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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 8 DECEMBER 2017

Public Consultation: Sports Hall and 3G Pitch Proposal

As you are aware, subject to planning permission, a new Sports Hall and 3G pitch is going to be built on the College site. As part of the planning process, Northamptonshire County Council will be hosting a public consultation session which will be held at the College on Wednesday 13 December, 3.30pm until 6.30pm, in the Picasso's dining area.

This will allow any interested parties to have a look at the proposed drawings and comment on the scheme. Students, parents/carers, staff and local residents are all welcome to drop-in between these times and to submit questions to the Northamptonshire County Council staff who will be present.

Learning and Progress

Don't Miss the Sixth Form Application Deadline!

A reminder that applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2018 need to be submitted by Friday 15 December. For further support or guidance, please contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

Year 11 and 13 Mock Exam Season Commences

We are now underway with mock exams, with those for Year 13 running from Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 December and for Year 11 from Wednesday 13 December until Tuesday 19 December.

Year 11 will then take part in a World of Work Day (WOW) on Wednesday 20 December, followed by a cinema trip the next day.

Students should be making good use of the wide range of revision resources that are available to them: revision guides, GCSEPod, PiXL Maths and Tassomai Science.



'Ready Set Go': A reminder that we will be hosting our 'Ready Set Go' revision workshop evening at 6pm in the Masque Theatre for Year 11 parents/carers on Tuesday 23 January.

Key Stage 3: Monitoring Progress through PLCs

Our revised assessment and reporting process at KS3 is now firmly established. As parents and carers you will have had an opportunity to review the progress your child is making in individual subjects by reviewing their exercise books and in particular, looking at their Personal Learning Checklists (PLCs), wheels and Closing the Gap activities.

Please do ask your child to explain how they have learnt in different units across their subjects, how they have progressed and what they are doing or have done to close the gap! By engaging in conversations about learning, you will be helping your child to reinforce what they have learnt in the classroom.

Full details of our new assessment system, including information on every subject, can be found on our website, under the ['Key Stage 3 Curriculum and Assessment'](#) section.

We would love to hear your feedback on this process so that we can work together to make improvements where needed. Please do email any comments to Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

Exam Certificates Ready for Collection

Exam Certificates from 2016/17 (last summer) have now been received and are ready for collection. They will be available from Reception, where you will be required to sign for them.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Calling all Year 8 Parents and Carers...

We have a really exciting and busy Term 3 and 4 planned for Year 8, details of which we are delighted to share with you in this newsletter so that both you and your child are prepared:

Event 1: Key Stage 4 Pathways and Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We are offering the following two opportunities to support Year 8 students and their parents and carers to make informed decisions about pathway preferences for KS4.

- Wednesday 17 January - KS4 Pathways Evening (for Year 8), 6-8pm
- Thursday 1 February - Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE) 5.30-8.30pm

Students will receive all of their pathway information when they return after the Christmas break.

Event 2: Taking Year 8 to the World of Work!

On 21 February 2018, instead of waving goodbye to their children as they leave for work, parents and carers across the UK will be taking them to work as part of an annual 'Take Your Child to Work' day and we would love our students to take part in this event as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme.

It would provide Year 8 students with the opportunity to work shadow a parent/relative/family friend on this day. Please see the attached letter for more details.

If you are able to organise a work shadow for your child on this day, please can you return the Parent/Carer Consent Form and Employer Consent Form no later than 19 January 2018 (forms attached). For further details contact Ms Pankhania: jpankhania@latimer.org.uk

Event 3: Year 8 Big Bang!

As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, we will also be taking Year 8 students to the Big Bang @ Silverstone on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

To support career planning, as part of the pathways process, this event will open up the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) to our students. There will be a wide variety of interactive exhibitors, hands-on workshops, competitions and shows for students to participate in.

Please see attached letter and form for the event.

Dragons' Den: You Are Hired!

What an incredible showcase from our Year 7 students this week for the 'Dragons' Den' enterprise event as they pitched Christmas inventions that even Sir Alan Sugar would want to invest in! Students certainly improved their team work and communication skills, learned about Finance and Marketing and even started thinking about their future careers!

We were delighted that so many of our Business links gave up their valuable time to spend the day enriching the students' experience. Many thanks to: National Accident Helpline, Rockabilly Rose Florist, Goodwill Solutions, Lloyds Bank, First Reaction Security, Job Centre, Marval Software and Kettering's Deputy Mayor, James Burton.

Inspirational Speaker Visit

Stephen Page, CEO of Faber and Faber, one of the UK's leading independent publishing houses wowed us as our guest speaker last week as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme. Speaking following the event Year 8 student Wiktorja Gawlak said: "I love everything about reading and literature. Stephen was so enthusiastic and encouraging. It was really interesting to hear about his career and I enjoyed being able to ask him questions about his work. I feel so inspired!"

