

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The exam season is upon us and I am pleased to say that both Year 11 and 13 have made a good start to their exams. Year 11 have benefitted from some masterclasses to ensure they are well prepared for each subject, my thanks to the staff leading these for their efforts. Last week we also stood together as a school community to honour the lives lost and to celebrate the end of war in Europe on the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

We are excited to announce that the school has received funding to support the additional students we will be taking into Year 7 for the next two years whilst Hanwood Park School is built. This will enable us to extend the canteen and create an additional English classroom, as well as improving the IT facilities for all students.

‘Moving Up’: Welcoming you to the Latimer Family

Establishing strong working partnerships is very important to us and so we really look forward to meeting the parents and carers of our new Year 7 students at our Move Up Evenings on Wednesday 11th June and Thursday 12th June. More details will be published shortly, but please save the dates.

Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12

We are in the process of finalising the timetables for Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams, which will take place in mid-June. Full details will come shortly to parents and carers and students will be given a timetable. However, they do not need to wait for the timetable to start revision and should be speaking to staff about the best way to do this now.

Staying Mentally Healthy During Exam Time

We understand that exams can be a stressful time and so we are here to help if you need us. Further advice and guidance can also be found at [Young Minds](#).

Young Minds have a series of support pages aimed to help with exam stress and anxiety. Their advice is available to guide parents and carers and, of course, young people themselves. You can find this helpful advice at the links below:

[Parents](#) / [Young People](#)

You may also find this [link](#) from ‘The Parents Guide to’ helpful.

Anti-Histamines

Hayfever season is here and we are seeing significant numbers of students asking for medication to tackle the effects. Please be aware that from Term 6 we will not be able to issue anti-histamines to students who suffer with hayfever, unless they have been provided from home and our first aid team is aware. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity or funding to be issuing them to so many students on a daily basis. Please get in touch if this causes you a problem. Thank you.

Mrs K Murphy - Principal

SAFEGUARDING

Safe Behaviour

As we near the end of term, this is a good time to remind all students of the need to keep safe as they play/go outside more. Young people are likely to be out later, possibly near water. Please remind them to play safely near water and to stay out of water where possible. Sometimes what appears as a harmless pond or mini lake, for example near a road, could be a flood overflow pond and not suitable to go in.

Likewise rivers have currents which could be dangerous to swim in.

It goes without saying that we remind students to stay hydrated and protect themselves from the sun.

Misogny

We have delivered a one-off PSHE lesson to all students on the challenges and debate around misogyny. We also covered aspects such as the TV series 'Adolescence'. We hope that this way, students understand the terminology used at an age appropriate level.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We continue to encourage our students to talk about their feelings. Around schools are a number of notices reminding students who they can go to in school for support.

County Lines

This is something that as a school and Safeguarding Lead, we have covered before. This is the risk that local gangs can pose to young people who they exploit, often to move illegal items like drugs. They target young people who are easily persuaded to earn extra money.

I would like to share the graphic on the right from another county council which is the messaging I will be sharing with students.

Mr S King - Safeguarding Lead



LEARNING AND PROGRESS

English Writing Competition Results

The English Department recently ran a competition for Key Stage 3 students. They were asked to write a speech or a creative piece of writing about how to improve their local community. Well done to the winners Noah, Hannah and Jaedon.



To mark National Numeracy Day on 21st May, Year 7 and 8 students will be assigned an independent learning task to complete at home. This will take the place of their usual Sparx Maths homework for the week.

We encourage students to involve their family in this activity. The task can be presented in a variety of formats – such as a poster, brochure, organised list or PowerPoint presentation. Creativity is welcome!

Year 8 Pathways

We are writing to update you on the Year 8 Pathways allocations, which will be shared on the first Monday back after half term. Students will receive a slip detailing the subjects they have been allocated for their Key Stage 4 studies. These allocations have been carefully selected based on the preferences submitted earlier in the year. Every student has been assigned subjects from their stated preferences, with many receiving their top four preferences.

Please be aware that one subject change has occurred: Textiles is now listed under Art, though students who wish to specialise in Textiles will still have the opportunity to do so within the Art course. If your child is not happy with their subject allocations, they must speak to their tutor. Following an initial discussion, the tutor can help them book an appointment with Mr Young to explore further options.



A national (and international) reading for pleasure initiative, the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme engages thousands of children and young people in reading the books on the shortlist via reading groups in schools. Our Librarian, Mrs Brooking, has led a group of Latimer readers through the shadowing process over the last few years and this year we have an enthusiastic group of Year 9 and 10 students working their way through the shortlisted books, all of which highlight marginalised perspectives of boys and teenagers from disenfranchised communities. We have been lucky enough to be invited to Prince William School in June to cast our votes for the winning book alongside the official announcement at the Medal Winners' Ceremony. We can't wait to see which book wins! The 2025 shortlist can be found [here](#).

