

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an impressive start to the new academic year. Students have already been involved in a number of activities which you can read about in this edition, including our European Day of Languages event. They have also participated in several sporting fixtures, with particular success in Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form Boys' Football. Enrichment clubs have started and I would encourage you to ask your child what they have signed up for. It is our expectation that ALL students are involved in some enrichment during the week, and the variety of clubs on offer should cater for everyone.

Enrichment also forms a really important part of the package for our Sixth Formers at Latimer. Students have the opportunity to access a variety of opportunities such as participating in sport and fitness sessions, Duke of Edinburgh, cultural cooking classes and DIY skills. Students can also gain additional qualifications and have the option to study the EPQ (extended project qualification), TEFL (teaching English as a foreign language) and MOOCs (massive open online courses). The provision is exceptional and it is fantastic to see students so engaged in each activity. Additionally, Year 12 have started their 'contribution' hour, where they support within the main school, perhaps helping in a department that has supported them, reading with younger students or assisting in learning inside or outside of the classroom.

Mrs Kathryn Murphy

EARLY CLOSURE - THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023

Our Open Evening for Year 6 students will be held on **Thursday 5 October** from 5.30-8.00 pm.

Please note that on 5 October **the school will close to all students at 12.20 pm** so that final preparations can be made for the evening.

Cold food is available from 12:20 - 12:40pm.

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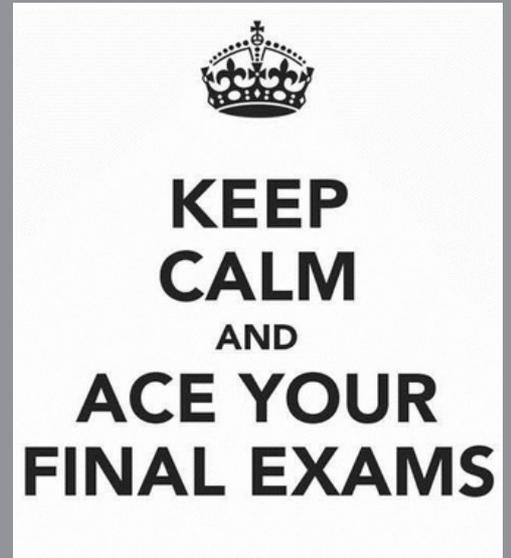
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Learning and Progress

A very big thank you to the parents of those students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who were able to join us for the Ace Your Exams evenings last week where we looked at the key milestones and how best to support students through this important year. A link to the resources shared, and much more on support, can be found on the [Curriculum](#) and [Sixth Form](#) pages on the website.

Can we please ask parents/carers to spend a couple of minutes completing the survey for the evening they attended. Click [here](#) for the Year 11 event or [here](#) for the Year 12 event. Some of the feedback received so far from the Year 11 parent/carer survey asked about entry requirements to Latimer. These vary based on the specific qualifications that students are applying to do. Full details will be available at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 8 November. More details about this event will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

Year 11: As part of the preparation for the year ahead students will be taking part in mock exams at the end of November – the key element is to ensure that students are preparing now for these exams. A full timetable will be available in October. Students need to take this opportunity to help them prepare for their real exams. Time will fly this year!



Examination Season in
125 school days

Mock Exams in
30 school days

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

We pride ourselves on the genuine care and support that we give to our students. Keeping them safe is our number one priority. Therefore, we have already delivered safeguarding assemblies to all year groups: students learned and were reminded about keeping safe, the risks that young people face in modern society, and the importance of being kind to, and supporting, one another.

Whilst we do all that we can to promote a harmonious community, based around our values of Honesty, Respect and Teamwork, we do appreciate that, sometimes, things can go wrong. Students have been reminded that adults are here to listen and help; they have been told who our Safeguarding Officers are and they have been signposted to our email address: reportaconcern@latimer.org.uk should they need to use it.

Careers



Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day Thursday 16 November

We are delighted that we will be able to offer our Year 8 students the opportunity to go to work with a parent/carer or a family friend in November for the day. Further details have been sent via e-mail and it would be great if you could start to consider where your child could work shadow for the day.

