

LATIMER NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fabulous way to mark the milestone of completing their compulsory education at Latimer. Last week as Year 11 walked towards the Masque Theatre they were applauded by the whole of Year 7 and many staff. What followed was a leavers assembly full of memories, laughter (not necessarily at Mr Walmsley's jokes) and the odd tear. Students collected hoodies, prom tickets and leavers books before going onto the field to sign their shirts.

The Holiday Inn in Corby hosted both the Year 11 and 13 proms, and it was a lovely evening, again well supported by staff. Year 11 and 13 certainly looked the part, with plenty of ruffles, sparkles and dramatic entrances, from stretch limos to a pony!

We wish them all a relaxing summer and await their results in anticipation of great success. We are delighted that so many of Year 11 are intending to join Latimer's Sixth Form next year. To everyone else. Good luck in all you do.



Year 10

We have been impressed with the maturity of Year 10 during their mock season so far. This is an important step in preparing them for the actual exam experience as well as identifying their strengths and areas for development. We hope more of them will use the revision room IT3, which is available at lunchtimes for Year 10 only, as well as the supersix resource station in the canteen.

Upcoming Events

As we near the end of term we have so much still to look forward to. Community Games Day where students compete for their House in a range of sporting activities, with a lot of points available to gain in the run up to the final Whole School Assembly where we crown the winning House.

Next week sees Year 8 students off to Normandy and the remaining students engaged in various creative activities during Values Days, such as Enterprise Day and a trip to Bletchley Park for Year 7.



50th Celebrations

We launch our 50th celebrations at our annual Pride of Latimer Awards, which this year includes a long service award for 20 staff who have all worked at Latimer for 20 years or more. Their dedication to education is worthy of praise and we are honoured that they chose to work at Latimer.

In September we are opening our doors to former students and staff for a trip down memory lane. Please sign up using the QR code.



During the next academic year we will continue to celebrate and reflect. To help us do so please complete the [MSForm](#) to tell us what you love about Latimer and look out for our fundraising page as we are hoping to raise enough through donations over the year for some outdoor furniture or a canopy for students and the community to use.

Mrs Murphy
Principal

Supporting Our Young Carers – A Special Afternoon of Fun and Care

At Latimer we are committed to recognising and supporting all of our students, including those who take on caring responsibilities at home. Our young carers show incredible resilience, compassion and maturity, and we are proud to provide them with opportunities to feel valued, supported and celebrated.

On Wednesday 24th June, we are delighted to welcome Young Carers Northamptonshire into school for a dedicated afternoon of fun activities. This special event is designed to give our young carers a well-deserved break from their everyday responsibilities, allowing them time to relax, connect with others, and simply enjoy being children. The afternoon will be filled with a variety of engaging and enjoyable activities. Students will have the opportunity to take part in creative tasks, group games, and team-building exercises, all carefully planned to promote wellbeing, laughter and a sense of belonging.

Working closely with Young Carers Northamptonshire enables us to better understand the unique challenges our young carers may face. Their expertise and guidance help ensure we are providing meaningful support both in and beyond the classroom. Events like this not only offer a break but also remind our students that they are not alone and that there is a network of people who care about their wellbeing.

We are incredibly grateful to Young Carers Northamptonshire for their continued partnership and for delivering such a positive, uplifting experience for our pupils. The afternoon was a great success and highlighted the importance of recognising and celebrating the vital role our young carers play every day.

We look forward to continuing to work together to support our young carers and provide them with more opportunities like this in the future.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding: Water Safety

Each year, children and young people tragically lose their lives while playing in water. We have seen a significant number of cases this year already, with unexpectedly strong waves drawing people under water or out to sea.

As the warmer months promise more sunshine and higher temperatures, more young people will be spending time outside and many swim in open water. Locally we have a brook in Burton Latimer and the lake at Wicksteed. It is crucial that they understand the risks and choose places approved for wild swimming.

There are some very helpful resources online which can help parents to have open conversations about the risks of playing in water:

RLNI: [Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks](#)

The Fire Service annual 'Be Water Aware' campaign: [Be Water Aware - NFCC](#)

Hope for Families - Summer Course

**TIME OUT
FOR PARENTS**

Care for the Family

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date:
Every Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
July 28th-August 18th
This course will be run online via
Zoom

Book your place here:
hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events



For information contact
Hope for Families
07784 333825
or email hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk
Booking closes 20th July

Common-sense, jargon-free information
and ideas to help you to engage with your
children and boost your relationship

ATTENDANCE

Medical Appointments

Polite reminder that where possible, please book medical appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, please inform the school at least a couple of days before with proof of appointment to absence@latimer.org.uk

If we do not have notice of appointments beforehand, we will ring parents to confirm which may result in delays. We may also ring the GP/Dentist to confirm appointments if we have reason to believe that a student may not have an appointment.

If we do not get proof of appointment, then it may go down on the system as unauthorised until we receive this.

Holiday Forms

We would always ask that holidays are taken out of term time.

We ask that holiday forms are filled in for every holiday however long and handed in at least 2 weeks in advance.

Holiday forms can be collected at Student Services.