Sparx Reader

Each week, our Year 7 and 8 cohorts are challenged to achieve 300 SPARX Reader Points (SRP), which equates to 30 minutes of careful, concise reading. The benefits of reading are far-reaching, and it is proven that reading has an overwhelming impact, not just on academic success but also on factors including life expectancy and reducing stress levels. We realise that there will be times when there are circumstances that mean the 300 SRP total may not be achieved but we are hugely proud of those students who have completed this target every week of this academic year so far, an achievement that will be acknowledged in English lessons next week. **#WEHEARTTOREAD**

HOUSE NEWS

Attenborough



This term started with an Attenborough celebration assembly, which was about recognising students' success across the various subjects they study. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the success of students within the house, but a special mention needs to go to Yazid (Y7), Millie, Poppy and Freddie (Y8) at KS3 and at KS4, Freya (Y9) and Sawyer (Y11), who all picked up rewards in multiple subjects. Finally a massive congratulations to 7A2 for coming out on top as Form of the Term for Attenborough House.

As part of our assembly we also reflected upon the recent London Marathon, considering how far we have already travelled throughout this school year and the work we need to do in the remainder of this year and the dedication, resilience and hard work that we need to put in to be able to achieve our goals.

Gilbert



As the new term begins, students arrived at school under a dawn not of hazy orange, but one touched with a shade of purple, casting its gaze over the grounds. In our house assembly, we set forth our mission: to reclaim our top position for positive points and to build upon our proud second-place finish in enrichment. Student House Leaders stood with confidence, taking the helm of the house assembly, their leadership illuminating the path forward. The term has commenced with a remarkable triumph in house points, a testament to our collective spirit and dedication.

Meanwhile, student council meetings have been in full swing. Here, leading Gilbertarians have actively voiced their perspectives, shaping decisions on matters of importance to them. In forms, 7G2 have continued their success, achieving the title of Form of the Term consecutively. Additionally, students who excelled in various subjects have been recognised, receiving certificates for excellence, with some awarded vouchers for their outstanding achievements. We also joined many across the nation in paying tribute to VE Day, observing a two-minute silence.

Kahlo



A new term brings fresh opportunities, and Kahlo House is stepping into it with purpose, positivity, and pride. This term, we are placing a spotlight on those students who truly embody our House Values — recognising not just academic achievements, but also the everyday acts of kindness, leadership, and teamwork that make our House special. Whether it is supporting peers, leading by example, or going the extra mile in school life, Kahlo students continue to set a fantastic tone for others to follow.

We have seen great success in achieving our goal of reaching the top of the school for positive points. Our forms have even started competing against each other, with each of the two Kahlo forms in each year group striving to out perform each other in attendance, behaviour, positive points and enrichment.

We know that success comes in many forms, and we want to hear from you. If you have done something you're proud of — big or small — don't keep it to yourself. Come and let Mr Walmsley know so we can celebrate your brilliance!

HOUSE NEWS

Tull



Tull students are continuing to work hard this term and show great team spirit within house competitions. Our accomplishments as a team were celebrated in our most recent house assembly and a special thank you to our house leaders for presenting within the assembly. Our focus this term is to continue attending clubs in numbers as we are and try to beat our Satchel:one points totals each week. So far we have been achieving this and I have no doubt students will work hard to continue this into next term.

Enrichment

As we approach Term 6, the Wider Curriculum Team are busy with preparations for lots of exciting events across the school community.

Alongside our usual House Competitions, inter-house sports events and weekly quizzes, we are looking forward to our annual Community Games Day in July and the countdown to the big reveal of which house has won the House Cup for 2024/25. It is all still to play for, so there has never been a better time for students to keep earning positive behaviour points by displaying good attitude to learning, taking part in enrichment activities and competing in House Competitions!

The final touches are also being made to the Year 11 Prom and Celebration Assembly, which is a brilliant chance to celebrate the success and achievements of our Year 11s after five years at Latimer.

Student Council News

'I've been enjoying visiting Gilbert House forms to encourage volunteers to participate in our weekly house competition quiz. Our representation at the house competitions demonstrates our Latimer values and striving to achieve the best'

- Bella Noad 10G1

'This month I was responsible for supporting our Heart Award Tull house assembly, by announcing winning students and presenting certificates and prizes'

- Nikola Rozentale, 10T2

Thank you to all our KS4 Student House Leaders including Carys (Kahlo) and Nicole (Attenborough) who are now busy with exams!

