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Thank you to those who follow us on **Twitter** already, but if you are not you are missing out! We regularly share good news stories, including our sporting success and recognise the efforts of our excellent students, as well as providing important information such as exam revision tips, carers information and general information about your child's education and future! We would love more students, parents and carers and members of our local community to sign up!

LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 6 OCTOBER 2017

The parents and carers of those students who supported the College with our Curriculum Information Evenings and Open Evening should be immensely proud of their children. Each and every one of them were amazing.

I want to pass on a huge thank you on behalf of staff and governors for all of their hard work and effort on these evenings: we cannot emphasise enough just how privileged we feel to be able to work alongside your children! Thank you for choosing to send them to The Latimer Arts College.

Yours sincerely

Ms Siobhan Hearne

Principal

Hot off the Press! The Latimer Arts College is to have a brand new sports hall and 3G pitch!

Following close liaison with Northamptonshire County Council over the last few months, we have received the wonderful news that, subject to planning permission, the College is to have a brand new sports hall and 3G pitch.

As of yet, we do not have a projected completion date, but it is anticipated that building may be complete by Easter 2019.

Our children deserve the very best and with the plans for the new Science Learning Centre also progressing rapidly it is a very exciting time for them!

We will keep you up to date with both projects as soon as we know more.

Learning and Progress

Curriculum Information Evenings: Next Steps

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended these evenings. We were delighted with the positive feedback that we have received that indicate that, in principle, each evening was extremely helpful for you. We also appreciate the ideas that you have given us for how we can make them even better in year two!

In terms of next steps:

- Please find the presentations from the Year 7 evening on our [website](#).
- Information about our Year 7 and 8 Curriculum and Assessments will be available to view shortly.
- On Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 October we will be delivering a Study Skills Workshop to Years 9 and 10 where students will be provided with examples of the revision techniques that were presented by Mad4Life at the Curriculum Information Evenings. Following these sessions we will upload the booklet that we will be providing for students onto our website – just in case it gets lost in bags!

Most importantly, if there are any other curriculum themed events that you would like us to put on, please do let us know.

Helping us to help you!

Our Parent/Carer Forum gives parents and carers a voice to support with ongoing College improvements. It was the input from this group that helped to shape our Curriculum Information Evenings!

The first meeting of the year will take place on **Tuesday 10 October at 6pm** in Music Room 2 (in The Masque). The Forum is an excellent way to build a positive partnership between parents and carers and the College. For more information please contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Safeguarding Update

Just a reminder that if you have not yet returned your child's 'Personal Details' and 'Special Diet/Allergy' 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.

As an added incentive, if we receive both documents before the end of term your child will receive a credit onto their cashless catering account to the value of £1.10 which will allow them to have a free school lunch in Picasso's.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

The National Skills Show: supporting our students to go further

We are delighted that as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, in order to support with future career choices, we will be taking all of Year 10 students to the National Skills Show, the nation's largest skills and careers event, at the NEC on Thursday 16 November. This will provide a fantastic opportunity for students to get a hands-on experience of the world of work, to speak to Universities and to find out about a wide range of careers.

In order to maximise opportunities on the day, we require students to investigate in advance what is on offer to them by visiting the [National Skills Show](#) website.

To support with the smooth organisation for this enrichment activity, please ensure that your child returns the Parental Consent form to Mrs Turner Cturner@latimer.org.uk.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

On the back of our great news about our Sports Hall, we are also delighted to be able to congratulate Anna Pringle who has yet again been successful in the hockey county trials. Anna will now be representing the county. This is a well-deserved achievement given the hard work and commitment that Anna shows.

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.

Tuesday 10 October	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 19 October	End of Term 1 for students
Friday 20 October	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 30 October	College re-opens to students: start of Term 2
Tuesday 14 November	Year 11 Student Progress Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 22 November	Sixth Form Pathways Evening (for Year 11) 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 8 December	Year 11 Mock Exams (until Wednesday 20 December)
Monday 11 December	Year 13 Mock Exams (until Wednesday 20 December)
Thursday 14 December	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 21 December	End of Term 2
Wednesday 3 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Thursday 4 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3