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### Pride of Latimer Awards 2023

The excitement is building up! We cannot wait to host our Pride of Latimer Awards after a three-year pause! Staff are in the process of nominating students in our different awards categories, all of which embody 'Life at Latimer'

Invitations for the awards winners to attend this 'Oscar' style evening will go out in Term 6, when we will also publish the details of the event, which will take place in July.

## Learning and Progress

### The examination countdown clock has reached zero...

As we knew would happen, all too quickly we have now arrived at the start of the examination season! Many practical exams have taken place and written examinations start on Monday 15 May. To prepare students for this we have:

- Provided study support material and revision guides
- Issued an Alternative Timetable for Year 11, information for which is [available on our website](#)
- Provided well-being breakfasts this week where additional advice and support has been provided

Now down to them!

We understand that this can be a stressful time and so we are here to help if you need us. Further advice and guidance can also be found at [Young Minds](#).

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

- Providing positive and encouraging support over the coming weeks.
- Ensuring that they attend all of the revision sessions: 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 these.
- Making sure they are dressed in full College uniform / according to the Sixth Form dress code.
- Making sure that they bring water to drink in a **clear** plastic bottle.
- Making sure they have all the correct equipment. **A plea to please make sure that your child has a calculator for the relevant exams and a compass and protractor for Maths exams! They are putting themselves at a disadvantage should they not have this equipment.**

**Please remember that students are not allowed any potential technological or web enabled devices, such as mobile phones or smart watches 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. Any breaches of this will be reported to the relevant exam board and it is inevitable that disqualification will be a consequence.

## Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12

We are in the process of finalising the timetables for Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams, which will take place in mid-June. Full details will come out shortly to parents and carers and students will be given a timetable. However, they do not need to wait for the timetable to start revision and should be speaking to staff about the best way to do this now.

## Year 9 Virtual Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We invite parents and carers of students in Year 9 to book appointments for our virtual SPRE on **Wednesday 17 May** from **4.30pm**. This will provide a great opportunity for subject teachers to offer personalised feedback on your child's progress over this academic year. We look forward to speaking with you on this evening.

## 'Moving Up': Welcoming you to the Latimer Family

Establishing strong working partnerships is very important to us and so we really look forward to meeting the parents and carers of our new Year 7 students at our Moving Up Evenings on **Tuesday 13** or **Wednesday 14 June**. More details will be published shortly – but please save the dates.

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

### Staying Safe Online: Keep the Conversations Going!

With many students spending more time on the internet, there has been an increase in concerns about online safety. It is important for parents and carers to be aware of the potential dangers that can arise from the use of online platforms and to take necessary steps to protect your children.

To support parents and carers in this area, we recommend the following online resources:

[NSPCC](#): The NSPCC website provides guidance on online safety, including information on social media platforms, online gaming, and online grooming.

[Childnet International](#): Childnet International offers a range of resources for parents, including advice on how to set up parental controls, information on popular social media sites, and guidance on how to talk to your child about online safety.

[Internet Matters](#): Internet Matters provides resources and advice to help parents keep their children safe online, including information on parental controls, privacy settings, and cyberbullying.

We encourage you to take advantage of these resources and to keep an on-going dialogue with your child about their safety.

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### Careers: Help Your Child to Get Ahead and Know the Local Labour Market

As students start considering their future careers, it's important to be aware of the current labour market trends in Kettering and Northamptonshire. Knowing what jobs are in demand and what skills are needed can help your child make informed decisions about their education and training.

In recent years, the labour market in Kettering and Northamptonshire has been characterised by a growing demand for skilled workers in various sectors. Some of the industries that are particularly thriving include:

- **Manufacturing**: Kettering and Northamptonshire are home to several major manufacturing companies, such as Weetabix and Carlsberg. There is a high demand for skilled workers in this sector, especially in areas such as engineering, production management, and quality control.