SIXTH FORM NEWS

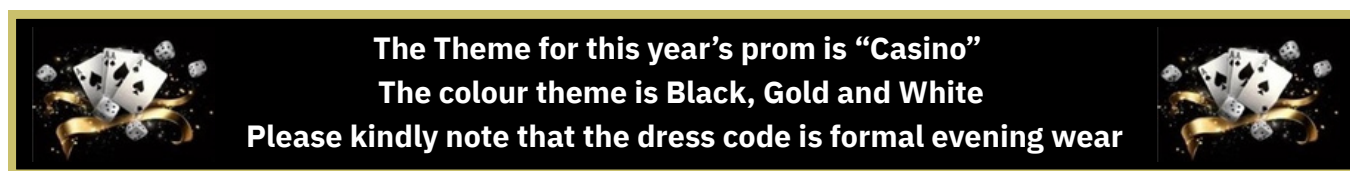


As we head into the main summer exam season, our Year 13 students will be following an alternative exam preparation timetable. Students have been provided with a full calendar of when their examinations fall, alongside their timetabled lessons, revision sessions and subject masterclasses.

The last tutor time session for Year 13 will take place on Wednesday 14th May, after which, they will no longer be required to attend enrichment sessions on Wednesday afternoons. There is a lot of information on the alternative timetable, so please do ask your son/daughter to share their individual copy with you.

Year 13 Leavers Prom - Friday 20th June - The Holiday Inn Corby

To mark the end of year exams and for making it through the past two years of study in Sixth Form, we will be celebrating with our Year 13 students at their Leavers Prom.



A new venue this year – The Holiday Inn, Corby. Parents are welcome to come along and take photos as our guests arrive, but please be mindful that the event itself will only be open to Latimer students and staff. Students should arrive between 6.15pm and 6.30pm. The festivities will commence at 6.30pm and the evening will finish at 10.30pm.

Year 12 - Subject 1:1 Feedback Sessions

Over the next two weeks, students will have the opportunity to sit with their subject specialist teachers to gain valuable feedback as to their current level of progress and areas for improvement, which is primed perfectly just prior to the Year 12 mock exams which commence mid-June. (Further details of mock exams to follow).

Year 12 Prize Draw

To thank those students who are meeting expectations in terms of attendance and punctuality, we will be holding two prize draws during tutor time on Friday 13th June. One for attendance and one for punctuality.



Students who consistently meet our Sixth Form expectations for attendance and punctuality during the period Monday 12th May through to Friday 13th June will be entered into the Prize Draws.

Parent Guide to Student Finance

Please click [here](#) for an useful guide for parents and carers whose child/ren may go on to university.

SIXTH FORM NEWS



Work Experience Week - 30th June to 4th July

As soon as the mock exams are complete, Year 12 will be undertaking a week's worth of work experience. 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. Following their placement and once back in school, students will have time to reflect on their experience, participating in a robust evaluation process.

Can You Help?

We are really pleased that 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.

Do you know of someone who may be able to offer a work experience placement that could enhance university and job applications, while also helping students determine what aspects of their chosen career they do and don't enjoy?

We are specifically looking for placements in the following areas:

Ideal Placement:

Architecture
Finance/Accounting
Healthcare Sector
Law/Legal System
Customer Service
Social Care Sector

Could Consider:

Anything with CAD Design elements
Accounts Office
Helping people in need
Solicitors/Estate Agents/Recruitment Consultants
Role with lots of communications skills
Something with lots of interactions with people

If students are unable to secure a suitable work placement, they are required to inform Ms Magee, Sixth Form Centre Manager, as soon as possible. Mrs Stanbridge, our Independent Careers Advisor, will be on hand to provide guidance and advice to help them secure themselves a work placement.



Once again, we are taking our Year 12 students to the annual UCAS Discovery at Bedford - a great place to discover all the options, under one roof.

At UCAS Discovery, students can:

- chat to unis and colleges about their courses and uni life
- speak to employers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available
- listen to talks from experts in their fields
- get dedicated support from our UCAS experts about all the options

****It will be an early start, with the coach departing Latimer at 08.15am in the morning.**

If you would like to find out more about this event, click [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

We are excited to announce that Athena Activities is once again hosting a Whitsun Half-Term Holiday Activity Camp 2025.

They advise parents to secure their child's place as soon as possible, as spaces are limited at the Holiday Activity Camp. Bookings can be made at :

www.AthenaActivities.co.uk

Camp Details:

- Tuesday 27th May - Friday 30th May 2025.
- 9am - 4pm (Early Drop-offs at 8am and Late Pick-ups at 5pm can be booked on their website).
- Cottingham C of E Primary School, LE16 8XB.

