

LATIMER NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Year 11 and 13 who have conducted themselves well during their exams. We are hopeful for some amazing results that will allow them to progress to the next stages in their educational or employment journeys.



On Friday we held the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and both Year 11 and Year 13 enjoyed celebrating the end of their exams at their Proms, which this year took place at the Holiday Inn in Corby. The Leavers' Assembly was a mix of reflection, laughter (not at Mr Walmsley's jokes) and optimism for the bright futures they have ahead of them.



Good Luck class of 2025, remember once Latimer, always Latimer. Stay true to our values and show HEART in all you do.

School Improvements

There will be several projects happening during the summer holidays to improve the experience for students in September, most notably the extension to our canteen which will enable more students to sit and eat inside during the winter months in particular.

We are also building a new bike shed near the Science block so that students do not have too far to walk from the front gate. Should a student wish to cycle to school, their bike must be roadworthy and a lock should be provided. We strongly encourage students to wear a cycle helmet. The site itself is a no cycle zone and students must dismount at the gate and walk their bikes to the closest bike shed. Those not following these rules will not be permitted to cycle to Latimer.



We would ask that you please sign up to Easyfundraising: this will allow us to raise money from companies involved.

Click on the [link](#) or use the QR code, then enable pop ups so that you are automatically asked if you wish for the donation when you shop with the companies that are signed up – then you can shop as normal knowing that you are helping raise funds for Latimer. £187 has been raised so far.



Pride of Latimer - Sponsorship

Do you work for a company that might sponsor an award at our annual Pride of Latimer Awards ceremony? If you think this is something that your company would consider, please contact Miss Gallon, Assistant Principal, at kgallon@latimer.org.uk.

And finally...

Students in Year 9 will be taking part in the cook-along with Jamie Oliver for a Guinness world record attempt – more details [here](#).

Mrs K Murphy - Principal

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding: Online Safety vs Wellbeing

You may have read that the Government is actively considering placing restrictions on the time that young people spend on social media ([Social media time limits for children considered by government - BBC News](#)). This follows earlier measures that the previous Government introduced and are going through parliament right now ([Online Safety Bill: Crackdown on harmful social media content agreed - BBC News](#)) to tighten up on social media apps.

Here at Latimer we are also reviewing this with some further changes planned to our mobile phone policy in readiness for September. More to follow in a letter which will come out in July.

I spend much of my time talking to students about staying safe online (not talking to strangers, not giving out passwords, not accessing websites they shouldn't be etc), but how much do we speak to students and young people about online wellbeing. What is a healthy amount of time to be on their phones?

The NSPCC have some useful pointers here: [Positively online: top tips for online wellbeing | NSPCC](#)

We are moving to a point where school may be the only time that young people are stopped from accessing their phones. These 6.5 hours in a day might be the only time students accept restrictions on using their phone. I wouldn't want to lecture parents about how to manage phone use at home but if I were asked for my advice, it would be to encourage play and being outside where possible. To promote dialogue and dare I say good old fashioned (bad) habits e.g TV and cinema! Even playing Fortnite on the X Box is arguably less harmful than scrolling through potentially inappropriate Tiktoks! ([Is gaming good for kids? - BBC Bitesize](#))

To summarise, as we approach the summer holidays, I would urge young people to get off their phones and get outside. I worked out recently the only place where you can guarantee that your child won't use their phone is in a swimming pool! 6 weeks of swimming every day might be difficult to achieve, but trying to find ways of promoting activities that avoid phone use will of course help their own mental health and wellbeing!

Parent Focus Group Needed for Mental Health Support

Are you willing to take part in a parent focus group for the local mental health support team (MSHT)?

The MSHT would like a sample group from Latimer Arts College to input with views on ways we can support young people better. If you are interested, please can you complete this [form](#).

Mr S King - Safeguarding Lead

HOUSE NEWS

Attenborough



Term 6 in Attenborough House is seeing a real focus on teamwork and students working together in order to be successful. This has often been a strength within the house, with last year's Community Games Day triumph a shining example of this (with plans to retain the shield well under way). In order to promote this, the Attenborough League Table is pitting forms against each other to be the very best in the house, encouraging all students to work towards this. The early running saw 7A2 hit the front thanks to a double points week for positive points, but there is plenty of time for other forms to overtake in the coming weeks.

Gilbert



The final term has arrived beneath a purple haze, a fitting atmosphere as we head into a season of competition, celebration, and farewell. With the House Points Cup in sight, momentum is building. The Gilbertarians have already held their first house assembly, setting the tone for what promises to be a purposeful and spirited term. The student house leaders have taken up the mantle with energy, moving through classes to rally their peers—encouraging participation in the upcoming competitions and reminding all to serve the purple tie with pride. The general knowledge quizzes in the library arena have already begun to test minds and strengthen house spirit. And yet, there's still much to anticipate. Values Week will soon be upon us, followed by the ever-popular Community Games Day and the Pride of Latimer celebrations. Alongside these high points, we will say farewell to our Year 11 Gilbert students, who will mark their departure with a Leavers' Assembly on 20th June—a moment of recognition.