Unifrog - The Careers Platform

A reminder that all students can access careers information on Unifrog. Targeted tasks are set by school staff making students aware of a range of different opportunities. Unifrog will be launched with the Year 7s in the coming weeks. Parents can explore Unifrog for themselves by going to <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> then click on the Sign Up code option, add the code LASWparents.



Year 11 National School and College Leavers Event Tuesday 7 November

All Year 11 students will be attending this event at the NEC. It will showcase all opportunities including Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education, entry level roles, and general employment, offering visitors the chance to engage with England's top Employers, Colleges, Universities and Training Providers in a face-to-face, interactive environment. In addition, all Year 11 students have had a list of local college and sixth form open days/evenings added to their Unifrog account. Students should try to attend an open day/evening for all the options they are considering.

Interested in studying at The University of Hull?

The University has a flagship programme "the Chancellor's Scholarship" which rewards 10 students with high academic achievement and potential with a scholarship covering the full cost of their undergraduate tuition.

New for 2024/25 entry, it is set to run for three years and has been launched following the appointment of the Right Honourable Alan Johnson as the new Chancellor.

The merit-based programme encourages those with the potential to be excellent undergraduate students in and out of the classroom to study at Hull, with 10 full-fee scholarships available per year to UK students across all subject areas.

You can find out more here: [Chancellor's Scholarship | University of Hull](#)

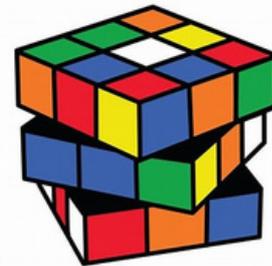
South East Midlands Careers Hub (SEMCH)

Please click on this [link](#) for the latest SEMCH careers newsletter.

Enrichment

Clubs and Activities Galore!

Over the past three weeks our enrichment programme has come back with a bang for this new academic year! We are proud of the eclectic mix of clubs on offer to students every day of the week. Some of our newest additions for this year include: Comic Club (Mon lunch), Strictly Cha Cha Chat (Tues afterschool), Cheerleading Club (Weds lunch), Minecraft Club (Thurs afterschool) and even Rock Group Training (Fri lunch) for any wannabe rock stars!



Please visit the [enrichment](#) area of our website for more information about what is on offer. Student attendance at any enrichment club also adds to the house point totals at the end of each term!

Celebrating Sporting Success

The Latimer sports teams are up and running for the new year with superb participation rates at our enrichment clubs. The Sixth Form Boys' Football team lead the way with 2 wins from 2 in emphatic fashion, with 6-0 and 5-1 scorelines. The Year 10 Boys' Football team is still on course to potentially win their league following a 5-1 victory over Montsaye last week and the Year 8 Girls' Dodgeball were victorious in the district dodgeball tournament earlier this week and qualify for the next round.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Boys' Football teams kick off their County Cup first round games in the upcoming weeks and Year 7/8 Girls Football team have also been training hard prior to starting their journey in the County Cup.

Our rugby teams also start their season next week with the Year 10/11 Boys' Rugby 7's being the first event to get us underway and the Girls' Rugby teams start their campaigns with excitement too.

There has also been a positive start for Girls' Netball, with the Year 9 and 10 netball teams working well as team to produce some excellent performances in the two Kettering tournaments. The Year 11 and 12 netball teams competed against local schools in a friendly on Tuesday demonstrating the school's values of **Teamwork** in abundance. The Year 7 and 8 football teams have made a great start to the season, winning two games and drawing one. The U16 girls start their County Cup competition on Monday against Lodge park.

With so many enrichment clubs to be involved in and schools teams to represent, sport at Latimer continues to play such a valuable role in students journey here.

Enrichment Activities Consent Form

A **reminder** that in order for students to take part in enrichment activities, including clubs and fixtures taking place outside of the normal school day, we require parents and carers to complete a Consent Form. Without a completed consent form, students will not be permitted to take part. You can scan the QR code to access the consent form - it really is quick and simple to do.



