

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I recently held a meeting with representatives from the ECO committee: students who are working with Miss Bentley to improve our school environment. They are aiming to achieve The Green Flag Award a prestigious recognition that celebrates the environmental efforts of schools and empowers young people to make a positive impact by working on projects including bio-diversity, improving the school grounds and healthy living.



As part of their project they would be interested in any contacts with local garden centres or just keen gardeners that may be willing to donate seeds or soil, particularly wildflowers or sunflowers. Please contact [ebentley@latimer.org.uk](mailto:ebentley@latimer.org.uk) if you can help.



Students in Science are taking part in an international art competition, the theme is 'Hidden Wonders of the Deep'. Here is an exceptional entry from Amelie Verde in Year 9, who wants to be a marine biologist. Ameile has won herself a Principal's Recognition Award for her beautiful depiction of some colourful jellyfish.

## Race to Rewards Update

More than 100 students have now achieved BRONZE (200 positive points).

To achieve SILVER students need to gain 350 points.

I am expecting to give out the first certificates in the Celebration Assemblies after half term.



**ATTENBOROUGH**

**32128 Points**

**GILBERT**

**30031 Points**

**KAHLO**

**28644 Points**

**TULL**

**33692 Points**

## Inspiring Excellence

We are officially rated a "Good" School

# SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

## Behaviour for Learning Focus: Late to Learning

The majority of students are prompt to school and lessons, arriving ready to learn with correct uniform and equipment. However, a small number of students are regularly late to learning, either late to school or lessons during the day, and this impacts both on their learning and that of class as it disrupts the teaching when a student is late. We will be highlighting the importance of this to all students and speaking individually to those who are not yet meeting our high expectations. From next term there will be a detention after school each Friday for students who have multiple logs for late to learning. Please speak to your child about the importance of this and avoiding receiving a detention.

We would like to emphasise the non-negotiable nature of student attendance at detentions both within and beyond the school day. Detentions are part of our commitment to maintaining a disciplined and respectful learning environment. Notice will be given of any after school detentions and therefore attendance is mandatory. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the escalation of sanctions. We appreciate your co-operation in reinforcing the importance of responsibility and accountability with your child. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the [mail@latimer.org.uk](mailto:mail@latimer.org.uk) email.

Thank you for your understanding and support in fostering a positive and disciplined educational experience for all students.

## Free Webinar for Parents and Carers regarding Child Exploitation

The Office of the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (NOPFCC) ([www.northantspfcc.org.uk](http://www.northantspfcc.org.uk)) is delivering a webinar for parents and carers that focuses on Child Exploitation.

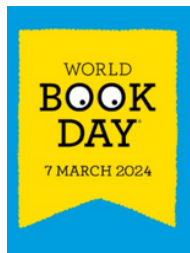
This is a free webinar which will run monthly throughout the year and would benefit any parent or carer no matter what interventions or support they have in place already (or not!).

The webinar is delivered through Teams and is approximately 1 hour. There is no expectation for parents or carers to have their camera on or to participate in any discussions. The next forthcoming date is **13 March 2024 at 6pm**.

The objectives of the webinar are for parents and carers to gain an understanding of child exploitation and to gain awareness of the factors that increase the risk of exploitation. The webinar will help parents and carers to be more aware of the signs that their child is at risk or is involved in child exploitation, and also make them aware of local services and who to contact for support.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Ms Jyoti Pankhania, Assistant Principal, at [jpankhania@latimer.org.uk](mailto:jpankhania@latimer.org.uk) or Mrs Heidi Angel, Looked After Children and Early Help Assessments Lead (DDSL) at [hangel@latimer.org.uk](mailto:hangel@latimer.org.uk).

# LEARNING AND PROGRESS



**Save the date! Thursday 7 March is World Book Day!**

We have a range of literary events planned during Term 4 at Latimer, including:

**The Great Bookish Bake Off:** Fancy yourself as a literary baker? Scone with the Wind? Eton Mess of the D'Urbevilles? Flapjack and the Beanstalk? If so, collect an entry form from the Library, put your aprons on and deliver your bookish bakes to the Library by 8:15am on Thursday 7 March. There will be a winner and runner-up selected from: Staff, KS5, KS4 and KS3 categories.



