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Latimer Latest Updates: 25 November 2022

We now have the following social media accounts and we would be delighted if you could follow us to catch up with our latest news as it happens



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[@latimerartsofficial](https://www.instagram.com/latimerartsofficial)

Training Day: Friday 2 December 2022

A reminder that the College will be closed to students on Friday 2 December, for the published Training Day.

Learning and Progress

Year 11 and 13 Ace Your Exams: Preparing for Success

Mock and Summer Exams 2022: With Year 11 and Year 13 undertaking their mock examinations, please can we remind parents and carers that students need to arrive on time and have all the necessary equipment. This will include a black pen, a calculator, ruler, protractor and compass.

We cannot stress enough how being well-equipped helps to set the right tone for the start of an examination. It is one thing that students can be in control of in order to reduce their exam pressure.

Should you need any financial support with providing equipment please do contact mail@latimer.org.uk and we will be happy to help where we can.

Sixth Form Admissions September 2023

A reminder that applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2023 close on Wednesday 30 November. Please visit our [Sixth Form Curriculum and Admissions](#) website page for more information. Alternatively, please contact Miss Magee, Sixth Form Centre Manager: smagee@latimer.org.uk, who will be happy to help.

Improving Progress: Personal Learning Checklists (PLCs)

We encourage parents and carers of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to look out for blue PLC sheets in their child's exercise books. These will give you an indication of the progress that your child has made in topics in individual subjects since September and what their priority areas for improvement are moving forwards. This year, these will also be viewable via the School Gateway.

Should you wish to see what your child will be studying in each subject for each term, please visit the [Curriculum](#) pages on our website. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

SEND Local Offer

We would like to remind parents of the SEND The Local Offer.

The Local Offer brings together information for people from birth to 25 years old who have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) in one place. There is support for parents and carers of children with SEND within the local area and information on a variety of agencies that can offer support.

Please visit: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer>

Safeguarding and Well-Being

Polwell Lane: Request to Support Traffic Calming Measures

Following a recent accident on Polwell Lane, Barton Seagrave, there is a local campaign for the introduction of new traffic calming measures. If you would like to sign the online petition, please follow this link <https://www.change.org/PolwellLane>

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations



Year 7 Dragons' Den: Careers and Enterprise Event

We are looking forward to our Year 7 Dragons' Den event, which will take place on Wednesday 18 January 2023!

This will be a fun and engaging all-day event, which will help students develop their team building and entrepreneurial skills. Students will work in groups with each group being supported by a local business who will share their expertise with the students.

We are always grateful for parents/carers who are able to volunteer to enrich our Careers Programme – please contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk if you would be interested in supporting or have links to a business that would be interested.

Calling All Year 8 Parents and Carers: Get Set for 'Take Your Child to Work Day' March 2023!

We are delighted that we will be able to offer our Year 8 students the opportunity to go to work with parent/carers or a family friend in March. This is a really exciting opportunity that we had to put on hold during the pandemic and we are so pleased that it will be coming back! Further details will follow, but it would be great if you could start to consider if this is something that you may be able to support.

Sixth Form Raising Aspirations Programme Update

This year, we are determined to return to exposing our students to as many opportunities to extend their knowledge beyond the classroom as we can.



We would like to pass on a huge thank you to James Gowers, Regional Student Recruitment Specialist from Coventry University, who visited us recently and met individually with a number of our Year 13 University applicants to offer support and guidance with their Personal Statements.

Our Year 12 students have also taken part in: a fantastic motivational talk by multi award winning international speaker and Amazon No.1 author David Hyner; a workshop delivered by guest speaker Joe Murphy from Northampton University on 'Why Higher Education'; and a presentation from Mitesh Chotai from the Sutton–Trust about their outreach programmes.

And over the next two weeks we look forward to welcoming: Kate Godber, Partner at Tollers Solicitors, who will be presenting an industry insight and will talk about the importance of Networking and Work Experience.

In addition, Honey Fafowora, Policy Analyst in the International Directorate at the Bank of England, will be talking about the functions of the Bank of England, the range of roles available, and her personal career journey to date.

Aspire Higher



Students from Year 9 and 10 visited London last Saturday as part of the Talking and Writing Saturday Club, organised and fully funded by Aspire Higher at the University of Northampton.

Carys Toms, Princess Bowes-Arnold, William Abrams and Jacob Jarvis were part of a group representing all the Saturday Clubs. They visited Central Saint Martins College where they viewed the Art Saturday Club's portrait exhibit. They then heard from inspirational guest speaker, Sim Scavazza, who spoke about her career journey from a Humanities degree via 25 years in the fashion industry to working at the University of Arts London and working as a director for the NHS.



Careers Quiz Winners

Every month, all students have the opportunity to enter a careers quiz and win a prize. This month, the lucky students were Alfie Brown and Jasmine McMillan (Year 7).

Please do encourage your child to come to the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) on a Wednesday lunchtime and have a go!

It is also a good opportunity to meet and have a chat to our Careers Team



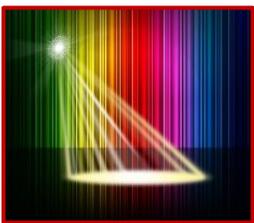
Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Children in Need: Thank You!

Given that we recognise that we are living in challenging times, we were overwhelmed with the support that our community has shown for Children in Need and Souster Youth. As a team, we are delighted to let you know that our non-uniform day raised £1,078. We really did show what a big HEART we have!



Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. All of the extra-curricular activities on offer can be viewed [here](#). This week we would like to introduce you to Book Club.

Every Tuesday after school from 3:15 to 4:00pm we run a reading club for Years 7-9 which provides students with a safe and creative space to read, share and analyse the books that the club is reading. It is a great way for the students to come together and display their passion for reading. When asked what their favourite part about Book Club was, they said that it is "a place where they can openly discuss their favourite books", they learn to have "an appreciation for books they may not normally read" and it's a "great way to make friends". Our first book has been *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman.

Reading for pleasure is proven to have a huge impact on future exam success (and not just in English exams!). We encourage all Years 7-9 students to come along and join us in building their reading skills!

P.S. We also have hot chocolate and share sweets!

Written by Mr Hayo – Teacher of English



We are really excited to re-introduce our new and improved Student Council and we would like to thank all those students who applied to become a Student Council Representative - the calibre of applications was excellent. A huge congratulations goes out to those students who were successful in being appointed as part of Latimer Student Council. The first meetings in Personal Development Time have commenced this week, with a second round of meetings to follow in Week 5 with House Leaders.

Other News

Countdown to Christmas

It is with disbelief that we are entering the final few weeks of the calendar year and that Christmas will soon be upon us. Whilst for us all Christmas is likely to be very different this year, it is important that we do take some time to focus on the positives. With this in mind:

Christmas Music Concert: Hosted on Thursday 8 December, this really is an event to lift the spirits and details of ticketing will be published shortly.

12 Days of Christmas Menu: Please see the special menu that abm Catering Solutions will be providing from Wednesday 30 November through to Friday 16 December that has been adapted to include some Christmas fayre



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.

Friday 2 December	Training Day – College closed to students
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.00pm
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 (This will be Week 1 on the timetable)
Thursday 5 January	Year 11 Mock Exam Result Session
Wednesday 11 January	Year 11 SPRE
Wednesday 18 January	Year 7 Dragons' Den Activity
Tuesday 24 January	Sixth Form SPRE
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.