Enrichment

European Day of Languages

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our European Day of Languages 2023 celebration! We were very proud of our talented bilingual and multilingual students and staff who hosted captivating mini language workshops. The library was packed, with participants diving into workshops featuring various languages like Polish, Ukrainian, Mandarin, and Afrikaans. It was heart-warming to see students eager to learn the basics of new languages, reflecting their enthusiasm for embracing linguistic diversity.

We are immensely proud of our students and staff for sharing their linguistic talents and celebrating diverse cultures, and are already looking forward to the next European Day of Languages!

Sixth Form Bunny Chow Cultural Cooking

Our Sixth Form are really getting to grips with their chosen enrichment activities this term.

Many have already started their Online Learning Courses, Health and Fitness, EPQ or DIY projects and we had our first Cultural Cooking Session this week too, where our students filled the food room with the wonderful aroma of “Bunny Chow”, a South African Street Food. Our Literacy Leaders are gearing up to work with the younger year groups with their reading skills and the creative writers start their project next week.



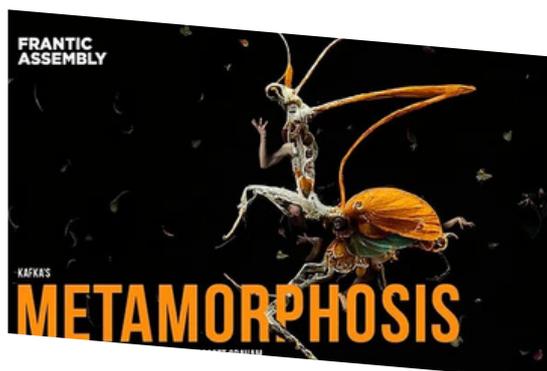
On another note.....



A big shout out to our Year 12 and 13 female mathematicians who spent three solid hours competing in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls on Wednesday afternoon. They all worked so hard, well done, what an achievement.

Metamorphosis

For the first time since the pandemic our GCSE drama students have been able to go and see a live theatre production. And what a production it was! Frantic Assembly performed at the Curve Theatre in Leicester, bringing to life a modern adaptation of Franz Kafka's 'Metamorphosis'. The lighting, set and sound was phenomenal, outshone only by the outstanding skills of the performers and impeccable conduct of the Latimer drama students.



Despite the challenging nature of the plot and content, the students who attended were amazing. Some had never been to the theatre before yet their appreciation for the art and their fantastic manner was a credit to the school. There were many other schools present and (we're not being biased when we say so) the demeanour and maturity of the Latimer GCSE drama class was incredible by comparison. A successful and enjoyable trip for all involved; we hope to run more trips to the theatre in the near future.

Team Building Fun

On Tuesday 12 September we hosted The Problem Solving Company who challenged our new Year 7 students through fun and engaging tasks to build their teamwork, resilience and initiative skills. We had great feedback from the Year 7s who felt the event helped them get to know their form group better and developed their teamwork. Students had a brilliant day and our triumphant tutor group 7T1 scored a whopping 449 points. Keep up those Big Dreams 7T1!



Dates for your diary

Monday 2 October	Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 5 October	Year 6 Open Evening, 5.30pm
Friday 20 October	End of Term 1
Monday 30 October	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students (This will be Week 2 on the timetable)
Tuesday 31 October	Parent Forum, 6pm
Tuesday 7 November	Year 11 National School and College Leavers Festival, NEC
Wednesday 8 November	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30pm
Friday 10 November	Year 12 Future Event, UoN
Tuesday 14 November	Years 7/11/12/13 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening, 4.30-7.45pm
Wednesday 15 November	Years 8/9/10 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening, 4.30-7.45pm
Thursday 16 November	Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day
Monday 20 November	Years 11 and 13 Mock Exam Season 2 (ends Friday 30 November)
Friday 1 December	Training Day - closed to students



More dates are available on our website

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