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LATIMER END OF YEAR SUMMARY 20 JULY 2018

It has been a glorious final term of the academic year, and it is not just the weather that has been shining: our students have been real diamonds!



We know that those of you who attended our **Pride of Latimer Awards** will not fail to have been in awe of our student success, both in relation to our prize winners and those students who kindly gave up their time to entertain us on the evening. Shine bright? They positively dazzled us!

We are proud of all of our students but offer special congratulations to Amina Begum, Daniel Rogers, Florrie Harris, Charlie Wright and Thomas Warren for winning the coveted Pride of Latimer Award. We look forward to celebrating next year's diamond performances.

And this was preceded by our **Performing Arts Week** and what a week it was! In a week where we learnt to expect the unexpected, the sun was shining (quite unusual for this time of year!), the music was playing and the dancers were dancing their hearts out! So many students got involved whether it be beating the drums, tinkering on the piano or delivering 'flash mob' performances.

Both events captured the Latimer spirit: a happy and harmonious community coming together and demonstrated what Ofsted, earlier this year, recognised as an *'ethos which encourages pupils to aspire to achieve their potential, enjoy learning and to always try their best.'*

We have seen so many winning performances this year. Although like the England football team we did not quite finish top of the world, like them we very nearly did! In the French Vocab Express competition, we were second in the world and the top school in Europe. We took on the whole of the United Kingdom on the PiXL Maths Timetable app and were the top school, with the man who designed and created the app conceding that our score was unlikely to ever be beaten!!

Well done and thank you to all of those students who have stood out for their contributions this year by having taken part in clubs, represented College teams, supported as volunteers, officials or as young leaders!

We have so many champions amongst us, but we have to make special mention of the success of our Year 10 boys' football team who won the Kettering League and District Cup and our Year 8 boys' football team who won the District League and County Cup. There was also athletics domination with both Year 8 boys' and girls' teams winning the district championship and Year 7 boys and Year 9 boys also winning the District Championships. The Year 8 girls' rounders team ended the successful year winning the Year 8 district rounders tournament.



It has been an amazing year for **Vivos!** Our students have put such an increased effort in to their studies that we have awarded an astonishing **345,928!**

We offer our congratulations to Latimer House who are the triumphant winners of this year's **House Competition** once again. Well done to Miss Milson as she gains her first victory as Achievement Leader.

'True beauty is born through our actions and aspirations and in the kindness we offer to others'

Our beautiful students have shown their compassion and kindness in so many ways this year, not least in the money that they have raised for charity, which stands at a phenomenal **£7164.35**. Of particular note were our Year 8 students who very much rose to the £1 challenge and raised £2011.48 for Cransley Hospice and Latimer House who raised £774.29 for Help for Heroes. Impressed? We certainly are!

Time to move on...Ready for Learning: Ready for Success 2018 to 2019!

But this year's success only makes us more determined to be even better next year and we are already preparing for the challenge ahead with preparations for the new academic year well under way:

Academic Year 2018 – 2019

The College opens to students on Wednesday 5 September.
Years 7-12 should arrive in College before 8.25am ready for a prompt start.
Year 13 should arrive for registration in the Sixth Form Centre at 11.45am.

PE kits will not be needed on the first day!

Welcoming our New Staff: At the start of the new academic year we will be welcoming some new staff to our wonderful Latimer team: Mr Smith, Teacher of Maths; Dr Johnson, Assistant Progress Leader Science; Miss Mistry, Teacher of Science; Mrs Majcher-Tinney, Teacher of Psychology; Miss Blencowe, Teacher of Art and Food Technology; Mr Johnson, LSA; and Ms Winfield, Student Services Administrative Assistant (Exams).

Being Ready to Learn

In order to be fully prepared for the start of the new academic year, please find attached our updated [College Information Pack for Parents and Carers](#) along with our [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) and [Student Attendance Policy](#). A reminder that our policies can also be found on the [Policies](#) page of our website.

To help us at the start of the year, please can you support with the following:

- **Trousers:** students should be wearing full length school trousers. The reason for this is that by its very nature a 'uniform' means that students should be dressed in the same way, with a lack of variation. Therefore, the following variations on this are **not permitted**: canvas trousers, jeans, chinos, leggings or legging style trousers, skin tight trousers and three-quarter length or ankle grazer trousers.
- **Jewellery:** students are permitted to wear two studs in each lobe of the ear and a watch. The following items are **not permitted**: nose, tongue, eye-brow or lip piercings, including clear bars; any earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear (such a cartilage or helix piercings); tapers and bars; rings, necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets.
- **Shoes:** students should be wearing school shoes. The following variations on this are **not permitted**: canvas shoes and plimsolls; boots and any 'trainer' style shoes, including Vans.
- **Chewing Gum:** this causes so much damage and costs the College a disproportionate amount of money to address – money that would be better spent on learning! Please do not allow your child to bring any chewing gum in to College.
- **Mobile Phones:** our policy has been amended to allow mobile phones. However, it is very clear that these should be switched off and in bags. Students are not permitted to store phones in blazer or trouser pockets. Any devices brought into College are done so at the owner's risk.

