

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Summer is finally here! Well at least the holidays are, if not the sunshine. It has been a packed term with trips, Community Games Day, Pride of Latimer and so much more. I particularly want to thank staff for organising trips to Normandy and Wimbledon as these were incredible experiences for the students. We also received great feedback about the students' conduct while they were away. Thank you for being with us on the journey this year, we look forward to another exciting academic year 2024/25 but until then enjoy the summer holidays!

## Community Games Day

We were lucky enough to have dry weather for our Community Games Day and once again the staff and students showed incredible teamwork.

During the day students participated in a variety of sporting events and a quiz, as well as an inspirational talk from a visiting Olympian Louis Smith. Well done to Attenborough House for winning overall! Their points from Community Games Day were added to those from throughout the year.



## Whole School Assembly

Today we celebrated everything that students have achieved this academic year in a fabulous whole school assembly in the Sports Centre. With prizes for Best Attending House - Kahlo House; Values Cup (highest positive behaviour points) - Attenborough House; and the Enrichment Cup (highest attendance to enrichment activities) - Gilbert House.

Cups were also awarded for Form of the Year for Years 7 (7A1), 8 (8K1), 9(9K2) and 10 (10G1), and the ultimate trophy was presented to Tull House for being the overall winning house for the second year in a row. Well done Tull!



## Inspiring Excellence

We are officially rated a "Good" School

## Pride of Latimer



What a wonderful evening we had on Wednesday, 10 July, ... no not the football... Pride of Latimer! A lovely chance to celebrate the best of the best, those nominated for their excellence, creativity, team spirit, leadership and enrichment. Well done to everyone who received an award and of course to our fabulous performers.

## Uniform

Following feedback from students and Parent Forum we have added two new optional items to our PE kit. A half zip trainer top and sports leggings, modelled below by two prospective Year 7 students. These are already available to purchase from KarlSports and very popular.

On that note please be aware that some students are finding that the skorts are too short for them. Unfortunately there is currently no alternative design so, if this is the case, please do not purchase.

For more details, please refer to our updated [Information Pack for Parents and Carers booklet](#) on the website.



## September 2024 Being Ready to Learn: 'Failing to prepare, is preparing to fail'

### Academic Year 2024 – 2025

The School opens to students on Wednesday 4 September  
Years 7-12 should arrive in School by 8.25am ready for a prompt start  
Year 13 should arrive for assembly in the Masque at 10.20am  
PE kit will not be needed on the first day

The new academic year will be up and running very promptly, with events to enrich the experience for students getting underway. With this in mind, please be aware of the following dates with more specific details to follow:

**Year 10 Ace Your Exams Evening:** For those students who will be in Year 10 and their parents and carers on Tuesday 17 September

**Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening:** For those students who will be in Year 11 and their parents and carers on Wednesday 18 September

**Year 12 Ace Level 3 Evening:** For those students who will be in Year 12 and their parents and carers on Thursday 19 September

Through a carousel of fast-paced and interactive sessions, we aim to equip parents and carers with vital information and strategies that can be used to support their child's learning and progress at these vital stages of their academic journey.

## Satchel:one

Please be aware that your child's Satchel:one profile will re-start in September, therefore you may wish to have a final look at their total positive points for the year and any virtual badges they have been awarded.

## Transition

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 students to us on Move Up Day. It was lovely to see them so enthused with the learning activities and already forming friendships. We look forward to them starting with us in September.

# CAREERS



## Youth Employment Week 15-19 July

This week has been Youth Employment Week. Youth Employment is a company that focusses on employment and careers for young people. They have created a range of resources based on the principles of Discover, Build, Grow, Explore and Celebrate. Find out more [here](#)

## Can you support Latimer?

This term we have been planning our careers events for next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to support our students by talking about your skills and experiences in your career, we would love to hear from you. Please complete the form [here](#).

