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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 2 MARCH 2018

Thank you to our amazing students...

I would like to say once again how immensely proud I am to be part of The Latimer Arts College community.

Whilst we need to wait for the publication of our Ofsted inspection report in approximately 3 weeks' time before we can confirm the outcome, what I can say is how impressed the Ofsted inspection team were with our students' behaviour and attitudes to learning. Despite the sometimes blizzard conditions that we were operating in on Wednesday, our students continued to do what they do on a daily basis: work hard, behave well and conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.

They expressed their pride in their school both in their words and their actions on the day.

Thank you to all parents and carers for allowing us the privilege of working with them.

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Learning and Progress

Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We would like to remind Year 10 students and their parents and carers about the SPRE on **Thursday 8 March** from **5.30 – 8.30pm**.

We are keen to ensure that we work in partnership to secure the very best progress for your child: with this in mind, we would be grateful if your child could attend the evening with you so that in each subject there is a clear understanding of current progress and priority areas for improvement.

GCSEs and A Levels: Easter Revision Programme

As we approach **39** school days until the start of the examination season, Year 11 students are in the process of undertaking a further round of mock examinations. Following these, they will have a clear understanding of their areas of strength and the priority areas for improvement.

One of the additional ways in which we will be supporting our students is by delivering an Easter Revision Programme for both Year 11 and 13 students. With this in mind, we ask that you provisionally keep dates between 3-13 April free from family commitments, pending the finalisation of the schedule. More details about this will follow shortly and when they are published, we strongly advise that your child attends any sessions that are identified for them.



Our students borrowed **645** books last term, **417** fiction and **228** non-fiction.

Well done to our **Top Borrowers**: Cameron Cassidy, Cy-Enna Cassidy, Harrison Rose, Rebecca Amos, Mya Cooke and Logan Mitchell.

We look forward to more students accessing our wonderful literacy resources in Term 4.

Safeguarding

Considerate Car Parking: Please can we remind all parents and carers about driving and parking in a safe and considerate way in the local community, not only to ensure that the access routes into the College are safe for our students but also to respect the space of the residents in our local community.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Year 8 'Take Your Child to Work Day 2018'

We say a huge thank you to all parents, carers, relatives and friends who were able to support Year 8 to enter the world of work for a day in support of this national event.

Students were provided with a unique opportunity and the feedback has been exceptionally positive. We do not know who was more excited: the students about their experience or staff who loved hearing about all that they have learnt!

Please ensure that your child completes the unique diary of events and returns it to Mrs Turner in the Sixth Form Centre by 9 March.

Students who stayed at College took part in the 'Electronic Car Challenge' in the morning with Tomorrow's Engineers Workshop and in the afternoon had a workshop led by Andrew Kunman CEO of Apprenticeship Supermarket.

Healthy Body: Healthy Mind!

We are delighted that Kieran Kevan, a Body Building champion and former student, will be delivering a fitness presentation on Wednesday 7 March during lunchtime. This is a wonderful opportunity for any student who enjoys fitness or is thinking of a career in sport/fitness and all students are invited to attend. If you would like your child to attend, please email Mrs Turner: cturner@latimer.org.uk.

Year 9 Careers Fair 2018



As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, preparations are well underway for our Careers Fair for Year 9 and Sixth Form students, to be held at Wicksteed Park on **Wednesday 25 April**. This is an exciting opportunity for students to engage with employers and find out about future careers and pathways.

Following the incredible success of last year, we already have some great employers signed up for the students to engage with: it is looking like this year will be even bigger and better! If you have a business that would like to have a stall at our Careers Fair, please contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk as soon as possible.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Pride of Latimer 2018: Shine Bright Like a Diamond



Students will have the opportunity to shine at our prestigious Pride of Latimer Awards Evening which will be taking place on 5 July 2018 at the Lighthouse Theatre – please save the date! Latimer staff have the wonderful privilege of nominating students in a variety of categories and will be doing this at the start of Term 6. During Term 5 students also have the opportunity to nominate award winners from their House/6th Form for the "Student Choice" category.

Putting on the Ritz: Prom 2018

As the GCSE exams draw closer, so does the date for our Year 11 Prom, which will be a well-deserved celebration for our students. Year 11 students can exchange any Vivos that they have earned for discount against their Prom ticket up to Wednesday 28 March. A Yearbook and a 2018 Hoodie are also available to purchase.

Val Cenis Ski Trip 2018

At February half term, 44 excited students and 7 (even more) excited staff set off to the slopes of Val Cenis in the French Alps.

After a really good (but long!) ferry and coach journey, the group arrived for tea time on Saturday evening and were up on Sunday morning off to hit the slopes. Our students made such rapid progress that they were soon off exploring Europe's longest green run – the 10km L'Escargot run. Apparently, in the summer, it is actually the road into Italy!

Despite busy ski days everybody found the energy to give 100% to the evening entertainment, such as bowling, pizza night, team games etc and of course, the all-important nominations for the daily awards.



As always, the attitude and behaviour of our students received very positive comments from everybody they came across, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and each member of staff for their contribution to a fantastically successful ski trip.

Don't forget to keep an eye out later in the year for the details of the 2020 ski trip! You will not want to miss it!

Rising to the (Maths) Challenge!

The results are in!

Once again our Latimer students have been very successful in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Fifteen students have achieved a Bronze certificate, five a Silver certificate and three a Gold certificate. Four students (Daniel Andrews, Mia-Rose Baker, Dhiren Parmar and Lorenzo Seminerio) have qualified for the European Kangaroo competition to be held in March. Congratulations to all who took part!

The Latimer Team Maths Challenge was held on 6 February, with 40 students off timetable for a morning of Maths problem solving. All participated with enthusiasm and seemed to enjoy themselves. A team will be going to the Regional Final after Easter.

Sporting Success

We are delighted to be able to celebrate a number of significant student successes: we congratulate Harvey Brown who has become a junior national boxing champion for his weight (48kg-50kg.) We look forward to hearing of future success as Harvey's boxing career continues.

Well done also to Lana Orbell, who recently won the U16 individual girls' county table tennis event and is now through to the regional round, which will take place in Wolverhampton on 21 April. We wish her the best of luck with this.

Finally, Ethan Randall shows that hard work and commitment really do pay off. He recently represented Kettering Amateur Swimming Club in the Northamptonshire County Swimming Championships. He managed to gain 12 PB's (all events entered) and secured a place in 6 finals and won 3 medals - Silver (200m breast), Silver (400 IM) and Bronze (100m breast). The previous year he won one medal! This is a fantastic achievement.

And some results...

Year 8 Football: Congratulations to the team who made it into the County Cup final after beating Malcolm Arnold Academy 3-1 in the semi-final.

Year 8 Football: The team won their first league game beating Bishop Stopford 6-0

Indoor Athletics: Our girls' team came 5th in the county competition and our boys' team came 9th.

Year 7 Hockey: Our team drew their first hockey match against Bishop Stopford.

Year 7 Football: The boys lost on penalties to Weston Favell in the quarter-final of County Cup after a 0-0 draw in normal time. They will be back bigger and stronger next year!

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 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, 7.30 pm (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 28 March	End of Term 4
Thursday 29 March	Training Day: College closed to students
Saturday 31 March	Sports Tour (until Wednesday 4 April)
Monday 16 April	College re-opens: Term 5
Wednesday 18 April	Year 8 Money Matters Event
Wednesday 25 April	Year 9 and Sixth Form Careers Fair
Thursday 26 April	Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30 pm