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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 9 FEBRUARY 2018

Uniform Reminders

We wish all of our students a restful half term break!

We do ask for your support in relation to some uniform items when we return the following week:

Make-Up: We discourage the wearing of make-up to College but if worn it should appear subtle and natural. Unfortunately, we are experiencing an increasing number of students who are wearing 'full' make-up, including foundation, eye-shadow, eye-liner, highlighter, mascara, lipstick and 'slug' eyebrows. This is not subtle and from the start of Term 4, students will be expected to remove this at the start of the day.

Earrings: Students are permitted to wear one stud in each earlobe. Earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear are not permitted. If your child asks to have a piercing that is not in the lobe of the ear, just be aware that they will not be allowed to wear this in College and it will have to be removed. Please do not spend money that may be wasted! This applies to Sixth Form students as well.

Learning and Progress

Making Every Day Count!

As we approach the end of another term, there are less than **50** school days to go until the GCSE examinations start in earnest, with practical exams such as Art, Dance and Drama starting **sooner than this**.

Students were asked to reflect on their mock examination performance and from this to start planning their approach to "real" exams. We would encourage parents and carers to ensure that a revision plan has been devised: February half term should be seen as the perfect opportunity to work on revision material! Students will not get this time back!

To help ensure Year 11 students are as prepared as possible, students will be involved in a second round of mock examinations. The majority of these will take place within lessons, but for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography there will be examinations taking place in the Sports Hall and Masque.

To support with planning, the dates of the upcoming exams are below:

GCSE Practical Examinations

- Tuesday 13 March – Drama practical
- Monday 19 March – Art exam (all day)
- Friday 23 March – Art exam (all day)

Mock Examinations

- Monday 26 February – English Language paper 1
- Thursday 1 March – English Language paper 2
- Monday 5 March – Science paper
- Tuesday 6 March – Science paper
- Friday 9 March – Science paper
- Wednesday 14 March – History/Geography paper
- Thursday 22 March – Maths paper 1
- Monday 26 March – Maths paper 2

Supporting You to Support Your Child

Following the information that we have provided about Home Access Plus+, you may also have noticed that there have been some changes to the services that we are providing via School Gateway. If you log onto the system you will be able to see:

- Payment requests for trips/lunch monies etc
- Behaviour issues that have been logged
- Your child's timetable
- Reports that have been issued
- Attendance to date (including any unauthorised absences)

Share Your Views

Our Parent/Carer Forum gives parents and carers a voice to support with ongoing College improvements.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 27 February** at **6pm** in Music Room 2 (in The Masque). The Forum is an excellent way to build a positive partnership between parents and carers and the College. For more information please contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Safeguarding: Do we have your up to date contact details?

You may have seen the [BBC News](#) last week which featured a tragic story whereby two small children spent almost 24 hours with the body of their father, when he died following heart failure whilst their mother, Helen Daykin, was away. This tragic incident raises not only the importance of first-day calls when children are absent, something that we have in place at the College, but also the need for schools to have more than one set of contact details.

Helen has started a campaign to raise the importance of this and is being supported by bereavement charity, [The Good Grief Trust](#).

Please do let us know if you have changed your contact details and ensure that we have at least 3 contacts in case of emergencies. It is also critical that if your child is not in College, you phone and let us know as per our Attendance Policy.

Safer Internet Day: "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"

This week globally, Safer Internet Day, on Tuesday 6 February 2018, provided a fantastic opportunity for us to engage with students about their digital lives and remind them how to stay safe. To help parent/carers to get involved and stay informed, we have provided a brilliant [Safer Internet](#) fact sheet, which we hope that you will find useful!

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations



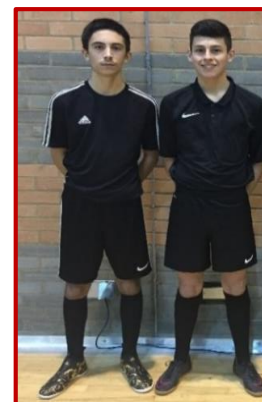
Take Your Child to Work Day 21 February: if you are unable to take your child with you on this day please can you ensure that they attend College as normal. We have created a fabulous World of Work event for them to take part in as an alternative.

Year 8 Big Bang @Silverstone 28 February: on this day, students will attend Lesson 1 as per normal and then will depart for the event at 9.30am. Students need to be in full school uniform and bring a packed lunch and drink for the day. We will return to College at 3.15pm. This is an incredible opportunity for students to have a hands-on experience of a variety of occupations. Please encourage your child to make the most of the event by talking to as many employers on the day as possible.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Sporting Success

Well done to Jake Andrews and Luca Scarvaci, who were part of a team who officiated in over 30 futsal games at the recent KSSP Year 3 and 4 Futsal Tournament! The feedback on their performance was excellent: the organisers praised them on their appearance, behaviour, friendliness and support for the children participating and also their knowledge of the sport!



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.

Friday 9 February	End of Term 3
Monday 19 February	College re-opens: Term 4
Wednesday 21 February	Year 8 'Take Your Child to Work' Day
Tuesday 27 February	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 28 February	Year 8 'Big Bang Event' Silverstone
Thursday 8 March	Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Tuesday 13 March	Collaborative Concert, 4pm (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 21 March	Year 9 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 23 March	Spring Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 28 March	End of Term 4
Thursday 29 March	Training Day: College closed to students
Saturday 31 March - Wednesday 4 April	Sports Tour
Monday 16 April	College re-opens: Term 5