## Year 8 – Take Your Child to Work Day – Thursday 21 November



Advance notice for Year 8 parents/carers: Take Your Child to Work Day 2024 will be taking place on Thursday 21 November.

This is a drop down day for all Year 8 students where they can go to work with a parent/carers or family friend or neighbour to undertake a day of work shadowing. We ask if you can start to think about where your young person can go for the day. Further information will follow in Term 1.

**If your child would like support from the Careers department, please email [careers@latimer.org.uk](mailto:careers@latimer.org.uk)**

# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## UK Biology Olympiad

Latimer's Year 12 A level biologists took part in the UK Biology Olympiad, the leading biology competition for secondary students across the British Isles. Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Year 12 Biology Olympiad is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the biology field. It covers a diverse range of topics such as Biological Molecules, Transport in animals and plants and Disease. All students did amazingly well and have received certificates to celebrate their success. Silver awards were gained by Henry Buckby and Emily Greaves, with a Bronze certificate going to Reggie Hall. Isabelle Lund and Carly Fahy were highly commended. Well done to everyone that participated.

# LITERACY NEWS

## 'Millionaire Readers'

We end the year celebrating our Accelerated Reader 'Millionaire Readers'.

These students have read over one (and in some cases two!) million words, which is a huge achievement and we are very proud of them all. Some of these students are pictured here as they gathered in the Library, to celebrate with Mrs Brooking and Mrs Hawkins and took away a summer read, which we hope they will enjoy!



Our Year 7 students are still able to access their eBooks on SPARX Reader and take part in a competition being run by SPARX, who will reward the Top 25 schools with the most SRP between 19 July and 31 August. Reading at home is a great way for students to prepare for their return in September.

If you do find any books belonging to the school library over the summer break, please return these in September for others to enjoy.

# OTHER NEWS

## Sporting Success

Lilli Murray (9G1) has been selected for the U18's England Lawn Bowls team to play in the International Series in Belfast on 20th-22nd July where she will compete in team formats against Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

She has been playing bowls since May 2021 and currently plays her outdoor games at Desborough Town Bowls Club.



So far this season, as well as being selected for the England U18's team, she has reached the County Finals in the Ladies Triples where this also qualifies her for the National Finals which are held at Leamington Spa during the summer holidays, the U25 Pairs County Final and is due to play the County Semi Final of the Ladies Fours next week where a win in both will also qualify her for another two National Final spots.

## Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

At Latimer we offer lessons on many different musical instruments (taught by the fantastic visiting teachers from NMPAT). Lessons cost £187 for 11 weeks of 20 minute individual lessons and there is the option for longer lessons if requested. If we have enough students learning the same instrument at the same level, group lessons can be arranged which reduces the cost. If your child is registered for free school meals or Pupil Premium a discount may be available from the School. NMPAT also offer bursaries and subsidies that can cover up to 50% of the cost of music lessons. These need applying for directly with NMPAT but we can guide you to the correct form if required.

We offer lessons for woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon), brass (trumpet/cornet, tenor horn, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba), strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass), piano/keyboard, drums, guitar/bass guitar and vocal lessons.

There are numerous benefits to learning a musical instrument including developing patience and discipline, building confidence, exercising the brain and developing IQ, improving memory and developing social skills and emotional well-being.

If your child is interested in learning with NMPAT please contact Beth Winfield [bwinfield@latimer.org.uk](mailto:bwinfield@latimer.org.uk).

# OTHER NEWS



## Catering News

The catering team will be celebrating Italian food when we return in September, with their Italian themed day on 19 September, with a tasty sounding Italian themed menu.

## Summer Support and Activities

We are excited to announce that Athena Activities is once again hosting amazing holiday camps to keep children entertained throughout the summer! Their camps offer a variety of activities each day, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether your child is an aspiring artist, a passionate cook, or a budding athlete, they have got all bases covered!

For those with a flair for the dramatic, why not enrol them in Kayleigh's Camp of Performing Arts? Here, they can hone their singing, acting, and dancing skills, culminating in a final performance that showcases their talents.