Stephen Page's workshop echoed the ethos of the College – effort, hard work and a positive 'can do' attitude are the principles of success! It was a pleasure having Stephen as our guest who commented: "I really enjoyed my visit to Latimer and was so impressed by the College and the students. I hope the talk proved enjoyable and useful for the students."

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

'All Different, All Equal': Latimer's Got Anti-Bullying Talent Contest

Following a stunning final, we are delighted to announce the winners of our 2017 competition are as follows:

Winner: Fatima Noureddine, who wrote and composed her own song

2nd place: Manuela Entiriwaa and Abbie Major who choreographed a fabulous dance

3rd place: Sam Dunn and Jack Grainger who presented a superb Magician Act

Congratulations to all of those who took part.

Christmas Countdown Continues...

A reminder that we have **Christmas Dinner** on Tuesday 12 December. Our (sold out!) **Christmas Music Concert** is on Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm. Students can take part in **Christmas Crafts** at lunchtime on 20 December in the LRC and we have our **Christmas Jumper Day** on the final day of term, Thursday 21 December.

A reminder that students will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper and those who wish to participate will still need to wear their school trousers or skirts but will not need to wear school shirts, ties or blazers. For those who do not wish to participate, then normal uniform should be worn.

VIVO Grand Christmas Raffle

Our first VIVO raffle of the year is fast approaching and tickets are now on sale for 40 VIVO's. We have a range of prizes on offer: Xbox One S with Forza Bundle, Dre Beats X Wireless earphones, £50 Steam Gaming Voucher, £50 Schuh Voucher, £50 House of Fraser Voucher and £25 Odeon Cinema Voucher. Students can buy as many tickets as they wish (VIVO's permitting!) for whichever prize they wish. Six lucky prize winners will have a happy start to the Christmas holidays!

Latimer Students 'Ride on the Crest of a Wave'!

Donning their red scarves proudly, several of our students represented the school last week as members of the Kettering Gang Show 2017!

The evidence of months of rehearsals came through in every scene; from comedy sketches to whole-cast production numbers, which left the audience cheering for more.

John Bergan (Year 7) was awarded with the '*Gordon Winfield Personality of the Year Award*' for his impressive stage presence and fantastic contributions throughout the show.

As ever, we are incredibly proud of all of our students and their extra-curricular achievements.

Vietnam Expedition 2019: what are you waiting for?

Following on from the success of the 2017 Expedition we are delighted to be able offer Years 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to visit Northern Vietnam in the Summer of 2019. The 16 day expedition will involve living and working in rural villages, trekking across the incredible Sapa Valley and a trip around Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whilst in Vietnam, students will immerse themselves fully in the culture and cuisine of the local communities, as well as developing lifelong skills and helping support the regions they travel to. The deadline to sign up on the World Challenge Website is Friday December 15th and if you have any further questions, please speak to Mr Tamkin or Mrs Bowers – what are you waiting for?

Sporting Success: Well done to all!

Over the last few weeks our students have secured some spectacular sporting successes:

Our Girls and Boys Indoor Athletics Team have made the COUNTY finals!

Year 8 Boys' Football County Cup 3-0 win against Wrenn

Year 7 Boys' Football 5 wins out of 5 in the Year 7 District tournament Round 1.

District Cross Country results: the top 20 through to the County Cross Country Championships.

U13 Boys: Alfie Davidson 12th, Tom Nixon 19th

U15 Boys: Josh Clutton 6th, Ben Brooker 15th

U17 Boys: Toby Oakes 12th, Harry Simpson 14th, Harvey Brown 19th

U13 Girls: Poppy Richards 5th

U15 Girls: Charlotte Lund 5th, Chloe Lee 9th

U17 Girls: Jen Robinson 4th, Daisy Robinson 5th

U19 Girls: Amy Robinson 7th

Year 7/8 Girls' Basketball team were District Tournament runners up and the Year 10 team were semi-finalists.

Year 11 Boys' Basketball Tournament Winners

Year 10 Boys' basketball Tournament Runners-up

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.

Thursday 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 21 December	End of Term 2
Wednesday 3 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Thursday 4 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3 (Week 2)
Monday 8 January	KS4 Pathways Introduction fortnight commences (for Year 8)
Wednesday 17 January	KS4 Pathways Evening (for Year 8), 6-8pm
Friday 19 January	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Results Day
Tuesday 23 January	Ready Set Go Evening 6pm (for Year 11 parents/carers)
Wednesday 31 January	Year 11 and 13 School Photographs
Thursday 1 February	Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE) 5.30-8.30 pm
Wednesday 7 February	Sixth Form Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)
Friday 9 February	End of Term 3