



Unlocking Potential – Inspiring Excellence Latimer Latest Updates: 26 May 2023



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Pride of Latimer 2023: 'Stars'

'Like stars across the sky, we were born to shine'

We are delighted to announce that our Pride of Latimer Awards will take place on Tuesday 11 July at The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough. We very much look forward to celebrating the contributions and achievements of our students on this evening. Invitations will be sent at the start of Term 6.

Learning and Progress

Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12

We are in the process of finalising the timetables for Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams, which will take place in mid-June. Full details will come out shortly to parents and carers and students will be given a timetable. However, students do not need to wait for the timetable to start revision and should be speaking to staff now about the best way to do this.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)

As a College, we are committed to supporting our students to grow as people through a strong Personal Development Programme (PDP) centred around PSHE and RSE. Our programme has been specifically designed to meet the statutory requirements, in compliance with the PSHE Association framework, with age appropriate learning.

Our aim is to communicate to parents and carers the topics that each year group will study for any given term so that you can explore these with your child. Please see below the topics for Term 6:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
PSHE	PSHE	PSHE	Citizenship
Relationships and Sex Education	Relationships and Sex Education	Relationships and Sex Education	Celebrating Diversity and Equality
Friendships, Respect and Relationships	Identity, Relationships and Sex Education	Contraception and STIs	Exploring World Issues

Year 9: Valuing your Feedback

We would be grateful if the parents and carers of Year 9 students could complete our survey, following last week's SPRE. This will only take a few minutes. Your feedback is really valuable in supporting us to improve the College further. The deadline is Tuesday 6 June. Please click [here](#).

'Moving Up': Welcoming you to the Latimer Family

A reminder that our Moving Up Evenings for the parents and carers of our Year 6 students is on **Tuesday 13** or **Wednesday 14 June**. Please can we emphasise that this is an evening for parents and carers. Students will have their opportunity to find out all about the College on their **'Moving Up Day'** on **Monday 3 July**.

Safeguarding and Well-Being



We have made excellent progress towards our aspiration to achieve the Gold United Against Bullying (UAB) Award over the course of this academic year. In order to evaluate our successes and next steps, we are inviting all students to complete a final questionnaire during Personal Development Time in Week 3 of Term 6.

The letter included with this newsletter explains this in more detail. If you do not wish your child to be invited to complete this questionnaire, please email: mail@latimer.org.uk by Monday 12 June.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

A Parents' 'Toolkit for Conversations'

The [Gatsby Foundation](#) has developed a suite of resources directly for parents/carers to help you have more informed and constructive conversations with your child about the different training and education pathways available to them – all the information can be found on the extensive [Talking Futures Website](#). Please do take the time to have a look!

Careers Education: South East Midlands Career Hub (SEMCH) Newsletter

Please find included with the newsletter, the termly newsletter from SEMCH which provides insightful information to enhance parents' and carers' knowledge of local careers and opportunities available for students.

'Unifrog': Staying Connected Beyond Latimer

We provide all students with access to 'Unifrog', which provides a wealth of opportunities for students, including access to a vast range of educational resources, career guidance, and personalised recommendations.

Even after your child leaves the College, they can still continue to benefit from the valuable resources offered by Unifrog as alumni (this means 'former students'). Whether they need support with their CVs or want to explore new courses, Unifrog remains a valuable tool for their ongoing educational journey.

We encourage students to stay in touch and make the most of their Unifrog accounts. By accessing their personal details, they can easily update their email address from their school email to their personal one, ensuring they receive important updates and notifications beyond their time at the College. Additionally, they have the option to select that they would like to stay connected, fostering ongoing communication and support from our platform.

We value the strong connections we have built with our students, and we hope they will choose to maintain these relationships by remaining active on Unifrog. Together, we can support their continued growth and success, even beyond Life at Latimer!

If you have any questions or need assistance with your child's Unifrog account, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated Careers Team: Careers@latimer.org.uk

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



We now have 21 students who have read over 1 million words. This week we congratulate Kyra Owen and Luca Lupici who have read over 4 million words each and David Rodrigues who has read over 3 million words. Since our last newsletter Miley Simpson has also joined the millionaire club! Congratulations and well done to all our millionaire readers!