The summer camps will be held at the following locations:

- Kettering Tresham College (also hosting Kayleigh's Camp of Performing Arts)
- Corby Old Village School
- Cottingham Primary School

**Athena Activities**

Prices from £25 per day

Football, Dodgeball, Basketball, Archery, Tennis and Nerf Mania

Fashion + Jewellery design, arts + crafts, Face Painting, Dance and performing arts

Bake off, masterclasses, skill development and summer themed activities!

**SUMMER CAMPS**

Cottingham CofE Primary  
Ofsted Registered  
EYFS places  
July 24th - August 30th

Tresham College Kettering  
July 22nd - August 16th

Kayleigh's Camp of Arts  
July 22nd - August 16th

Corby Old Village Primary  
July 24th - August 16th

08:00-17:00 Everyday

5% early bird discount  
**earlybirdsummer2024**  
valid until 8.7.24

Benefits of booking with us  
Qualified Leaders  
DBS Checked  
Rewards to be had

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

For children in Reception (Cottingham Only) to yr6. Young Leaders age 11-16 - All camps

HAFspaces available at [www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com)

Follow our social media or sign up to our newsletter for special discounts

For more information head to [www.athenaactivities.co.uk](http://www.athenaactivities.co.uk) or email [enquiries@athenaactivities.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@athenaactivities.co.uk)

Athena Activities look forward to a fun-filled summer and hope to see your rising star at one of their summer camps!

To get booked in, visit the website [www.athenaactivities.co.uk](http://www.athenaactivities.co.uk) or if you are entitled to HAF funding, go to the holiday activities website [www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com) to book your space!

# OTHER NEWS

Some more  
summer  
activities....



## Summer Safety

# BE WATER AWARE

The water can look inviting, but it can be more dangerous than you think, so here are some top safety tips:

- Never swim alone in case you need help
- Don't drink alcohol when undertaking water related activities, it impairs judgement and your ability to swim
- Avoid walking routes near water if you have been drinking alcohol
- Supervise children in and around water - drowning can happen fast and silently
- Don't dive or jump straight into open water, this can cause potentially fatal cold water shock even on the warmest day
- Take care around the water when walking or jogging - many who struggle in the water did not intend to go into the water in the first place

## #safe4summer

**If you find yourself in the water:**

- Take a minute. The initial effects of cold water pass in less than a minute so don't try to swim straight away
- Relax and float on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float
- Keep calm then call for help or swim for safety if you're able

**If you see someone else in the water:**

- Do not go into the water to rescue them. You could get into trouble yourself
- Call 999 and ask for the fire service and be as precise as you can with the location
- Tell the struggling person to float on their back in a star shape
- Throw something that may help them float – like a branch, an inflatable ball or even a water bottle

Download the what3words app to help give emergency services your precise location

Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe time by the water.  
Find out more by visiting  
[www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/water-safety](http://www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/water-safety)  
@NorthantsFire

As well as water safety, please be aware that East Midlands Network Rail will be working on electrifying the Midland Main Line between Kettering and Wigston.

From 28 July 2024 the overhead power lines suspended above the track from Kettering Station to South Wigston Junction will be energised and remain energised.

Take care in the vicinity of the energised equipment, including supporting masts, switch feeds and cables.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## GCSE and A Level Results Days

A reminder that results will be available to students from the Masque:

**Year 13 Results Day: Thursday 15 August from 8.00 – 10.00am**

**Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 22 August 8.00 – 10.00am**

External candidate registration: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Please note, results will only be given to parents and carers where we have had prior permission from their child to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult. Results cannot be given over the telephone. Results can be emailed if the student contacts us: [tlevick@latimer.org.uk](mailto:tlevick@latimer.org.uk)

Our Careers Adviser, Nicola Stanbridge, will be present on the Year 11 Results Day on 22 August. If your child needs support after gaining their results, she can help with impartial advice regarding their next steps.