Please do inform us of any holidays, as it takes up a lot of staff resources to ring, email and home visit to then confirm you are on holiday.

Reminder on Absences

Please report absences on the Compass Application or to the Absence email before 8am on every day of absence (absence@latimer.org.uk).

If we do not receive communication from you, we will send an email and push notification to establish why a student is absent. If we still do not receive communication from home, then we will call home to speak with you. If we continue to have no response from home, the absence will be unauthorised, and a home visit may be conducted to make sure that the student is safe and well.

If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Attendance Team where we are always here to help and support.

Thank you.

Attendance Team - Hannah, Olivia and Jane

SIXTH FORM NEWS



Looking to join our Sixth Form in September?

Sixth Form Summer Induction Programme Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th June

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 11 students to our Sixth Form Induction this week.

During the induction, students will participate in taster sessions in their chosen subjects, as well as attend workshops designed to provide valuable tips and advice on managing the transition to Sixth Form. These sessions will also cover effective ways to structure independent study time. In addition, students will take part in team-building activities helping them to build confidence and form new friendships.

Year 12 Work Experience Week 29th June to 3rd July

A gentle reminder that all of our Year 12 cohort will be undertaking a week's worth of work experience from 29th June to 3rd July.

We cannot express how valuable work experience is and are encouraging our students to find a minimum of 5 days (which could be spread across more than one placement).

We are aware that many employers now adopt remote working and therefore, finding a placement may be challenging and that your child may need your help. For this reason, we would very much welcome your input in guiding and supporting them through this process.



We are really pleased that the many of our students have now sourced themselves a placement, however, we do still have a number that have not yet found a suitable opportunity so, we would like to reach out to ask for your help. Maybe you know of someone who may be able to offer a work experience placement that could enhance university and job applications. If you are able to offer a placement, even if just for a day, we would love to hear from you. Please kindly contact smagee@latimer.org.uk in the first instance. Thank you.

SIXTH FORM NEWS



We would like to say a huge thank you to Clive Ruggles for coming in last week to share his personal story of how their family lost their beloved Alice, through Stalking.

Clive explained, in a very simple and clear way, how even the smallest of actions can result in an individual being left to feel vulnerable and uncomfortable. He shared with us that the Trust's mission is to foster generations of young people who understand stalking, the potential risks of stalking, and what they can do about it.

For further advice regards stalking, please use this link to their website [Advice – Alice Ruggles Trust](#)

CAREERS



Year 12 Work Experience Week – 29th June- 3rd July

Our Year 12 students are busy finalising their placements for work experience at the end of the month. Work experience is beneficial to the students for many reasons including supporting university and apprenticeship applications, seeing if a job sector is what they expected, learning new skills outside of school, trialling different work environments as well as building up a network of useful contacts. We look forward to listening to their work placement presentations on their return.



Year 7 Enterprise Day – The Café Challenge - Wednesday 1st July

In a change to previous years, this year our Year 7 students will be designing a café for their Enterprise Day. Students will be working in tutor groups in teams working on the theme, finances, sustainability as well as creating prototype food and drinks.

Dillon Considine from Office Mango introduced the Challenge with an assembly about his experience which developed his HEART value of Resilience.

OTHER NEWS



LATITUDE LEADERS

The New System

This term, come along, earn points and have the chance to become the geographer of the summer!

Attendance: 1 Points
Effort: 2 Points
Winning Activities: 3 Points

Each session is hosted in HU6 at lunchtime!
Any further enquires please contact Mrs Sanghera!

What's Happening?

Monday 1 June:
Geography Imposter

Monday 8 June:
Design a Landmark

Monday 15 June:
Mission: Planet Earth

Monday 22 June:
Mission: Planet Earth 2

Monday 6 July:
Geography Escape Room

Monday 13 July:
The BIG Quiz

RB LOOK FOR THE **RB**

Student Support

RED

RB **BOX** **RB**

Student Services

Maths

See the sign - ask staff for

FREE

RB **SANITARY PRODUCTS** **RB**

Learning Support

6th form centre

FOR ALL!

RB **For school or for home -** **RB**

Opposite main toilets

just ask.

EBAC top floor

Can parents and carers please ensure all loaned school ties are returned to Mrs Clark in the Pastoral Hub.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 15 June | Year 10 Mock Exam Season (ends 25 June) |
| Monday 22 June | Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends 24 June) |
| Tuesday 23 June | Latimer Dance Show, 7.00 pm |
| Thursday 25 June | Year 12 UCAS Trip - University of Bedford |
| Friday 26 June | Musical Theatre Performance, 7.00 pm |
| Monday 29 June | Year 12 Work Experience Week (ends 3 July) |
| Monday 29 June | Year 8 Trip to Normandy |
| Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July | Year 10 Trip to Wimbledon |
| Wednesday 1 July - Friday 3 July | Values Days (students to wear PE kit or Summer Uniform) |
| Thursday 9 July | Pride of Latimer Awards Evening |
| Friday 10 July | Community Games Day |
| Tuesday 14 July | Summer Music Concert, 7.00 pm |
| Thursday 13 August | A Level Results Day |
| Thursday 20 August | GCSE Results Day |



**More dates available
on the website**