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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 11 MAY 2018

Important: Academisation Update

As you are aware, the Governing Body had proposed that The Latimer Arts College convert to an academy and join the Sharnbrook Academy Federation Multi-Academy Trust. Since making this proposal, a rigorous process of due diligence has been undertaken and having carried out this process, the Governing Body have taken the decision not to proceed. This decision was not taken lightly but was taken in the best interests of the College's long term future.

The Governors are keen to ensure that the College continues to collaborate with external partners in order to maintain a high quality education for its students and will actively seek external partnerships, either formal or informal, but for now, this will not be as an academy as part of a multi-academy trust. We will continue to operate as a foundation school, within the Local Authority.

Should any parents or carers have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mail@latimer.org.uk

Learning and Progress



After months of counting down, the examination season will commence in full from Monday. At this stage, we wish our examination students in Years 11 and 13 every success over the coming weeks. Students have been provided with all they need and it is now down to them!

All staff are on hand to provide support with well-being over the next few weeks so if there is anything that your child needs, please do ask.

Year 11 students have been issued with their Alternative Timetable, with details of where they should be and when. We would ask that all parents and carers look at this schedule – a copy is on the College website under [Exam Information](#).

Please help us to help your child be successful throughout this exam season by:

- Ensuring that they attend all of the revision masterclasses: these are compulsory!
- Making sure they arrive for the right exams at the right time. Text reminders about exams will be sent to parents and carers the day before. Briefing sessions will run for GCSE exams 30 minutes before the start times and we would expect all students to attend.
- Making sure they are dressed in full College uniform/according to the dress code.
- Making sure they have all the correct equipment. **A plea to please make sure that your child has a calculator for the relevant exams!**

Please remember that students are not allowed any potential technological or web enabled devices, such as mobile phones or smart watches (including Fitbits) in any examination venues. We request that students leave these at home on exam days along with their mobile phones. If they need to bring them in to College, they must be turned off/removed before the exam, and placed in their bag.

All information for parents and carers is on our [Exam Information](#) website page.

Ace Your Exams Year 10: Failing to prepare is preparing to fail!

We have worked hard in recent years to put together a comprehensive programme of support for our GCSE examination students. Last week saw us launch our Ace Your Exams programme with Year 10, including gifting sets of revision guides to each and every student.

The over-riding message that our Year 11 students have passed down to Year 10 is to start revising **NOW** – and to take on board all the support and advice that staff are offering. We cannot stress the importance of parents and carers reinforcing this message and encouraging and guiding your child to organise their study time at home.

Induction 2018: 'Moving Up' Events

And as each year group starts to move on to the next stage of their journey, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Latimer family to our new Year 7 students and their parents and carers. We very much look forward to meeting you all at our '**Moving Up**' evenings next week. A key to our success has been the strong partnerships with our parent/carer body and we look forward to continuing with this.

Places at the College are at a premium and we are significantly over-subscribed! We only wish that we had more facilities so that we could offer them all a place.

Safeguarding

Fortnite: everything you need to know about the online game

No doubt many of you will be familiar with the online game 'Fortnite', which is becoming increasingly popular. Whilst we are not suggesting that there are any issues with this particular game, there are some excellent parent/carer guides out there to help you support your child in staying safe while gaming: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fornite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Sixth Form Dress Code Reminder:

A reminder for parents and carers of students in our Sixth Form, that we do have a [dress code](#) that students must adhere to. Sixth Form students should present themselves in **smart, office style dress**.

Students who breach the dress code will be sent home to change. Any lesson time or study periods that are missed in doing so will result in students being placed in lunchtime detention to catch-up.

Year 8: #£1challenge

There was a real buzz around the College last week as we launched our very own £1 challenge in line with [a national programme](#).

All Year 8 students signed up to receive £1 which they will have bought home and are challenged to make a profit on this by 7 June. Students can work as individuals, or join forces with friends to pool their money for their entrepreneurial project: encourage them to think big!

Students are encouraged to see how other people in the UK have turned their £1 into thousands of pounds! However, after some of the conversations we are expecting some unusual and interesting entries from Latimer students!

If you have any questions about the £1 challenge or would like to speak to our independent Careers Advisor, please contact KAllen@latimer.org.uk

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Our Math-magician's shine again!

Congratulations to Daniel Andrews, Mia-Rose Baker, Dhiren Parmar and Lorenzo Seminerio who recently took part in the '**European Kangaroo**' in March. The results are in and just being to invited to take part is success in itself: Dhiren achieved more than the mean mark for his age group and Daniel did even better, achieving a Certificate of Merit. Well done to all!

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.

Monday 14 May	Exam Season starts (until Friday 22 June)
Wednesday 16 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2018 <i>(Invitations will be issued for a specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Thursday 17 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2018 <i>(Invitations will be issued for a specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Friday 25 May	End of Term 5
Monday 4 June	College re-opens: Term 6
Wednesday 20 June	Year 12 Mock Exams commence (until Friday 29 June)
Monday 25 June	Year 10 Exams commence (until Friday 29 June) Year 12 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 28 June)
Thursday 28 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 29 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom