

LATIMER NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Al-Noah-Ponder, Mrs Brookes and Mrs Milson. But we say goodbye and thank you to some wonderful staff who are leaving us today to go on to new opportunities.

Mrs Elvin who has covered Miss Milson in Drama and Mr Henderson who has covered in IT this year.
Miss Oram and Mr Collins, part of our LS and Pastoral team.

Mr Atiemo who came to support for a year and stayed for three.

Miss Mistry who has been Head of Media but also a Sixth Form tutor.

Mr Tebbutt who has been a teacher of IT, Business and Media and played such a huge part in the Sixth Form.

And also a huge thank you to Miss Turnbull who has stepped in this year as House Leader for Tull.

Pride of Latimer

Thank you to our governors who continue to provide fantastic support to the school. A particular mention to Greg Morris and Wayne Southern whose companies have donated money for our Young Carers group. This event would not be possible without our supporters and we are delighted to be working with Huxloe Rotary.

Community Games Day

Despite the heat we could not end the year without Community Games Day so our amazing PE Team rearranged the day to keep students safe whilst still retaining the fun and competitive spirit that this day involves.

Whole School Assembly

What a way to end another fantastic year at Latimer. Our whole school assembly was a joy be part of, a true celebration of the incredible achievements of our students.

The forms of the year were: **7A2, 8K1, 9A1 and 10K1**

Community Games Day Winners: **Tull House**

Attendance Cup: **Kahlo House**

Enrichment Cup: **Attenborough House**

Ethos Cup: **Gilbert House**

Heart Values Cup: **Kahlo House**



House Cup went to **Kahlo House** for the second year running. Well done Kahlo!

And it was a chance to share the hilarious Year 11 leavers video – school is now out for summer!

Values Days



Our recent Values Days were a fantastic celebration of our HEART values in action. Across the school students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination. From creating excellent sock monkeys and engineering ambitious paper aeroplanes to demonstrating outstanding teamwork during Pink Ball, our children showed what can be achieved when they work together and persevere.

Learning extended far beyond the classroom too. Students explored the fascinating mystery surrounding the assassination of JFK through thoughtful historical investigations, engaged in respectful discussions about the purpose of punishment, and enjoyed memorable educational visits to Normandy, Wimbledon and Bletchley Park. Throughout every activity, they showed honesty in their thinking, excellence in their efforts, ambition in tackling new challenges, respect for different viewpoints and teamwork in supporting one another.

Values Days are a wonderful reminder that learning is about so much more than acquiring knowledge. It is about developing character, confidence and a love of learning. We are incredibly proud of the way our students lived out our HEART values throughout the week, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

50th Celebrations



We launched our 50th celebrations at our annual Pride of Latimer Awards last week, which this year included a long service award for 20 staff who have all worked at Latimer for 20 years or more. Their dedication to education is worthy of praise and we are honoured that they chose to work at Latimer.

In September we are opening our doors to former students and staff for a trip down memory lane.

We are inviting past and present students, staff, families and the wider community to share their favourite memories. Send us a photo, a short story, or a 10-second video answering one of these questions:

What did Latimer give you?

What makes Latimer special?

What advice would you give future students?

Submit your contribution to this [link](#)



**To sign up for this event
please scan the QR code above**



By this time next year we hope to have raised enough money through donations for some outdoor furniture or a canopy for students and the community to use. This would be a lovely way to mark the 50th anniversary and leave a lasting memorial for future students to benefit from.

If you are an Alumni, current staff, student, parent or one of our fabulous supporting link organisations please donate and share our Go Fund Me page.

SAFEGUARDING

Healthy Lifestyle Surveys

We are supporting North Northamptonshire Council with an important piece of work to better understand how to help children and young people live healthier lives. As part of this, families across the area are being invited to complete a short Healthy Lives survey. The survey explores:

- How easy or difficult it is to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Any challenges families may face
- What support or information would be most helpful



Your views will help shape future support and services for children, young people and families locally.

Parent/Carer survey:

https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/food_nutrition_parent_carer

Young people survey (aged 11+):

https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/food_nutrition_cyp

The surveys are quick and easy to complete and will close at 11:59pm on 31st July 2026. We really encourage you to take part and share your views.

Thank you for your support.

NCA Guidance to Parents: Children's Images Online

In line with the guidance to schools, the National Crime Agency and the Internet Watch Foundation have now issued guidance for parents.

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you are worried.