**Book Swap:** Having a half term de-clutter? Need to make some space on your shelves? Please consider donating any teen/young adult pre-loved fiction to the Library for our World Book Day 'Book Swap'. Students are welcome to come along to En5 during lunchtime on Thursday 7 March to swap a book, take a book or even unwrap a mystery book!

A great opportunity to lose yourself in a new book this Spring!

**Design a National Book Token Competition:** This national competition offers you the chance to have your design showcased in bookshops and supermarkets across the country! More details are available [here](#) and you can collect an entry form from the Library. All entries must be returned to the Library for posting by Wednesday 26 March.



**Scholastic Book Fayre in the Library, 28 Feb - 5 Mar**

More information regarding available books will follow after half term. Only online payments will be accepted (strictly no cash) from 26 February and must be completed by 12pm on 5 March here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1324358>

There is something for every pocket at the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5. World Book Day £1 tokens can be used towards online transactions.

If you have any questions about our World Book Day events, please contact our Literacy Lead, Mrs Hawkins: [rhawkins@latimer.org.uk](mailto:rhawkins@latimer.org.uk)

Relevant all year round, access to **Bedrock** for our Year 7-9 students and **Accelerated Reader** for our Year 7 and 8 students remains part of our extended learning expectations. Please continue to encourage access to both books and Bedrock at home. Do not underestimate the power of reading!

# CAREERS

## National Apprenticeship Week

We were busy last week learning all about apprenticeships! Assemblies, webinars, videos and quizzes have hopefully inspired students to consider apprenticeships as an option after they leave Latimer. If you have not yet had a chance, please look at the links on the email sent last week.

## National Careers Week 4-9 March

No sooner than National Apprenticeship Week is over, we have National Careers Week on the horizon! This week, taking place 4-9 March, celebrates all things careers guidance with the aim of supporting young people moving on to employment. More information to follow.



In advance of the week, there is a NCW NHS Zoom Workshop taking place on Wednesday 28 February at 4.00pm to find out about career options, entry routes and work experience in the NHS. Sign up [here](#).

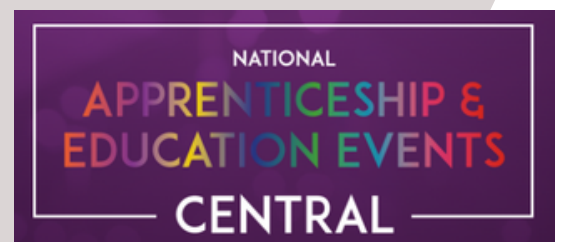


## British Science Week 11-15 March

British Science Week is coming up straight after National Careers Week. This week is dedicated to science, technology, engineering and maths with lots of activities for students to get involved in. Watch this space.

## The National Apprenticeship & Education Event – Thursday 25 April

We will be taking all of Year 10 to the Millennium Point, Birmingham on Thursday 25 April to attend the National Apprenticeship and Education Event. There will be a wide range of exhibitors from further and higher education providers to large companies such as the BBC.



Please can all Year 10 parents/carers ensure they have completed the Enrichment MS Form that was recently emailed providing us with up-to-date medical information.

# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## Careers and Future Planning in Sixth Form

In Tutor Time Year 12 are researching information and finding out more about apprenticeships and are working their way through a number of activities using an online workbook, to keep for future reference. Year 13 students are learning about life skills listed below and being independent:

- Budgeting
- Tenancy Agreements
- Contracts
- Utility Bills
- Bulk cooking
- Kitchen Hygiene
- Laundry

## Year 12 Work Experience Week – 15 to 19 July 2024

The message delivered to our Year 12 in an assembly this week about the benefits of Work Experience is detailed below.

By spending time in a workplace you can:

- learn about a job role
- learn about a company
- learn about a career sector
- stand out from the crowd on applications for courses, training and jobs
- test out your career ideas
- improve your skills
- show your commitment and enthusiasm

Even if students do not know what job they want, or they cannot get their perfect placement, any work experience is better than none. Whatever job they try, they will learn more about themselves and working life. They will also gain skills in the process. It may even lead to experience that is more suitable, with the same company. It could be good preparation for another opportunity that is closer to what they want to do.

So we are actively encouraging all our Year 12 students to seek work placements for the last week of the summer term **(15-19 July)**.

