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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 23 NOVEMBER 2018

Don't miss the Sixth Form Application Deadline

A reminder that applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2019 should be submitted today! For further support or guidance, please contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

Learning and Progress

We wish our Year 11 and 13 students success in their forthcoming mock exams. A reminder that an alternative timetable will operate during the mock examination period for these year groups that will include some home study time. All details are on our [Exam Information](#) website page. Study support is provided through:



Website: <https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/PMA.swf>

The PiXL Maths App can be downloaded onto smart phones or tablets.



Corbettmaths

Website: <https://corbettmaths.com/>

This site has "how to" videos, practice questions, revision cards and short quick "5 a day" tasks to practise to keep students on top of the different topics.



Website: <https://www.tassomai.com/login>

Already being used routinely in lessons, Tassomai makes learning and revising for GCSE Science effective and straightforward. Students can see the revision topics they need to work through, how they are getting on and what they should do next.



Website: <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

In addition to the revision books that we have provided, students can use GCSEPod, which provides highly concentrated 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher-written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons. Everything is explained precisely with all the correct facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams, all mapped to GCSE exam specifications.



Vocab Express is an online vocab learning application that has been set up to support students with learning their French vocabulary, which is vital to examination success. Students should access this daily.

Year 12 Study Skills: Year 12 students will be taking part in an interactive workshop 'Mad4Study' with the Mad4Life company on Wednesday 28th November at Barton Village Hall.

Year 13 Study Skills: Students have been encouraged to use a variety of revision tools to support independent study and are invited to attend further study sessions during tutor time next week. These include Cornell Notes, Student Room and Quizlet. Please do support your Year 13 student by asking them about these techniques.

Aspire: After School Study Support for Students



Students can also study in College at the end of the day at '**ASPIRE**', our after school study support. All students in all year groups are welcome to attend on any day(s) that they choose.

'**ASPIRE**' is located in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and IT3 and operates daily from 3.15 to 5.00pm. A drink and a snack will be provided.

Safeguarding Update

Promoting Positive Well-Being: Buzzed Mental Health Awareness

Promoting the well-being of our students is crucial to us and so we were delighted to be able to provide an opportunity for our Year 9 students to watch a live performance by the Buzzed Theatre Company which aimed to raise awareness and stamp out the stigma associated with mental health. It was also a pleasure to welcome Tessa Parkinson from the 'Talk Out Loud Project', which aims to encourage young people to talk about mental health and to ensure that they are confident in talking to their families and friends too.

The booklet from the session can be found on our [website](#). The [Talk Out Loud](#) website has further advice and information.

Staying Safe Online

Ensuring that your child is safe online is something about which all parents and carers will need to remain constantly vigilant. [#DITTO](#) is a free online safety magazine which will keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Raising Aspirations: Can you help?

As part of our Raising Aspirations and Careers Programme, we welcome representatives from the world of work to engage with our students, either by supporting one of our events, for example the Dragons' Den experience, or perhaps by being a guest speaker on a particular area of expertise. If you would be willing to enhance our programme by getting involved please contact Jyoti Pankhania, Assistant Principal: JPankhania@latimer.org.uk We would be delighted to hear from you.

World Skills UK Live: Supporting the Journey to Success

There were so many excited, inspired (and glittery!) Year 10 students returning from the World Skills UK Live event: their evaluations suggest that so many of them are far more knowledgeable about their future pathways now. It was such a pleasure for us to be able to take our students to this event, they were an absolute credit to the College in the way in which they conducted themselves!

We will continue to support Year 10 in College over the course of this year as we launch our 'Ace Your Exams' programme for them. As parents and carers, please do keep the dialogue open with your child about future plans and you are welcome to contact our independent Careers Advisor, Kate Allen: KAllen@latimer.org.uk if you would like further support.



Year 11 Future Destinations Evening: new for this year!

As a parent/carer, have you asked yourself what the difference is between a Degree and a High Level Apprenticeship? How do you know which your child should choose and how do they apply? Or maybe, what on earth will it cost me to send my child to university? And where do we even start to look?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then put the date of Thursday 31 January 2019 at 6pm in your diary now as we will be hosting a new evening this year which aims to answer all of these questions and more in advance of your child commencing Sixth Form studies, so that together you can plan more effectively for the next steps. More details to follow!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

We always love to celebrate students' achievements, therefore please do let us know about activities they may be involved in outside of College by emailing mail@latimer.org.uk

A Star Performance!

Congratulations to Kayleigh Jarvis who came 3rd for slow freestyle and 4th for fast freestyle, competing against 40 other children in her age. This is a fantastic achievement - well done!

