



## Unlocking Potential – Inspiring Excellence



Latimer Latest Updates: 16 December 2022



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It is with some disbelief that we are approaching the end of not only Term 2 but also the calendar year! Where did 2022 go?

As we reflect on the year, we are so delighted that our students have continued to achieve outcomes that are significantly above the national average. With qualifications being the passport to the next stage of their life's journey, we are proud that we have been able to play a part in opening doors for our students.

We also passionately believe that success at school is not just about exam results, but also about the wider experiences that we can offer your children. Therefore, it is also with immense pride that we have seen such a positive impact of the re-launch of our House system and the enrichment opportunities that your children can now take part in. We hope that they have enjoyed them and we look forward to more activities and more student participation in 2023.

Thank you for all of your support over both this calendar and academic year. We do hope that you all enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas – I think that we all deserve this!

Siobhan Hearne  
Principal

### Term 3 Arrangements

A reminder that the College will close on Friday 16 December at 3.00pm.  
The College re-opens to students on Wednesday 4 January.  
This will be Week 1 on the timetable.

## Learning and Progress

### Ready to Learn: Ready to Succeed!

Parents and carers can really help us to have a smooth start to the new term by ensuring that your child is truly ready to learn and:

- Arrives on time and is on the College site before 8.25am. Leaving enough time to take traffic conditions into account would be very helpful.
- Follow all uniform rules, with jewellery and nail varnish removed.
- Wears a coat but leaves anything that resembles a sports top or hoodie at home, as these are not permitted and will be confiscated. Financial support can be provided for some families if necessary. Please contact us: [mail@latimer.org.uk](mailto:mail@latimer.org.uk)
- Absolutely does not bring chewing gum into College.



### Year 11 and 13 Ace Your Exams

As we look forward to 2023, students in Year 11 will be entering their exam year! Ofqual have recently confirmed that other than providing a formulae sheet in the exams for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet in the exams for GCSE physics and combined science exams, there will be no other amendments for students this year.

Further to the recent mock exams, students in Year 11 will receive their results in a mock result session on Friday 6 January 2023. Reports will then be sent out ready to support the Year 11 SPRE on Wednesday 11 January. Details on how to sign up for the virtual appointments will be sent to parents and carers shortly.

Year 13 students will receive their results in each subject from their class teachers. There will be an opportunity to discuss their progress and priority areas for improvement at the forthcoming Sixth Form SPRE on Tuesday 24 January.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)

As a College, we are committed to supporting our students to grow as people through a strong Personal Development Programme (PDP) centred around PSHE and RSE. Our programme has been specifically designed to meet the statutory requirements, in compliance with the PSHE Association framework, with age appropriate learning.

Our aim is to communicate to parents and carers the topics that each year group will study for any given term so that you can explore these with your child. Please see below the topics for Term 3:

| Core Theme | Staying Safe Online and Offline | Staying Safe Online and Offline      | Life Beyond School    | Staying Safe Online and Offline    | Health and Well-being                   |
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| Topic Area | Staying Safe Online and Offline | Dangerous Society Online and Offline | Essential Life Skills | Violence, Crime and Seeking Safety | Adult Health and Looking after yourself |

### Safeguarding and Well-Being

#### Department for Education for Well-Being Research Project

At the start of the academic year, the College was selected to take part in an 18-month Department for Education Well-being research project, which is England's largest research project. The research project, which selected Year 7 and 8 students will participate in, is supported by the Anna Freud Centre and The University for Manchester. The project aims to find out whether certain types of well-being and mental health focussed lessons improves students' mental health and well-being. We are enthusiastic about taking part in such important research which will impact on many young people in the future.

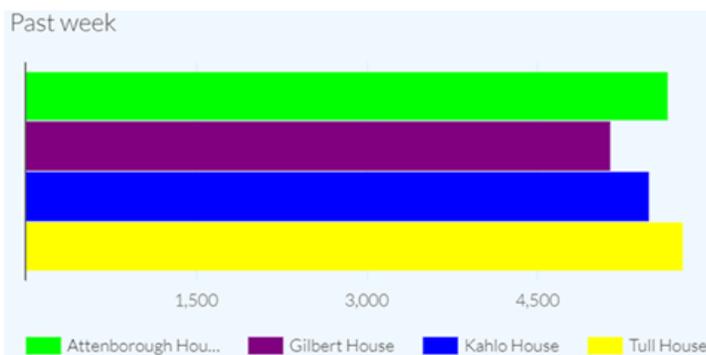
### Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

#### House Competitions: Who will be crowned the winners?

After the success of our mid-term Geography competition which saw **Attenborough** swoop in and take the win, we have two competitions during the last week of term that will contribute to which house is awarded the 'House of the Term' trophy.

The current standings are: 1<sup>st</sup> Tull 2<sup>nd</sup> Attenborough 3<sup>rd</sup> Kahlo 4<sup>th</sup> Gilbert - but all of this could change by the end of term.

Each tutor group has been getting crafty in our **'Deck the Doors'** competition which has a World Cup twist! Students have been learning about Christmas traditions in different countries and decorating their form room door to show what they have learnt. We will also be holding a 'Christmas Quiz' during Personal Development Time on the final day of term; we ho-ho-hope the students enjoy it!



## Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to applaud all of those who took part in our Christmas Spectacular!

The audience at our Christmas Music Concert were treated to a range of musical styles, from 'Eye of the Tiger' played by Picks 'n' Strings to a rousing rendition of 'Carol of the Bells' by Vocal Ensemble. Students from Years 7 – 13 were excited to showcase what they had been practising in their music clubs this term. What really stood out was both the growth in confidence of our performers and the leadership from our students which contributed to so many aspects of the production.

***Do you wish your child had taken part?*** Please visit our website over the Christmas break for an [up-to-date list of clubs for Term 3](#). We are proud of how much our extra-curricular provision has grown since the pandemic and the breadth of opportunities open to students outside of their academic studies. Please do encourage your child to participate. If you or your child has an idea for a club they would love to set up and be a part of, please email Miss Milson: [jmilson@latimer.org.uk](mailto:jmilson@latimer.org.uk)

## Leading the Way in MFL

Our Year 9 Language Leaders have been working incredibly hard! After a highly successful Open Evening for Year 6 and their parents and carers, leaders embarked on their next journey – planning a 15-minute engaging activity to deliver to the Year 6 students at Barton Seagrave Primary School. Every Wednesday lunchtime, leaders met up in their groups to plan, create and rehearse their activities. We have had some amazing ideas: Blankety Blank, The Chase, and even an 'I'm a Celebrity' inspired bush tucker trial.

Leaders then went to Barton Seagrave Primary School and spent the afternoon delivering the activities to Year 6 through a 15-minute rota, 5 times!

The afternoon was extremely successful, both Year 6 and Year 9 really enjoyed themselves. We cannot wait to see what the Language Leaders will do next!

*Ted Coles, 9G5*



We are delighted that so many students have continued to engage in reading for pleasure over the course of this term. Well done to Tabitha Duck, Ruby Milson and Lucy Perry for reading over 1 million words in Accelerated Reader! We also congratulate a new multi-millionaire, in David Rodrigues, who has exceeded the milestone of 2 million words!

## Values in Action: Showing our 'Respect'

We were proud to receive a letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion following our donation to the Poppy Appeal this year as a part of our commemoration of Remembrance Day.

It was inspiring to see our students display our value of 'Respect' as they engaged with the meanings behind Remembrance Day both in and outside of school: during our weekly assembly, students listened attentively as they learned about the history of Remembrance and its relevance in the modern day; the poppy was a common sight on uniforms around the school; and students observed a respectful two minutes silence followed by a moving performance of the 'last post' by two of our Latimer music students.

## Flying the Flag – In the Antarctic!

It is with huge excitement that we are able to congratulate Lily Harris and Lilly-Jade Lowe who recently took part in the @UKPolarNetwork Antarctic Flag Competition. As part of their Year 7 study on biomes in Geography, the students designed flags that have now arrived at the Rothera Research Station!



## Other News

### Exam Certificates Ready for Collection from Monday 9 January 2023

All that hard work and commitment really was worth it! If you have a child who received results in August 2022, they will be able to see, officially in print, the examination success that they achieved as their exam certificates will be ready for collection. For those who have moved from the College they can collect their certificates from Visitors' Reception – please call and give us 24 hours' notice so we can have them ready for collection.

Please note that we cannot issue certificates to parents and carers who may want to collect them without written permission from their child. This can be in the form of an email sent to: [exams@latimer.org.uk](mailto:exams@latimer.org.uk)

### Snow Protocols: Welcome to Remote Learning!

We are now in the time of year where some of us might look forward to a little bit of snow on or close to 25 December! In many respects, the pausing of education because of 'snow days' should now be a thing of the past, given that we have become accustomed to Remote Learning.

We need to be prepared with arrangements, just in case there was to be a bout of severe weather which could hinder the safe opening and operation of the school. In the event of a closure, we would revert to teaching on TEAMS and details would be published on our [Remote Education](#) website page.

### Foodbanks and Hot Meal Providers in Northamptonshire at Christmas

CIRV (Community Initiative to Reduce Violence) has produced a leaflet which gives information about where to find foodbanks and hot meal providers across Northamptonshire during the Christmas period. Please find the leaflet attached with this newsletter.

### Come and Join Team Latimer!

There are so many benefits to working in a school – the pride that you feel in playing a part in supporting young people on their educational journey is indescribable! And so many of our staff have children at the College.

We welcome applications from parents and carers to join our non-teaching team. Please visit our [Vacancies](#) page to see what opportunities there currently are.

### 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.

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| Friday 16 December   | Term Ends  |
| Tuesday 3 January    | Training Day – College closed to students  |
| Wednesday 4 January  | Start of Term 3: College re-opens to students<br><i>(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)</i> |
| Friday 6 January     | Year 11 Mock Exam Result Session   |
| Wednesday 11 January | Year 11 SPRE, 4.30-7.45 pm   |
| Wednesday 18 January | Year 7 Dragons' Den Activity   |
| Tuesday 24 January   | Sixth Form SPRE, 4.30-7.45 pm  |
| Tuesday 31 January   | Parent Forum, 6.00pm   |
| Thursday 2 February  | College Dance Show, 7.00pm   |
| Friday 10 February   | Term Ends  |

***Please note that in order to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, there will be an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023. The College will therefore be closed on this day.***