If there are any parents/carers who feel able to reach out and may be willing to consider taking on one of our students for work experience during this time or on an alternative convenient date, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Sixth Form Centre Manager: [smagee@latimer.org.uk](mailto:smagee@latimer.org.uk)



# SIXTH FORM UPCOMING EVENTS



**Student Finance Talk** - on Thursday 29 February we will have a guest speaker coming in from De Montfort University to speak to our university applicants about student finance, which is due to open in early March 2024 for Sept 2024 entry.

**Emergency First Aid Workshops** - as part of our ongoing enrichment programme we have arranged for the [NNC First Responders](#) to come in and run two, 2 hour practical Emergency First Aid workshops with our Year 13 students.

These workshops will take place on Wednesday 28 February and again on Wednesday 6 March. The sessions will cover: patient not breathing, recovery position, CPR, using the community (and school) defibrillators, choking and catastrophic bleeds.



## SIXTH FORM - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Year 12 Mock Exams**

**w/c 17 June 2024**

**Year 12 Work Experience Week**

**15 - 19 July 2024**

# WIDER CURRICULUM

## Primary School Curling Event

Last week Latimer hosted a curling competition in our fantastic sports centre for students from eight local primary schools in conjunction with NSPORT.



Our sports leaders: Millie Atkins, Louis Bailey, Abigail Burrage, Rebekah Burrage, Indie Cale, Charlotte Dodd, Brooke Hayes, Arthur Howe, Antony Italiano, Aryaman Khinda, Marley Smith, Liliarna Samples and Josh Suppo helped out by scoring and encouraging the young participants.



Our young leaders were a credit to Latimer and were highly praised by the primary school staff. Well done to all those involved.

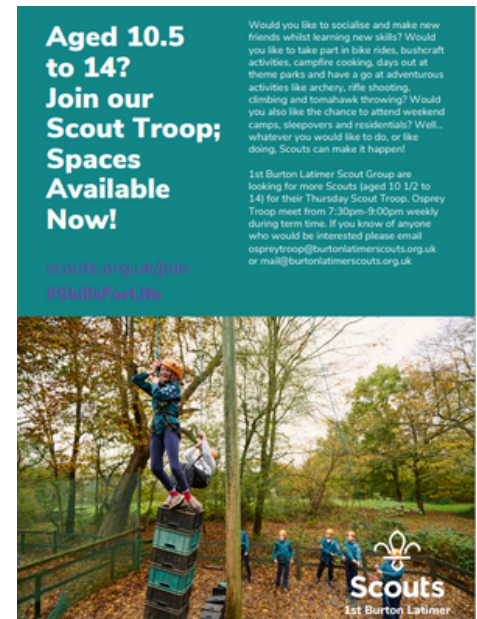
# OTHER NEWS

## February Half Term Activities Across North Northamptonshire

February half term runs between Monday 19 February and Friday 23 February and North Northamptonshire Council have some fun and exciting activities for families at locations across North Northamptonshire. Activities include tennis, football, leisure swim, surf and turf and much more. To learn more please visit [www.northnouthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.northnouthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

## Spaces available at local Scout Group

1st Burton Latimer Scout Group currently have spaces in their Thursday Scout Group (Osprey Troop), which is for 10.5-14 year olds. The Scout Group do lots of exciting and adventurous activities and learn lots of life skills, whilst socialising and making friends. Please see flyer attached with this newsletter for further information.



**Aged 10.5 to 14?**  
**Join our Scout Troop; Spaces Available Now!**

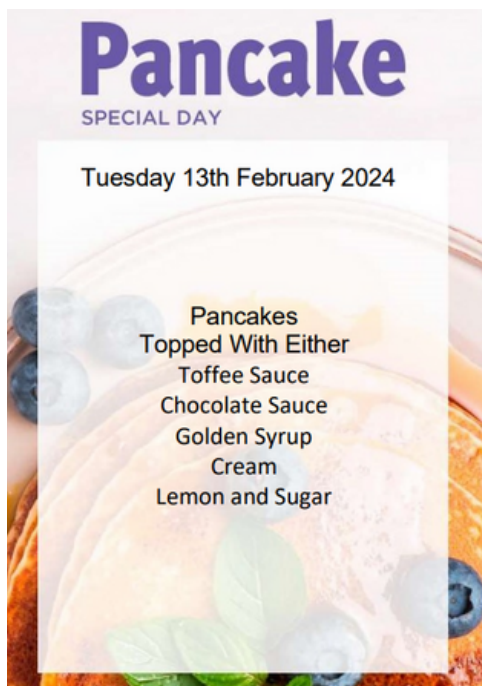
Would you like to socialise and make new friends whilst learning new skills? Would you like to take part in bike rides, bushcraft activities, campfire cooking, days out at theme parks and have a go at adventurous activities like archery, rifle shooting, climbing and tomahawk throwing? Would you also like the chance to attend weekend camps, sleepovers and residential? Well... whatever you would like to do, or like doing, Scouts can make it happen!

1st Burton Latimer Scout Group are looking for more Scouts (aged 10 1/2 to 14) for their Thursday Scout Troop. Osprey Troop meet from 7.30pm-9.00pm weekly during term time. If you know of anyone who would be interested please email [osprey@1stburtonlatimer.org.uk](mailto:osprey@1stburtonlatimer.org.uk) or mail@1stburtonlatimer.org.uk

[scouts.org.uk/join](http://scouts.org.uk/join)  
#SkillsForLife

**Scouts**  
1st Burton Latimer

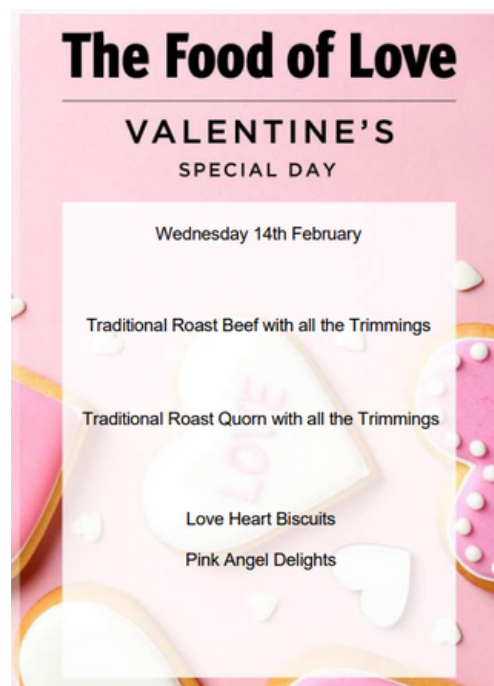
## Catering News



**Pancake**  
SPECIAL DAY

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Pancakes  
Topped With Either  
Toffee Sauce  
Chocolate Sauce  
Golden Syrup  
Cream  
Lemon and Sugar



**The Food of Love**  
VALENTINE'S  
SPECIAL DAY

Wednesday 14th February

Traditional Roast Beef with all the Trimmings

Traditional Roast Quorn with all the Trimmings

Love Heart Biscuits  
Pink Angel Delights

## EXTENDED LEARNING FACILITIES

A reminder of our Aspire Homework Club, designed to support your child's academic success. In the mornings from 8.00-8.20am, and after school on Mondays to Thursdays from 3.00-4.00 pm, we provide dedicated homework facilities in the Library staffed with trained professionals to assist students in completing their extended learning. Additionally, during lunchtime, students are welcome to go to IT6.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16 February  
Monday 26 February

Monday 4 March  
Tuesday 5 March  
Thursday 7 March  
Monday 11 March

Tuesday 12 March  
Monday 18 March  
Tuesday 19 March  
Wednesday 20 March  
Thursday 21 March  
Friday 22 March  
Thursday 28 March

Monday 15 April  
Tuesday 16 April

End of Term 3  
Start of Term 4: School re-opens to students  
(This will be Week 2 on the timetable)  
Year 11 Mock Exam Season 3 (until 8 March)  
National Careers Week (until 8 March)  
Year 7 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm (remote)  
World Book Day  
Comic Relief/Souster Youth Charity Day  
British Science Week (until 15 March)  
Parent Forum, 6pm (Mu1)  
Year 8 Pathways Taster Sessions (until 28 March)  
Year 8 Pathways Evening, 5.30pm  
Year 9 Teenage Booster/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations  
Year 12 Geography Trip  
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Spring Music Concert, 7pm  
End of Term 4  
Training Day (School closed to students)  
Start of Term 5: School re-opens to students  
(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)



**More dates are available on our website**

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