The parents and carers's guidance can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding During the School Holidays

During the school holidays the Safeguarding Team only monitors their email address occasionally. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact North Northants Children's Services directly on **0300 126 7000**, rather than waiting for a reply from Latimer.

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

SAFEGUARDING

Water Safety

Please be aware that some parents have alerted us that after swimming in the brook in Burton Latimer, a popular spot, their child has become sick with vomiting etc.

Please share this with your child.



Safety Online

The government's recent decision to ban under 16s from social media has sparked a range of responses.

Over the next year, schools, families and communities will be working to manage this new reality. In the meantime, millions of young people will remain online, and therefore we will continue to teach our students how to stay safe, how to recognise risk and how to manage negative or damaging content or contact if it arises.

At the moment, we are seeing two significant trends on the social media platform TikTok. One which is having a profound impact on students in other local schools is a trend for young people cutting their faces. The other trend is for 'shipping and dipping', where users can express their opinions about romantic compatibility. If a user thinks a couple is 'cute', they can 'ship' them, while couples not deemed to be compatible are 'dipped'. Originally born out of Fandom, this has now been adopted by school age users to comment on their peers. We do not have a TikTok account. Therefore anything posted on TikTok, even if it uses our name or logo, will not have been created by Latimer.

If parents or students come across groups like this, where the content is not appropriate and could, at times, be hurtful, they should report it to TikTok who can take it down. On our website there are links to how parents/carers can apply parent controls, which can be placed on phones for a wide variety of apps. Alongside open conversations and clarity about what to do if things go wrong, these controls can support your child as they navigate social media. Here is the link to the NSPCC: [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

If you have concerns contact our Safeguarding Team.

Please remember that all phones are now banned in schools from the entry at the gate until the 15:00 bell.

Mr King
Safeguarding Lead

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Our Year 12 students have had an outstanding week undertaking their work experience placements, gaining invaluable insight into the world of work and developing skills that will support them in their future education and career aspirations.



Students secured placements across a wide range of sectors, including Architecture, Business and Finance, Construction, Engineering, Education, Hospitality, Healthcare, Law, Logistics and Manufacturing. Throughout the week, they had the opportunity to experience professional working environments, build confidence, develop employability skills, improve their communication and teamwork, and gain a greater understanding of the careers available to them.

This week students are reflecting on their experiences by delivering presentations to their peers, sharing what they have learned, the challenges they faced, and how the placement has influenced their future ambitions. These presentations provide an excellent opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills while inspiring others through their experiences.

A huge thank you goes to all of the employers who generously gave their time to host and mentor our students. Your support, guidance, and willingness to provide these valuable opportunities are greatly appreciated and play a vital role in helping our young people prepare for their future careers.

Year 12 Sexual Health Workshop

Recently our Year 12 students took part in an informative and engaging Sexual Health Workshop delivered by a team of specialist health educators. The session provided students with accurate, up-to-date information to help them make informed, responsible decisions about their health and well-being, topics covered included: STIs, contraception, condoms, HIV, online services for 16-24's, and respect and consent.

The interactive sessions encouraged students to ask questions, challenge misconceptions, and develop the knowledge and confidence needed to make safe and informed choices.

We are grateful to the team of specialist health educators for delivering such an engaging and informative programme, helping to equip our students with essential life skills and knowledge that will support them now and in the future.



For further information and access to trusted sexual health resources, please visit: [Northamptonshire Healthcare - Sexual Health Service | NHFT](#)

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 13 – Results Day – 13th August 2026

Please arrive to The Sixth Form Centre from 08.00am to collect your exam results.



Get your results day essentials ready.

Get your UCAS Hub sign in, UCAS Personal ID, phone, results day plan, useful links, ready.

Results are Released - Check your Application Status.

See the latest status of your application in your [UCAS Hub](#) and find out whether your place has been confirmed or not.

Have a plan for different situations.

You may have a confirmed place, be considered by your insurance choice, have a decision pending, explore Clearing, or decide to take a different route.

Use this link for helpful advice: [A level results day](#).

CAREERS NEWS

Parents and Carers – Share Your Views on Careers Education

Information has been sent to parents and carers via **e-mail** inviting you to complete the anonymous 'Your Child's Future' questionnaire.

The survey takes **less than 10 minutes** and asks for your views on your child's careers education and how well we are preparing them for their future. Your feedback will help us celebrate what is working well and identify areas for improvement.