Leisure Activities

North Northamptonshire have a full programme of activities for families across the leisure facilities during half term and beyond: swimming, football, cheerleading, racket sports, and more! To learn more visit the website for details: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities



www.AthenaActivities.co.uk

Early Bird Discount - "Whitsun EarlyBird"

FROM TUESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

WHITSUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

EYFS Children in Reception
Children in Years 1-6
Young Leaders in Years 7-11

ACTIVITIES ON OFFER:

- Fashion Design
- Den Building
- Cooking & Baking
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports
- Minecraft & Coding
- Junk Modelling
- Performing Arts
- Yoga & Well-being
- Lego & Construction

Athena Activities

Cottingham C of E Primary School
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Download the FREE Love Exploring app to embark on this epic quest - **Dinosaur Interactive Walks**.

Check out the video [North Northants Leisure - Love Exploring Dinosaur Interactive Walks Film](#), and visit our website for locations & details: [Love Explore Interactive walks | North Northamptonshire Council](#)



Active Families **Wellbeing Walks**

FAMILY SENSORY WALK

TUESDAY 27TH MAY AT 10:30AM - 11:30AM
WEST GLEBE PARK AND PAVILION
CORBY, NN17 1SZ
MEET OUTSIDE THE PAVILION

Join us for an hour of exploring your senses in nature. Ideal for ages 3 plus. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all time. We will be taking a short walk through the woodland area so please ensure you wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

To book your free space please email (limited spaces) with name, number of children and adults, postcode and contact number.
NNLeisure@northnorthants.gov.uk

North Northamptonshire Leisure



WINDRUSH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025
11:00AM - 17:00PM
HALL PARK RUSHDEN

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OTHER NEWS

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Wellness Collective Club

During Term 5, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have organised, advertised and have been leading the Wellness Collective Club on Thursday lunch times in En1.



For this they have led sessions on creative drawing, playing games, making bracelets and other activities to provide a fun space for students during lunch.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Latimer Golf Team for their great performance at the Northamptonshire Schools Golf Championships on Thursday 3rd April at Collingtree Park Golf Club.

The team did an amazing job, finishing 2nd in the Gross Competition out of 13 school teams – a fantastic achievement!

Well done to Regan Lilly, Ethan Reece, and Dan Swinfen for representing the team this year.



The Year 7 Netball Team went to the District Tournament and won all their games against Kettering and Corby teams to secure the overall win. Well done ladies - a great team effort!

Congratulations to Esther Chapman in Year 10 who won a bronze medal at the Northants/Leicestershire and Rutland Athletics County Championships on Sunday 11th May.

She competed in the 800m and 300m U17 girls, achieving a personal best in the 800 and a bronze medal in the 300m for the county.



OTHER NEWS

Supporting the Local Authority get Young Peoples' Views

The Northamptonshire Police and the Commissioner for Police, Fire and Crime are running a consultation to understand the relationships between young people and the police, and how safe young people feel in the area they live. They have very little data to help them understand this, so this consultation will help them create a baseline to work from, and help Northamptonshire Police and the Commissioner for Police, Fire and Crime to know where they need to improve.

They want to hear from as many young people as possible to enable them to improve services. Hearing their voices and amplifying them will be a catalyst for change and with this in mind, we are asking if you would be willing to help gather this data. Please encourage your child to scan the QR code or click [here](#) to complete the survey.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 May	Parent Forum, 6pm
Friday 23 May	End of Term 5
Monday 2 June	Start of Term 6: School re-opens to students (This will be Week 1 on the timetable)
	Year 9 Sports Tour (ends Friday 6 June)
Wednesday 11 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 1, 5.30pm
Thursday 12 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2, 5.30pm
Monday 16 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Exam Season (ends 26 June)
Tuesday 17 June	Year 12 UCAS Event
Friday 20 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly / Year 11 Prom
	Year 13 Prom
Monday 23 June	Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends 25 June)
Tuesday 24 June	Latimer Dance Show, 7.00pm
Monday 30 June	Year 8 Normandy Trip (ends 4 July)
	Year 12 Work Experience (ends 4 July)
Tuesday 1 July	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip (ends 2 July)
Wednesday 2 July	Year 7 Bletchley Park Trip
	Years 9 and 10 Battlefields Trip (ends 4 July)
Thursday 10 July	Pride of Latimer Awards Evening
Monday 14 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 15 July	Summer Music Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 21 July	Community Games Day
Tuesday 22 July	End of Term 6 (early closure)



More dates are available on our website