Please note that students who are not in correct uniform will be sent home to get changed.

Electronic Front Gate

In order to improve our safeguarding, from September we will be locking down the College site between 8.25 am and 3.15pm, with all three entrances being secured between these times. Any students or visitors to the site arriving after 8.25am will only be able to enter through controlled access at the Castle Way entrance, where an electronic gate will have been installed.

It is vital that your child arrives on time, that being at or before 8.25am. Those arriving after this time will not gain access to the site from the spinney gate or the Grosvenor Way entrance and, unless there is an acceptable reason, will also be deemed as late and will be placed in detention.

September Curriculum Information Evenings: A Student's Life at Latimer



A reminder that to support parents and carers, we will be hosting the following events in September:

KS3 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 7 on Tuesday 18 September
KS5 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 12 on Wednesday 19 September
Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 11 on Tuesday 25 September
KS4 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 9 on Wednesday 26 September

The aim is, through a carousel of fast-paced and interactive sessions, to better equip parents and carers to support their child's learning and progress by providing an insight into areas such as the Curriculum, Study Skills, Assessment and Reporting and UCAS. Through this, you will also be able to gain a better understanding of what life for students at Latimer is like.

Save the dates in your diary now: we do hope that you will attend, join in and offer us honest feedback on these sessions! More detailed information on each evening will be provided over the coming weeks when we return in September.

Each of these evenings will run from 6.00–8.00pm and are aimed at parents and carers only. **Please note, due to limited space, we will not be able to accommodate students at these evenings.**

And finally, thank you...

As we approach the end of this academic year we say thank you to those staff who are leaving us this year for the contributions that they have made:

From our teaching team: Mrs Adam, Mr Barczewski, Mr Bossart, Miss Ellis, Mrs Kaur and Mrs Williams.

From our non-teaching team: Miss Roberts and Miss Hutchinson.

We cannot achieve all that we do without partnerships with others. Therefore, it is with huge gratitude that we would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for the contributions that they have made to enriching the experience of our students this year:

1 st Reaction Security	Adecco	Airlander Outreach
Bishop Stopford School	Blount & Sons	CITB
Cultural Care Au Pair UK & Ireland	Davis Opticians	De Montfort University
DRN Sports	Faber & Faber Limited	Frogmore Real Estate Partners
Gateway HR & Training	Goodwill Solutions	Gym11
Incredible Bakery	Job Centre Plus	Keep Moat Construction
Kettering Borough Council	Kettering Park Hotel & Spa	Kettering Youth Football Academy
Library Plus	Lloyds Bank	MAHLE Powertrain Limited
Marval Software	Ministry of Defence	More Fire PR
National Accident Helpline	NITAL Training and Development	Northlands Veterinary Hospital
PCP Promens Industrial UK	Radio Northampton	RCI Europe
Rockabilly Rose The Florist	SEMLEP	Stella Mann College
The Careers and Enterprise Co.	The Mallows Company (Bozeat) Ltd	Wicksteed Park
Towergate Insurance Brokers	Tresham College	University of Northampton
Weetabix	Wilson Browne Solicitors	Wincanton
Workpays Limited	The Lighthouse Theatre	Karl Sports

And thank you to you, as parents and carers, for all of your loyal support. It is truly appreciated.

We wish your child a restful and safe summer break.

Ms Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Mrs Sue Wood
Chair of Governors

GCSE and A Level Results Days

A reminder that results will be available to students from Picasso's on:

Year 13: Thursday 16 August from 8.00am

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 23 August from 8.00am

Please note that in both cases, results will only be given to **students** unless we have had prior permission from them to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult.

No results can be given out over the telephone.

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 3 September	Training Day
Tuesday 4 September	Training Day
Wednesday 5 September	College Re-opens
Tuesday 11 September	Year 7/9/12 Photographs
Tuesday 18 September	KS3 Curriculum Evening for Year 7
Wednesday 19 September	Sixth Form Curriculum Evening for Year 12
Tuesday 25 September	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening
Wednesday 26 September	KS4 Curriculum Evening for Year 9
Thursday 4 October	Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students joining in September 2019 College will close to students at 12.15pm
Thursday 18 October	End of Term 1 for students
Friday 19 October	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 29 October	College re-opens to students: start of Term 2