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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 18 OCTOBER 2018

An Invitation to our Sixth Form Open Evening 2018

As a result of such strong GCSE results, our Sixth Form is thriving! We would like to invite the parents and carers of students in Year 11 to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Tuesday 6 November 2018**, to find out about the fantastic range of opportunities that are on offer at The Latimer Arts College for Post-16 students. More details of our offer and our prospectus can be accessed on our [website](#) from Monday 29 October.

Learning and Progress

Ace Your Exams: “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”

- **Mock Exams and Revision Support:** Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our rescheduled Year 11 *‘Ace Your Exams’* evening this week. To support this, we include an overview of our programme as we continue with the countdown to GCSEs.

And the clock is ticking, with only 3 school weeks left until the start of the mock exam season for Years 11 and 13. Time spent on revision over half term is essential. All details of the Year 11 schedule are outlined in the attached information sheet. Year 13 details will be finalised at the start of Term 2. We also thought that it would be helpful to include a copy of the Study Skills booklet that was issued to our students last year. This gives an overview of a number of revision strategies that they could use.

- **Sixth Form Mock Interviews:** To support Year 13 students with preparation for Post-18 routes, these interviews will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 13 November and Wednesday 14 November, with representatives from the world of work leading each interview. Students have participated in a workshop in advance to support with their completion of CVs and have used the Unifrog platform to prepare and write a personal statement on www.unifrog.org
- **Sixth Form Bursary:** The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation. There are two bursaries available: discretionary bursary awards which can be made to students who face financial barriers in education and a vulnerable bursary for young people in a defined vulnerable group.

Receipt of a bursary is conditional on the student meeting all expectations set by the College. Please visit our website: [16-18 Bursary Policy](#) to see if your child may be eligible for this financial support or contact our Sixth Form Centre Manager, Ms Magee: smagee@latimer.org.uk.

Thank a Teacher: send a card campaign

It is true to say that a key to our success in delivering high exam outcomes is due to our exceptional staff body. With this in mind, we would like to highlight The Pearson Teaching Awards: Thank a Teacher campaign.

This provides an opportunity for you to recognise the hard work and dedication of those who work at the College, within both our teaching and non-teaching staff. They will be sent a card through the post, with your personal message, for free. Anyone can send a card and it can be for anything – helping your child settle in, for the quality of teaching, helping out at a difficult time or just being supportive. Please [*CLICK HERE TO SEND A CARD*](#)

Science Learning Centre Consultation

We are delighted that our building project is moving forward with greater impetus now, with a planned completion date of December 2019. As part of this, we will be holding a Public Consultation on Tuesday 13 November from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the Masque foyer. Should you wish to submit any comments, please do drop in during the session where the building contractors will be able to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to make the session you can submit comments in writing to the College and we will forward them on.

Safeguarding Update

County Lines: watching out for the warning signs

County Lines is a major, cross-cutting issue involving drugs, violence, gangs, criminal and sexual exploitation, modern slavery and missing persons, and the response to tackling it involves a wide range of agencies. We will be exploring these issues in College to educate our students about how to be safe and to know what to do if they, or others, are being exploited.

A young person's involvement in county lines activity often leaves signs! Please see the [poster](#) for further information. If you notice any changes in your child's lifestyle, this should be discussed with them and you are welcome to contact us for further support via Mrs Angel hangel@latimer.org.uk

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

SAVE THE DATE **Women into STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics**
We are delighted to be taking our Year 10 girls to Rockingham Motor Speedway to attend a Women into STEAM-based Higher Education Event on Thursday 1 November. A huge range of opportunities will be available at the event including Max Velocity and their Kit Kart building and Immersive Experiences in their out-of-this-world domes. Our students will have the opportunity to explore The Digital Landscape and raise their awareness of potential career options as well as listening to the keynote speaker, Dr Rebecca Smethurst.

World Skills UK Live

Following this, on Thursday 15 November we are taking **all** Year 10 students to the UK's largest interactive apprenticeships, skills and careers event. This exciting event is divided into four industry sectors, with the opportunity to 'have a go' at hands-on, job-related skills across a huge range of careers. Students will experience a wide range of activities, such as TV production, demolition simulation, virtual welding, floristry and 3D modelling and much more! Students will be able to get expert careers advice and meet over 130 employers from across the UK, including BAE Systems, BMW, Coca Cola, HS2, IBM, Muller, NHS Careers, Royal Mail, Toyota and the Armed Forces, many of whom offer jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

We advise that students start to plan their day now to ensure they get the most out of the event by visiting [World Skills UK](#).

Parent/Carer information/permission letter have been issued and should be returned to Student Services Reception as soon as possible.

Uniform Reminder

As happens from time to time, a new fashion arrives, which inevitably does not meet with our uniform policy! It appears that there is a renewed trend for boys having 'tramlines' cut into the scalp. We need to remind parents and carers that this is not permitted and please do not allow your child to persuade you otherwise.