Congratulations also to Ellie-Marie Booth, Abbie Major and Rianna Jeffs who have successfully achieved the role of Dance Ambassador. We were very impressed with all applicants who took part in the interviews - a very big well done!

Mathmagicians Shine Again!

Well done to our Sixth Form Students Alex Barton, Stuart Harding, Justin Johnson and Daniel Rogers who represented the College at the Senior Team Maths Challenge at Abbeyfield School in Northampton. They were a credit to us, participating with enthusiasm in the activities, engaging with all the problem solving and learning from each other in terms of techniques and tactics.

Sporting Success

The strength of our girls' hockey playing was once again on display at the recent district tournament where this time our Year 9 students stood out, proving us to be the strongest school in the competition. We were represented by two teams who won 5 out of their 6 games. Congratulations to: Lauren Holder (GK), Pippa Owen, Chloe Lee, Imarnie Begum-Buckley, Scarlett Maxwell-Munn, Emmie Dunn, Cerise Williams, Maria Brear (GK), Georgia Smith, Scarlett Cumming, Kim Turner, Skyler Bettles, Ellie Grainger and Zoe Smith.

Recognising our Success: Visit from the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

We were pleased to host a visit from Dr Martin Gaskell, Deputy Lieutenant of Northamptonshire this week. The visit was to celebrate Latimer's achievements and learn more about what we offer our students. During the visit, Dr Gaskell met some of our students and also enjoyed a tour of the College.

Dr Gaskell commended the calm and purposeful work of our students and the excellent support they receive from members of staff. We are understandably proud and delighted to be recognised in this way.

'Spotacular' was Spectacular!

Students were 'spotacular' in their support of Children in Need raising £1,666. Thank you for your support and well done to Castle House for organising a fantastic event.

Countdown to Christmas: Already!

With one month to go and the countdown to the festive season underway, there are a range of events to draw your attention to:



Christmas Lights: Our musicians will be performing at the Burton Latimer Christmas Lights Switch On, on Friday 30th November. Picks and Strings (the College's rock group) and Vocal Ensemble (our senior girls' harmony group) will be performing after the lights have been switched on (at around 7.50pm until 8.15pm). Come along and join in the festive fun.

Christmas Music Concert: Tickets are now on sale for our concert on Friday 14 December at 7.30pm - but you will need to be fast as they are selling out quickly! Tickets are available on 01536 414141, or in person from The Lighthouse Theatre (card or cash) or The Masque Theatre in the evenings (generally from 4.30pm onwards) or on 01536 737737. Ticket prices are Adults £5, Concessions £3.50. You can also book tickets via the [website](#).

Christmas Dinner: This will be served in College by Caterlink on Wednesday 19 December. Tickets can be collected from Monday 26 November to Wednesday 12 December. Please make sure your child puts their name down for a lunch if they would like one, in order to avoid disappointment. Money for the meal will be collected on the day.

Christmas Jumper Day: On the final day of term, Friday 21 December, students will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper. Students who wish to participate in this will still need to wear their school trousers or skirts but will not need to wear school shirts, ties or blazers. For those who do not wish to participate, normal uniform should be worn.

Also on the final day of term we will be taking students in Key Stage 3 to St Botolph's Church for a Christmas service with carols. Key Stage 4 students will attend a Christmas concert and we will also have an afternoon of Christmas themed activities within Houses and Forms.

And, as it is that time of year (already!)...Emergency Procedures: Snow!

We have been fortunate for a couple of years not to have experienced much extreme weather over the winter period. However, we cannot rest on our laurels and each year we plan early for potential significant snowfall. Whilst students would delight in having 'snow days', as parents and carers we know that you will support us in our aim to keep the College open as long as it is safe to do so.

We have included with this newsletter our **Snow Procedures**. At this point we wish to highlight that one of the strategies that we may adopt in order to keep the College open if there is prolonged and heavy snowfall, but to ensure that students are safe, may be to shorten lunchtimes and finish the College day slightly earlier. This will only be as a last resort and, should we be in the position of considering this, we will let you know.

We may also call for the support of the local community in clearing pathways should this be necessary!

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 4 December	Year 13 Mock Exams start (until Tuesday 11 December) Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 1 (Masque Theatre)
Friday 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 21 December	End of Term 2
Friday 4 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 7 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Friday 11 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Wednesday 16 January	Year 11 Student Progress Review Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 18 January	Year 13 Mock Results Day
Wednesday 23 January	Year 7 Dragons' Den Event Sixth Form Student Progress Review Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 30 January	Year 11 and 13 Photos
Monday 4 February – Friday 15 February	Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight
Tuesday 5 February	Year 8 Pathways Evening, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 12 February	College Dance Show
Friday 15 February	Year 12 Loughborough University Visit End of Term 3
Monday 25 February	College re-opens to students: start of Term 4 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>