 7 'Enterprise Day', Year 8 'Money Matters' and 'Take Your Child to Work Day', Year 9 'Careers Fair', Year 10 'Skills Show' visit, Year 11 'Ace Your Exams Programme' and two Sixth Form University visits, amongst many, many other things.

And it does not stop here. Planning for next year has already started and we intend our programme to be even bigger and better. At the very start of the next academic year, as they begin their GCSE studies, all of Year 9 will be attending a day at Northampton University!

Thank you to those parents and carers who have either directly contributed to this programme this year or who have helped us to forge partnerships with others who have. It really has and will make a difference to our students.

If you would like to contribute to this programme next year, please contact jpankhanian@latimer.org.uk

Pride of Latimer 2017: Well done to all of those who received prizes for their superb contributions this year at our spectacular Pride of Latimer Awards Evening and to our performers who helped to make the evening so special. Those of you who attended will know what an absolutely fantastic event this was. We look forward to rewarding even more students next year.

Special congratulations to Stuart Harding, Amy Meadows, Molly Tyrrell, Amber Frost and Jamie Stephenson-Glynn for winning the coveted Pride of Latimer Award. Who will have their name up in lights next year?

Latimer Literacy Amongst a host of activities throughout the year, we ended with the most amazing Book Week! The amazing Dreadlock Alien visited the College to start our Book Week off with an explosion of creativity!

- 100 plus students and staff met performance poet Dreadlock Alien in the LRC;
- 18 'millionaire' readers gathered in the LRC during tutor time to celebrate their achievement with cupcakes, millionaire's shortbread and a sparkling drink;
- 175 students in Year 7 took part in Mrs Brooking's Dingbat Quiz during Accelerated Reader lessons; Scrabble, Boggle and other book related games were played at lunch times;
- Once again, we have 1 tired, but very happy, librarian.

Champions: Well done and thank you to all of those students who have taken part in clubs, represented College teams, supported as volunteers, officials or as young leaders! We have so many champions amongst us. The success we have seen this year is a result of the dedication and superb attitude to improving performances as both individuals but more importantly as teams of players. Roll on September 2017 for the new sporting season to get started again!

House Competition Winners: On top of winning Sports Day this week, congratulations go to Latimer House who were triumphant overall in this year's House competition once again. They have been rewarded with an afternoon of celebration in recognition for all their hard work and effort this year.

Vivo! It has been a bumper year for Vivos – students have worked hard and we have issued a staggering **345,928!**

And the kindness continues...

What really stands out is that not only have all of our students worked exceptionally hard to improve their own life chances this year, but we are really proud to announce that we have raised a massive **£3,224** for our House charities.

Since we launched our vertical tutoring system five years ago we have raised a staggering **£22,808.20** in total for our chosen charities! The care and compassion that our students show for others is overwhelming!

Time to move on...2017 to 2018: Ready for Learning: Ready for Success!

Preparations for the new academic year are well under way:

Results Days As we look ahead with great excitement and optimism to next year, a reminder that results will be available to students from Picasso's on:

Year 13: Thursday 17 August from 8.00am

Year 12: Thursday 17 August from 9.00am

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 24 August from 8.00am

Year 10 Ace Your Exams: This week saw the launch of this programme, with the delivery of revision workshops to the year group and our gift to each student of a set of revision guides.

The students have been primed and are ready for their final year of GCSE studies and we strongly recommend that time is set aside over the summer to start the revision process! Time could be well spent 'closing the gap' on areas that could be improved from the recent trial exams.

Academic Year 2017 – 2018

The College opens to students on Wednesday 6 September.

Years 7-12 should arrive in College before 8.25am ready for a prompt start.

Year 13 should arrive for registration in the Sixth Form Centre at 11.50am

PE Kits will not be needed on the first day!

In order to be fully prepared for the start of the new academic year, please find attached our updated **College Information Pack for Parents and Carers** along with our **Behaviour for Learning Policy and Student Attendance Policy**. A reminder that our policies can be found on the [Policies](#) page of our website.

To help us at the start of the year, please can you support with the following:

- **Black pens:** as it is only black pens that can be used in examinations, we would prefer students to use these rather than blue pens next year.
- **Red pens:** we would be grateful if you could provide your child with a red pen in addition to a black one to help with our 'closing the gap' processes.
- **Trousers:** students should be wearing full length school trousers. The following variations on this are **not permitted:** canvas trousers, jeans, chinos, leggings or legging style trousers, skin tight trousers and three-quarter length trousers.
- **Jewellery:** students are only permitted to wear one stud in each lobe of the ear and a watch. The following items are **not permitted:** nose, tongue, eye-brow or lip piercings, including clear bars; any earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear; tapers and bars; rings, necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets.
- **Shoes:** students should be wearing school shoes. The following variations on this are **not permitted:** canvas shoes and plimsolls; boots and any 'trainer' style shoes, including Vans.
- **Chewing gum:** this causes so much damage and costs the College a disproportionate amount of money to address – money that would be better spent on learning! Please do not allow your child to bring any chewing gum in to College.

Please note that students who are not in correct uniform will be sent home to get changed.

At the start of the new academic year we will be welcoming some new staff to our wonderful Latimer team:

Mr Fowler, Assistant Principal	Mr Gibson, Teacher of Maths
Mr Harvey, Vice Principal	Miss Jenkins, Assistant Progress Leader Maths
Miss Landy, Teacher of Geography	Mrs Langstone, Teacher of English
Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal	Miss Milson, Teacher of English/Achievement Leader
Mrs Rees, Teacher of Psychology/Science	Mrs Vann-Hopewell, Teacher of Science
Miss Watson, Teacher of Computer Science/ICT	Miss Went, Teacher of PE and Maths
Miss Wignall, Teacher of Religious Studies	Miss Windridge Assistant Progress Leader English
Mr Winsall, Teacher of Science	

And finally, thank you...

As we approach the end of this academic year we say thank you to those staff who are leaving us this year for the contributions that they have made:

From our teaching team: Mr Aldridge, Mr Bennett, Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Grimmitt, Mr McCullagh and Mrs Smith

From our non-teaching team: Miss Jensen, Mr Keller and Mrs Osler

Phew – that is just about it. Except we cannot finish without thanking you for your unwavering support this year. We could not do all that we do without you backing us all of the way!

With best wishes on behalf of all staff and governors.

Ms. S. Heame

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Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Sue Wood
Chair of Governors