- **Healthcare:** The healthcare sector is another area that is experiencing growth in the region. With an aging population and increasing demand for healthcare services, there is a need for skilled professionals in fields such as nursing, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy. Students can apply for additional grants if studying Allied Health Care Courses at University.
- **Information Technology:** The digital revolution has led to an increased demand for IT professionals across all industries. Kettering and Northamptonshire have a growing tech sector, with a particular focus on cybersecurity and software development.

To prepare for these and other in-demand jobs, it is important for your child to develop a range of skills, including problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication. Additionally, they should consider pursuing higher education or vocational training in fields related to their interests and career goals.

There are several resources available to help your child explore career options and plan their educational pathways. The [National Careers Service](https://www.nacareerservice.org/) provides free information and advice on careers, skills, and training, and can be accessed online. We also offer careers guidance and support at the College. If you require further information please e-mail [Careers@Latimer.org.uk](mailto:Careers@Latimer.org.uk)

By staying informed about current labour market trends and encouraging your child to develop the skills and education needed for in-demand jobs, you can help set them up for success in their future careers.

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Our millionaire club continues to grow! Well done to Alexis Cuthbert and Samuel Wright for reaching the 1 million words read in Accelerated Reader!

We now have 21 millionaire readers. However, this is not an exclusive club – we want all Year 7 and 8 students to be members and so we ask that you encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes each day. Not only will they have fun, they will also be increasing their knowledge, understanding and vocabulary. The future rewards will be endless!

## Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to celebrate our student participation in ***'The Royal British Bake Off Competition'***

A huge thank you to all of those who took part. We really did have a tough decision as to who would be our 'Star Bakers'. There were so many beautiful entries that looked simply delicious, from cupcakes to fruit cakes, intricately decorated Victoria sponges, biscuits, pavlovas, mille feuille, chocolate crowns and savoury chicken pies. We hope your families enjoyed tasting your bakes; they certainly looked 'fit for a King'!

Congratulations to the following House 'Star Bakers':

Attenborough: Oliver Smith  
 Gilbert: Holly Greasley  
 Kahlo: Ruby Harvey  
 Tull: Jess Chandler

The House results were as follows:

Joint 1<sup>st</sup>: Gilbert and Tull  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Attenborough  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kahlo



## Celebrating Our Sporting Participation

We would like to say a big thank you to our Sports Captains Abina Gama, Zach Skeggs and Luke Speight for officiating at the recent Kettering Primary Schools basketball event. They were a credit to the College and superb role models for the Year 5 and 6 students.

It has been quite a journey and we offer our congratulations to our Year 11 Boys' Football team who were eventual runners up in the County Cup. In a superb effort, they narrowly missed out on victory in a 3-2 loss. We are really proud of their team efforts throughout the competition.

Our Girls' Senior Rounders team are also to be congratulated for coming runners-up in the district tournament.

Our Year 9/10 Boys' Cricket team have made a great start to the season by beating Kettering Science Academy (KSA) in their opening Fred Trueman County Cup cricket game. And not to be outdone, our Year 7/8 Boys' Cricket team also won against KSA!

## Other News

### Uniform Reset

Most students are arriving to school smart and ready to learn. Please note we will not be issuing uniform passes moving forwards, instead we will be lending uniform to students for the day. Financial support is available for uniform, please contact us if you would like some financial assistance with purchasing uniform.

## 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 15 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Wednesday 17 May	Year 9 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Friday 26 May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 June	Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)</i>
Tuesday 13 June	Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 23 June) - TBC Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Wednesday 21 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
Friday 23 June	Year 11 and 13 Celebration Events
Monday 26 June	Sixth Form Induction (ends Friday 30 June)
Wednesday 28 June	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip
Thursday 29 June	Summer Music Concert
Friday 30 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 3 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 4 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (ends Wednesday 5 July)
Thursday 6 July	Year 8 Coast Trip: Hunstanton
Thursday 13 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (ends Friday 14 July)
Monday 17 July	Year 12 Work Experience (ends Friday 28 July)
Friday 21 July	End of Term 6