If you have more than one child at Latimer, please complete the questionnaire with your **oldest child** in mind. You are welcome to submit additional responses for other children if you wish.

Please check your e-mails for full details and the questionnaire link.

OTHER NEWS

Support Latimer with Your Tesco Blue Tokens!

We are pleased to share that Latimer has been selected as one of three local projects to take part in the Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants Programme. If successful, we could receive a grant of between £500 and £1,500 to help fund a healthy breakfast club for our students and provide food parcels to support families during the school holidays.

The amount of funding we receive depends entirely on the number of blue token votes we collect, so we need your help!

From Monday 3rd August until the end of November, please remember to pick up a blue token every time you shop and vote for Latimer.

You can vote in the following Tesco stores:

Kettering Extra
Rothwell Express
Kettering Windmill Avenue
Kettering London Road Express

Every token makes a difference, so if you are shopping during the school holidays or over the coming months, please support our project by casting your vote.

Thank you for helping us make a positive difference for our children and families!

Help Raise Funds for Latimer

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for The Latimer Arts College with easyfundraising?

There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is scan the QR code on the image on the right.

At the moment there are 47 active supporters and we have raised nearly £2,000 in a year. Think what we could do if we had more supporters!

These funds allow the school to do the extra things for students and staff and the environment that the budget does not allow for!

RAISE £3
for us in just a few taps!

Simply become one of
Latimer Arts College, Barton Seagrave
supporters on **easyfundraising**

Get the free app!

1 Get the app & join for free

2 Shop online at no extra cost

3 We get donations

Get free donations from 8,000 retailers including:

Argos, ebay, JOHN LEWIS, TESCO, M&S, JUST EAT

We get £3 when you get the app, and more free donations when you shop!

OTHER NEWS

Kids Eat Free (or for £1)

Cut the cost of eating out with free children's meals at participating restaurants and cafes. Helping parents and carers to save a few £££s throughout the school holidays.

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026	
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free	
ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend ASK ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026 BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026 BREWDOG 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week CHIKUITO Kids eat free during all school holidays COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays FLAMING GRILL PUBS Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE during school holidays FRANCO MANCIA Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day HARVESTER Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026 HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult PREZZO Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult TESCO Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App) THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026 TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays ZIZZI Kids eat free via app during school holidays

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Funded by
UK Government

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Supporting households and helping people through difficult moments to enable long term stability

Resilience & Community Co-ordination Services
Practical advice and support from Financial Resilience services and community organisations.

Housing payments
Support for people on qualifying benefits with rent or essential housing costs.

Crisis payment
Help if you are in sudden financial need, alongside access to additional services and guidance to support longer-term stability.

Heating oil support
If you are at risk of running out of heating oil and cannot afford to buy more you may be eligible for a contribution towards the cost.

www.northnorthants.gov.uk/crf

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) runs from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 and is funded by the UK Government.

North Northamptonshire Council

Bands in the Stand - 25th July

SATURDAY

BANDSTAND PLEASURE PARK KETTERING

BANDS IN THE STAND

SAT 25TH JULY

UNLEASH THE POWER OF MUSIC!

12PM

2PM

3PM

UPRISING

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LAST CHANCE

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Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation

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All Saints' Area Community Group

This fund will help people in a crisis where their basic needs are at risk [Crisis payment](#) | [North Northamptonshire Council](#) with support from the financial resilience service for longer term support [Resilience services](#) | [North Northamptonshire Council](#). The Resilience Service is also open to anyone who needs that support around budgeting, debts, benefits etc.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE and A Level Results Days

A reminder that results will be available to students from the Sixth Form Centre:

Year 13 Results Day: Thursday 13 August from 8.00 – 10.00am

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 20 August 8.00 – 10.00am

External candidate registration: 10.30am – 12.00pm

Please note, results will only be given to parents and carers where we have had prior permission from their child to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult. Results cannot be given over the telephone. Results can be emailed if the student contacts us: tlevick@latimer.org.uk

Our Careers Adviser, Nicola Stanbridge, will be present on the Year 11 Results Day on 20 August. If your child needs support after gaining their results, she can help with impartial advice regarding their next steps.

Academic Year 2026 – 2027

The school opens to students on Thursday 3 September
Years 7-12 should arrive in school by 8.25am ready for a prompt start
Year 13 should arrive for assembly in the Masque at 10.20am
PE kit will not be needed on the first day