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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 15 JUNE 2018

### We need all of your help to win a school PE lesson with Dylan Hartley!

Northampton Saints are running a competition – and we want to win! The prize is for England Rugby captain Dylan Hartley to visit the College for a PE lesson. All we need to do is to each fill in a form ([click here](#)) and the school with the most votes wins!

You can only vote once so get all your friends and family involved too so that The Latimer Arts College get to the top! \*Entries close at 10am on 31 August 2018 – we will remind you again!

## Learning and Progress

### Free Schools Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Nutritious school food has obvious health benefits and can help students to establish good eating habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve a student's readiness to learn. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Please find a letter attached with further information on how you can apply. For all of those who are eligible, the College receives additional funding that can then be used to support your child's education.

### Ensuring success through outstanding attendance

We must take this opportunity to remind you that, under DfE rules, head teachers **may not grant** any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents and carers may be given a fixed term penalty for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the College. These penalties can range from between £60 and £120 and are payable within 28 days. Each parent and carer may be fined for each individual child. Penalties are imposed by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and the monies collected do **not** come to the College.

Unauthorised holidays which result in absences of 10 school sessions (the equivalent of 5 days) or more may be referred for fixed term penalties.

The College has a legal responsibility to enforce this and so we will not authorise leave of absence for holidays. Absences will only be granted for exceptional circumstances with approval from the Principal following submission of a Leave of Absence request form, which can be obtained from Student Services.

### And why would you want to miss all of this?

We have a fantastic range of learning experiences and opportunities this term:

- **Year 10 and Year 12 Exams:** For Year 10, exams will run from Wednesday 20 until Thursday 28 June. For Year 12, exams will mainly run from Monday 25 until Thursday 28 June (with some small changes for students who study Geography due to their field trip).
- **Sixth Form UCAS Exhibition:** on Friday 29 June, Year 12 students will be taken to the University of Bedfordshire, where they will be able to access information regarding higher education, apprenticeships and gap years, amongst other things. They will also have the opportunity to look around a university campus.
- **Sixth Form Induction Week:** for those Year 11 students who plan to join us in September, attending these sessions from **Monday 2 July** to **Friday 6 July** is compulsory.

- **Year 12 Work Experience:** newly introduced this year, running from **Monday 2 July** to **Friday 6 July**, as part of our Raising Aspirations programme, our Year 12 students will undertake a week of work experience designed to support them to develop their employability skills.

### Calling All Year 7, 8 and 9 Students: Join in our PiXL Timetable App Competition!



We issued **675** books last term and we would like to congratulate Millie Painter who borrowed a whopping 13 books! Other top borrowers were Natalia Bednarczyk, Jasmin Eade-Campbell and Kumbirai Kangausaru.

And well done to our boys, who out-borrowed the girls in the term!

### Safeguarding

We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the new Netflix Series of '13 Reasons Why' to raise awareness and as a protective measure for our young people. The series has been reported to glamorise self-harm and suicide: in this new series there are guns involved and several hints at a school shooting.

Please do talk to your children if you are concerned about them or notice a change in their behaviour. You can also seek additional support from the NSPCC on 0808 808 5002 to provide help on how to keep children safe online. If you have safeguarding concerns you can also seek advice from MASH by calling 101 or contact any of the Latimer Safeguarding Team.

### Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

#### Routes to Success: exploring apprenticeships

We hope that you find the Department for Education (DfE) fact sheet included with this newsletter letter useful in increasing your awareness of apprenticeships, the benefits and progression opportunities available and information about why an apprenticeship could be the right choice for your son or daughter. Should you wish to find out more information about this route into employment, our Careers Adviser, Mrs Allen would be happy to help: [kallen@latimer.org.uk](mailto:kallen@latimer.org.uk)

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### Sporting Success



Term 5 ended with a fabulous County Cup win for our Year 8 boys. They beat Abbeyfield School 4-1 in the final, with Matty Skonecki, Harry Leverett, Liam Johnstone and Brenden Boyle scoring the goals.

And Term 6 has started well with Scarlett Maxwell-Munn, Kean McCabe, Erin Healy, Reuben Birch, Shay Piggott and Mackenzie Colson all representing the District Athletics Team on Saturday in the County Athletics Championships. Well done to all of them for representing the College so superbly.

### A time for others to shine too!

Not only is Term 6 packed with valuable learning opportunities, we also pride ourselves on the range of enrichment activities that we offer our students to recognise and celebrate their successes and to support their personal development. This term is no exception:

- **Summer Music Concert:** this will take place on **Thursday 28 June** – tickets will sell out rapidly so get in there quickly!
- **Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom:** after an impeccable attitude to their GCSE examinations, Year 11 thoroughly deserve their day of celebration on **Friday 29 June**. Prom tickets and Year Books will be issued at the assembly, for which students should arrive at 8.45am for a 9.00am start.
- **Pride of Latimer Awards:** we are thrilled to have been able to announce award winners by letter (apart from the overall Pride of Latimer winners who are announced on the evening and are top secret at this stage!). We would ask that parents and carers confirm their attendance for this event on **Thursday 5 July** as soon as possible so that seating can be planned.
- **Sixth Form Leavers Assembly (Year 13):** will take place on Friday 6 July, with students gathering for a light lunch in the Sixth Form Centre at 1.15pm, with the formal ceremony commencing at 1.45pm in the Masque.
- **Moving Up Day:** we look forward to our new Year 7 joining us for the day on **Monday 9 July**.
- **Sports Day:** if the weather is kinder to us than it has been recently, we will all take part in this event on **Tuesday 17 July**.
- **House Champions:** it is the final countdown to the announcement of which House has won the competition for this year and therefore which students will be taking part in the 'treat' that comes as a reward for this achievement.

And with our Year 10 Wimbledon trip and a Year 7 French Breakfast, the opportunities really are too good to be missed!

### World Challenge: Join in with our World Cup Fever!

As the FIFA World Cup commences this week and the excitement builds, our World Challenge Expedition 2019 students can offer you the fabulous opportunity of winning £25 by entering their 'World Cup Quiz'.

Quiz sheets are £1 and will be sold during tutor time where your child can purchase as many quiz sheets for friends and family as they wish. Quiz sheets will also be on sale at our forthcoming Summer Music Concert. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Deadline for entries is Friday 6 July.

## Start of the Year Preparations: Uniform Purchasing

As we draw towards the end of this academic year and you start to think about uniform and PE kit for the new year starting in September, it is important for us to inform you that our uniform supplier, Karl Sports, **has moved location!**

Their current building is now dedicated to sportswear only. All other uniform will be sold from their school wear division in a purpose fitted building at Unit 7 Trafalgar Road, Kettering NN16 8DB (just behind B&Q). The new unit will allow them to hold more stock and deliver an even better service during busy periods. They now have a free phone telephone number 03300 080401 for any enquiries.

## 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.

Wednesday 20 June	Year 10 Mock Exams commence (until Thursday 28 June)
Monday 25 June	Year 12 Exams commence (until Thursday 28 June) Year 12 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 28 June)
Thursday 28 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 29 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom
Monday 2 July	Sixth Form Induction Week Year 12 Work Experience Week Book Week
Friday 6 July	Year 13 Leavers' Event
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 July	Wimbledon Trip
Monday 9 July	Year 6 Moving Up Day
Tuesday 17 July	Sports Day
Friday 20 July	End of Term 6