Kahlo



As we enter into the final term of the school year, Kahlo house continues to demonstrate why they receive so much praise around the school. I have been extremely impressed by how many of our students have taken the step to try something new and attend one of over 100 enrichment clubs on offer at school. Our inter-form competition continues on attendance, behaviour, positive points and enrichment, with 7K1 claiming the Form of the Term award for Term 5 – will they manage to take the Form of the Year award or will one of our other Kahlo forms claim the prize? We have had a renewed focus on attendance, particularly with Community Games Day looming on 21st July – a day Kahlo House needs to be out in force to stand a chance at taking home the house trophy for this year. Finally, I want to thank all the Kahlo students who shared something they had accomplished with me last term, there were so many examples of success both in and out of school. Please keep this up and get the recognition and praise for all the effort you have been putting in!

Tull



Tull are continuing to have a great year with continued successes last term in house competitions and engagement in enrichment activities. We are in the last stretch now to try and win the house cup for a third year in a row. It will be close with Kahlo but I know that students are all motivated to work well as a team and do all that they can to help Tull in their pursuit of victory. Special thanks to our house leaders for their continued support of the house and to all students who have volunteered to take part in the house competitions. We are looking forward to the Community Games Day which will be a great chance for all to help the house and earn valuable house points. Here's to a great last term of 2025.

HOUSE NEWS

Enrichment

Our weekly house quizzes have continued in recent weeks, with students competing in a variety of topics which most recently have included UK Geography and Disney. Term 5 saw a tie in first place between Attenborough and Tull, with the early running in Term 6 seeing Attenborough narrowly leading Tull - plenty of work for Gilbert to pick up the pace.

CONGRATULATIONS

We recently rewarded four outstanding students for their continued excellent attendance and positive behaviour. Congratulations to Clara, Lily, Max and Daisy.



The Year 7 and 8 softball team were in action last week with the Year 8s winning the district event, winning every game.

The Year 7 Boys' and the Year 7 Girls' athletics team both came 1st in the District Championships on Thursday! This is an outstanding achievement to see both teams win their respective competition!

Well done all to involved - with all athletes picking up points to contribute to the win!



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 Mock Exams - Exam Leave starts w/c 23rd June

Year 12 students will be granted study leave during the week commencing 23rd June. This means they may revise at home when not sitting exams, helping them make the most of their preparation time. For students studying vocational subjects (e.g. BTEC), staff may request attendance for additional coursework catch-up sessions where necessary. These sessions have been arranged directly with the relevant teaching staff and communication has been sent home to parents/carers.

Work Experience Week 30th June to 4th July

As soon as the Year 12 mock exams are complete, students will begin a valuable week of work experience. This opportunity is a crucial part of their personal and professional development, offering real-world insight beyond the classroom.

To support them in making the most of their placements, students attended a final assembly on Friday, where they received guidance on how to prepare, conduct themselves professionally, and maximise the learning potential of the week ahead.

Once placements are complete and students return to school, they will take part in a structured reflection and evaluation process. This will include preparing and delivering a presentation to their peers, allowing them to share their experiences, insights, and personal growth.

We look forward to hearing about the range of industries, skills, and stories that come from this important experience.



Our Year 11 into 12 Summer Induction Programme runs from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th June. Throughout the induction students will access taster lessons in each of their chosen subjects.

This will introduce them to some of the content of each subject; the types of skills required on the course and give them an idea of the challenges of a typical Level 3 lesson.

The induction will also include a Welcome Talk with some tips and advice on dealing with the transition and how to structure independent study time in school. Students will also have a study skills session and team building activities allocated on their timetables.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 Prize Draw

Congratulations to our two Prize Draw winners

Our winner from the Attendance Draw - Lily Byham

Our winner from the Punctuality Draw – Jacob Jose



What a great morning the Year 12 students had at UCAS Discovery at Bedford. Students had the opportunity to:

- chat to unis and colleges about their courses and uni life
- speak to employers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available
- listen to talks from experts in their fields
- get dedicated support from our UCAS experts about all the options



A great time was had by all at the Sixth Form Prom on Friday. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the Sixth Form class of 2025 and all that they have achieved, both academically and personally, in the last two years. We look forward to seeing them on results day and hearing about their next steps.



Careers Appointments

All Year 10 and Year 12 students have now had their individual careers appointments with our independent careers advisers. An action plan is created from the discussion which can be found in the student's Unifrog Locker under their name and date. We encourage students to share this with their parents/carers.