Language and literacy are the bedrock of all learning. Students in Years 7-9 have a dedicated library lesson each fortnight where, alongside Accelerated Reader, they access an online vocabulary curriculum: [Bedrock](#).

Bedrock was created by teachers and encompasses [Tier 2](#) vocabulary, to equip students with the knowledge needed to improve their educational outcomes.

Our students work through a series of lessons, assigned by Bedrock after a short test to make sure their learning is suited to their ability. Topics consist of a range of original fiction and non-fiction texts, all of which are human narrated so students are provided with headphones. Each fortnight, students are expected to complete a further 20 minutes (minimum) on Bedrock as part of their KS3 homework.

Regular use of Bedrock will make students' written and spoken language richer, at the same time as building their confidence to tackle challenging texts.

Can your child tell you which words they have been learning this week?

Our current top performers are:

Year 7: Alexander Randell, Archie Stanley and Alex Gray

Year 8: Lacey Russell, Kealan Green and Nikodem Bednarczyk

Year 9: Betty Goodman, Harrison Harvey and Keisi Kocka

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote all of the fantastic range of learning experiences and opportunities that students will have in Term 6. We hope your child will get involved with:

- **Sixth Form UCAS Exhibition:** On Wednesday 21 June, Year 12 students will be taken to the University of Bedfordshire, where they will have an opportunity to liaise with visiting exhibitors including UCAS experts, university and college representatives, and industry professionals. They will also have the opportunity to look around the university campus and ask those burning questions that Google just can't answer.
- **Year 13 Celebration Day:** On Thursday 22 June, Year 13 will have their Celebration Assembly (with their prom the following day), as they leave The Latimer Arts College to move on to pastures new.
- **Year 11 Celebration Day:** On Friday 23 June, Year 11 will have their Celebration Assembly and Prom.
- **Sixth Form Induction Week:** For those Year 11 students who plan to join us in September, attending these sessions on Monday 26 June to Wednesday 28 June will play a vital part in supporting the transition to post-16 learning.
- **Wimbledon Trip:** Our Year 10 students will have an enviable opportunity to attend the tennis championships on Wednesday 5 July.
- **Hunstanton Trip:** Our Year 8 students will have the opportunity to undertake Geography fieldwork on Thursday 6 July.
- **Community Sports Day:** Our second Community Sports Day will take place on Friday 7 July: when the whole College community will come together for a day of games and sporting fun.

- **Pride of Latimer Awards:** On Tuesday 11 July at The Castle Theatre. Invitations coming soon!
- **Year 12 Work Experience:** Running from Monday 17 July to Friday 21 July, as part of our Careers programme, our Year 12 students will undertake a week of work experience designed to support them to develop their employability skills.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 8 Mixed Touch Rugby Team who won the District tournament. There were also medals in the District Athletics, with our Year 9 girls securing Silver and our Year 9 boys securing Bronze. Well done!

Other News

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.

Friday 26 May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 June	Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)</i>
Tuesday 13 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Thursday 15 June	Year 12 Mock Examinations (ends Wednesday 28 June)
Monday 19 June	Year 10 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 30 June)
Tuesday 20 June	Year 7 Science Trip: Woburn
Wednesday 21 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
Thursday 22 June	Year 13 Celebration Assembly
Friday 23 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Year 11 and 13 Prom
Monday 26 June	Sixth Form Induction (ends Wednesday 28 June)
Thursday 29 June	Summer Music Concert
Friday 30 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 3 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 4 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (ends Wednesday 5 July) Musical Theatre Showcase
Wednesday 5 July	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip (ends Thursday 6 July)
Thursday 6 July	Year 8 Coast Trip: Hunstanton
Friday 7 July	Community Sports Day
Tuesday 11 July	Pride of Latimer Awards Evening
Thursday 13 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1
Friday 14 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2
Monday 17 July	Year 12 Work Experience (ends Friday 21 July)
Friday 21 July	End of Term 6