Currently, we are reminding any student who has had this done that it is not allowed and asking them to not repeat the style. We very much hope that individual students acknowledge this so that we do not have to consider sanctions. As ever, your support is much appreciated.

As we are approaching a holiday, can we also remind you that nose studs and piercings that are not in the lobe of the ear (such as helix and cartilage piercings) are not permitted for those in Years 7-11. We ask that money is not wasted on these piercings over half term as students will need to remove them for College.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank You!

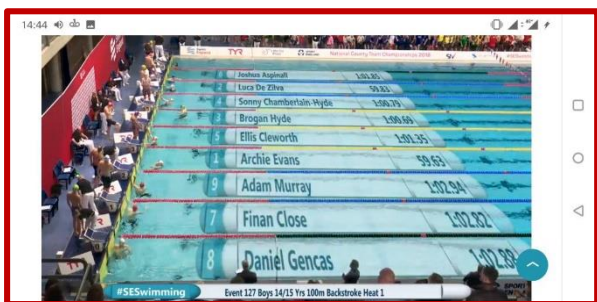
Thank you to our whole College community for the support that you gave to our Macmillan coffee morning. The event organised by Wicksteed House raised a huge amount of money, with the total currently standing over £900. A special mention goes to Mary-Jane Stephenson-Glynn (W5) and Jacob Aston (W3) who raised a substantial amount towards their form's total.

Scouting out Success

We are delighted to inform you that Eloise Murray has been selected from hundreds of applicants to join the Northamptonshire unit of the UK contingent attending next year's World Scout Jamboree. But she needs your help!

To attend the event in America, Eloise needs to raise £3,600. She has been very busy so far: she has organised a quiz, chocolate tombola, cake selling, marshalling at Hollowell Steam Fair and Stoke Bruerne At War Day, selling duck woggles at scouting camps, gardening with her Guiding leader and various other activities.

To raise further funds, Eloise will be taking part in a Lego Build and Show event on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October from 10am at the Desborough United Reformed Church Hall. For more details of how you can support this event please visit: <http://facebook.com/LegoBuildandShow>



Making a Splash!

Archie and Libby Evans are both well on their way to future Olympic success. Archie won the 100m back stroke at the recent National Inter-County competition at Sheffield and became the first in his age group to break the 60 seconds barrier, placing him in the Number 1 spot on the GB rankings so far this year. His 50m back stroke also places him 3rd.

His sister Libby also did her best times and broke the club records for her age so is rapidly catching her brother up! Well done to both.

Going the extra mile

We pass on our congratulations to Dylan Jackson who recently received the Matthews Merit Award from Barton Seagrave Cricket Club. Although an U13 player, last season Dylan attended every U11's game and happily led the warm up for the players without being asked to do so and scored for the team as well.

He also attended the U9's Friday Night evenings and assisted with the teams at those events as well. His contribution to the Club has been exceptional and he always contributes so willingly and with a smile.



Performing Arts Opportunities

Junior Dance Company: Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for their successful audition for Junior Dance Company: Polly, Lola, Holly, Nikita, Olivia, Madison, Grace, Yadeliz, Aimee, Caitlin and Evie. We look forward to some spectacular performances in the near future.

Dance Ambassador: The Dance Department are looking to appoint three Dance Ambassadors (one for KS3, 4 and 5) to contribute towards the Dance Department.

- Is your child passionate about Dance?
- Are they creative?
- Do they have leadership skills?
- Can they inspire and motivate other students?

If your child would answer 'yes' to these questions and they are interested in becoming a Dance Ambassador, then please encourage them to speak to Mrs Ilersic.

Sports News

We end the term where we began – with news of some superb sporting performances. The Year 8 Girls' Hockey team are undefeated in 7 matches this year. They have won 5 and drawn 2, so they head into the District tournament as favourites. Well done to the team: Natalia Bednarczyk, Olivia White, Ellie Jones, Isabelle Sinclair, Kaylee Diamond, Mia Wood, Phoebe Green, Ruby Bushell, Grace Stevens and Ruby Stevens.

Congratulations to our Year 11 Boys' Football Team who won 4-3 against Bishop to clinch the District title. A great end to their season!

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 18 October	End of Term 1 for students
Friday 19 October	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 29 October	College re-opens to students: start of Term 2. <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Thursday 1 November	Year 10 'Women into Steam' event, Rockingham Motor Speedway
Tuesday 6 November	Sixth Form Open Evening (for Year 11) 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 November	Sixth Form Mock Interviews (from 6pm)
Thursday 15 November	Year 10 World Skills UK Live, Birmingham NEC
Tuesday 20 November	Year 9 Buzzed Drama Event
Wednesday 21 November	Year 11 Mock Exams start (until Tuesday 4 December)
Tuesday 4 December	Year 13 Mock Exams start (until Tuesday 11 December)
Thursday 6 December	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 1 (Masque Theatre)
Friday 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 21 December	End of Term 2
Friday 4 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 7 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>