Should any student from Year 10 to Year 13 require another careers appointment, or as a parent/carer you would like some advice, please contact careers@latimer.org.uk

Year 10 Assemblies

Year 10 students had a reminder overview of their post-16 options available in last week's assembly by our careers adviser. This week they have had an assembly about Sixth Form. Further assemblies will be from The Bedford Group (Tresham), Moulton College and ASK Apprenticeships.

Apprenticeship Seekers

If your student has just finished their exams and is looking to find an apprenticeship, encourage them to sign up to this 30 minute [webinar](#) next month. It is designed to help students with what they need to do right now to find an apprenticeship.

Northampton College also have a list of apprenticeship vacancies for Year 11 and 13 leavers [here](#).

Can you help?

We are always looking for new opportunities for our students from Year 7 to Year 13 to learn from people in the world of work and further and higher education. If you or someone you know can help our students by working with them either in school or at their workplace, please either complete the link [here](#) or email careers@latimer.org.uk. Thank you.

OTHER NEWS



Athena Activities

Prices from £25 per day

Football
Dodgeball Basketball
Archery Tennis
Tag Rugby Nerf Mania

Fashion Design
Jewellery Design
Arts & Crafts
Performing Arts & Dance
Face Painting

Mini-Chefs Baking
Skill Development & Summer Themed Activities!

SUMMER CAMPS

Cottingham C of E Primary School, LE16 8XB
July 23rd - August 29th

Southfield School, Kettering, NN15 6HE
July 28th - August 29th

EMT Musical Theatre, Southfield School, NN15 6HE
July 28th - August 29th

Pytchley Endowed C of E Primary School, NN14 1EN
July 23rd - August 29th

Corby Old Village Primary School, NN17 1UU
July 28th - August 29th

For EYFS Children in Reception, Children in Years 1 to 6, & Young Leaders in Years 7 to 11

Benefits of Booking With Us:

- Qualified Leaders with Enhanced DBS Checks
- Rewards All Week
- Childcare Vouchers Accepted

COSTS		
Extra Time	Full Day	Half Day
8am - 9am 4pm - 5pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 12:30pm 12:30pm - 4pm
From £3.75	From £25	From £14

HAF Spaces Available at
www.HolidayActivities.com

Athena Activities are back this Summer Holiday with a wide range of fun activities for children across the county.

The activities are selected and designed for all ages, experiences and abilities, and are enjoyable for all children - from those just discovering new hobbies to those who already have a keen interest.

These include:

- Sports (e.g.: Football, Archery, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Basketball).
- Arts & Crafts (e.g.: Painting, Fashion Design, Junk Modelling).
- Performing Arts & Dance.
- Mini-Chefs Baking & Cooking.
- NERF Mania.
- Lego & Construction.

EYFS places are available at Cottingham C of E Primary School and Pytchley Endowed C of E Primary School.

The doors to the Holiday Activity Camps are open from 9am to 4pm. Early drop-offs and late pick-ups are also available for £3.75/hr at www.AthenaActivities.co.uk.

HAF places are available for this Holiday Activity Camp, and can be booked by heading to www.HolidayActivities.com.

We are offering an early bird discount until Friday 11th July on all summer camp bookings. Parents can enter the code "SummerEarlyBird" at the checkout to save 5%. Payment plans are available and can be organised by contacting Enquiries@AthenaActivities.co.uk.

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Please see information below about some detached youth work happening in Kettering which may be of interest to your child/ren.

Detached Youth Work Kettering (Northall Ward)

Thursdays 5:30 -7:30pm
Pleasure Park

Join artist Quinton Milise to try
music, rap and spoken word.
Find out more about creative arts and have your say
in what arts projects you would like to see
in Kettering this summer holiday

We are Youth workers here to listen to your voices

Edgeworth
07738070681

Green Patch
Community Outreach

Changing Places
Changing Lives

Detached Youth Work Kettering (Northall Ward)

Thursdays 5:30 -7:30pm
Meeting young people where they are at

Help and advice
Signposting

Activities
Community support

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations (ends 27 June)
Tuesday 24 June	Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends 25 June)
Monday 30 June	Latimer Dance Show, 7.00pm
Tuesday 1 July	Year 8 Normandy Trip (ends 4 July)
Wednesday 2 July - Friday 4 July	Year 12 Work Experience (ends 4 July)
Wednesday 2 July	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip (ends 2 July)
Thursday 10 July	Values Days
Monday 14 July	Year 7 Bletchley Park Trip
Tuesday 15 July	Years 9 and 10 Battlefields Trip (ends 4 July)
Thursday 17 July	Pride of Latimer Awards Evening (invitation only)
Monday 21 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 22 July	Summer Music Concert, 7.00pm
	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
	Community Games Day
	End of Term 6 (early closure)



More dates are available on our website