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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 5 OCTOBER 2018

Shining bright like the superstars that they are!

We would like to pass on our huge thanks to all of the student ambassadors that represented the College at our Open Evening last night. They were amazing and a true credit to you as parents and carers. We are very proud of them all!

Breaking News: We Are Flying High with Results August 2018!

We are delighted to be able to share with you some fantastic news about our GCSE Results in August 2018, following the recent release of provisional national data by the Department for Education.

Our Progress 8 Score is provisionally +0.24 and this indicates that our students' progress was above average and places us approximately in the top 30% of schools nationally. This is a significant increase of +0.3 from the previous year.

Well done to our very hard working and committed Class of 2018. Of course, our ambition is to improve even more this year! Year 11, are you up to the challenge?

Learning and Progress

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.

Delivering Success Through Partnerships: Hearing Your Voice

Curriculum Information Evenings: Thank you to all parents and carers for attending our Curriculum Evenings over the last 2 weeks. The feedback from those of you who did attend was overwhelmingly positive.

Sadly, the attendance for some of the evenings was disappointing. We would be really interested in the feedback from those who **did not attend** as to the reasons why, so that we can do all that we can to make any necessary changes in the future. The data really does prove that the students whose parents and carers engage regularly and positively with the College really do perform better in public examinations. If you do not attend, you really do not know what you are missing out on and therefore, more importantly, what your child is missing out on! Please do forward any feedback to Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

Ace Your Exams Evening – Rescheduled: It was with regret that we had to postpone the Year 11 **Ace Your Exams Evening** as it was unclear if access to the site would be possible due to a road traffic accident that closed Castle Way that day. We do apologise for this. We are able to confirm that this evening is rescheduled for **Wednesday 17 October** when we really hope to see all Year 11 parents and carers in attendance.

Parent/Carer Forum: Another way in which your voice can be heard is by joining our Parent/Carer Forum. The first meeting of the year will take place on **Wednesday 10 October at 6pm** in the Masque. The Forum gives parents and carers a voice to support with ongoing College improvements by sharing ideas and feeding back to the College on ways it can improve further.

The Forum is an excellent way to build a positive partnership between parents and carers and the College. For more information contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk.

Helping You to Support Your Child: Resources to Support Home Learning

ROK (Retention of Knowledge) Strategies

Following the [Mad4Life](#) session at our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening, we would encourage all parents and carers to visit the company's website where a range of practical revision strategies can be accessed to support your child with learning the vast amount of content needed for GCSE success. We routinely use many of these strategies in lessons and it would be helpful for students to use them in their own studies at home.

Accessing the Shared Area: To access College files at home and to share resources that teachers have created, students can use the following website <https://hap.latimer.org.uk/HAP/myfiles/>

Show My Homework (SMHW): This is a great tool for you and your child to be able to monitor homework. Year 7 parent and carers will have received log-in details at the KS3 Curriculum Evening (with information sent home for those who did not attend). All other parent and carer log-in details remain unchanged.

Safeguarding Update

Just a reminder that if you have not yet returned your child's 'Data Sheet' and 'GDPR Consent Form' documents, we need these as a matter of urgency. These documents ensure we have the most up to date information available about your child to ensure that we are able to monitor their well-being effectively.

Preventing Cybercrime Strategies

Sky News this week reported on 15 ways that criminals use the internet. The report was based on the fifth annual Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA). It is well-worth familiarising yourself and your children with these internet risks by reading the [Sky News Report](#).

Safe Cycling

A reminder that all students who choose to cycle to College should now have a bike pass and be wearing a helmet. We thank you for your support in ensuring that this is the case.

Sixth Form Identity Cards

As part of our commitment to maintaining the security and safety of our students, all Sixth Form students now have identity cards. These cards are enabled with barcode technology and must be worn at all times. The cards will enable Sixth Form students to register their attendance electronically. It is imperative that students comply with this process to ensure that health and safety fire regulations are met, as well as allowing staff to ensure attendance meets expected standards.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations



World Skills UK Live (formerly The Skills Show) Thursday 15 November 2018

We are delighted that we will be able to offer all of our Year 10 students the opportunity to attend the UK's largest skills, apprenticeships and careers event at Birmingham NEC. Students will have the chance to take part in activities, meet Universities, employers and apprenticeship providers and win some fantastic freebies! To find out more about this fantastic opportunity, visit the [World Skills](#) website.

Planning for the Future: Year 13 Workshops

As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, we were pleased to be able to provide our students with the opportunity of attending a CV Writing Workshop run by Adecco recruitment agency. They have received some valuable insight into writing their CV in preparation for mock interviews that will be taking place on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 November 2018. These interviews will be held with representatives from the world of work leading each interview.

Over the coming weeks, we will be offering our Year 13 students an opportunity to participate in a series of workshops to help them prepare for UCAS applications and mock examinations in December.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Our added extras!

Please visit our [enrichment activities](#) page on the website to find out what clubs are on offer. Please encourage your child to participate and try out new activities. Those who attend clubs will be awarded with Vivos in recognition of their wider contributions to College life.

Performing Arts Opportunities

The Dance Department want to say 'well done' to those students that came to the first audition session for Junior Dance Company. Everybody worked really hard and we are looking forward to seeing the results in the final audition. Latimer really does have some fantastic talent!

The Dance Department are looking to recruit students who are passionate about dance and want to develop their leadership skills. Interested? Then watch this space....

Leading the Way

We are thrilled to announce that Liam Colabuono-McDonagh has been selected from over 2800 applicants to become one of the National Citizen Service's regional ambassadors. He will be taking part in the NCS Kick Start programme 2018 on 22 -26 October 2018 in Milton Keynes.

Sailing Success: We are always pleased to follow the journey to success that our students have outside of College – please do keep us up to date.

Over the course of last year, we shared the sailing success that Tom Chapman and his team had experienced. We are delighted to say that as the season ended, Cransley Youth Sailing Team won the overall season Regional Team Trophy in the Anglian Water/P&B Series. This is the first time in the club's history! Team Cransley's youngsters were consistently sailing to a high standard, with dogged determination, in mixed weather conditions. In addition, their behaviour and team spirit on and off the water has been reported back to the club commodore as being impeccable.

Tom's own achievements are well worth noting, having an overall position of 3rd out of 26 in the Topper Fleet (43004)! Very well done and we look forward to hearing about more success next season!



Sporting Success

Year 11 Boys' Football Team are through to the next round of the County Cup following a 2-0 win against Weston Favell Academy.

Well done to the following students who have already been selected for the Year 7 Cross Country Event, after only 4 weeks at the College: Charlie Duck, Harry MacGregor, Isabelle Lund, Alfie Revell, Lucas Farren, Harry Walker, Lexie Bevin, Charlie Newell, Aaron Holloway, Imogen Smith, Bethan Cundy, Isabella Lee, Alana Toms, Holly Lowe, Lucy Parker, Cobie Shipton and Mollianne Carter. A great effort by all!

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 10 October	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 1 (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 17 October	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening, 6-8pm
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
Wednesday 1 November	Year 10 'Women into Steam' event, Rockingham Motor Speedway
Tuesday 6 November	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6-8pm
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