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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 24 NOVEMBER 2017

### Learning and Progress

#### Don't miss the Sixth Form Application Deadline

Following our Open Evening this week, a reminder that applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2018 need to be submitted by Friday 15 December. For further support or guidance, please contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: [kmatthews@latimer.org.uk](mailto:kmatthews@latimer.org.uk)

Thank you to those parents and carers who supported their child by attending the Year 11 SPRE last week. We hope that the feedback will help with mock exams which commence on 5th December.

Too often, students focus on the subject content they like the most rather than stepping up to the challenge of conquering the more difficult aspects of the course content!

As a College, we are having a real push on using Question Level Analysis and Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs) to track exactly what students do know and do not know. By identifying insecure and secure knowledge for individual students, it can help to move them on more rapidly. Students need to focus on the areas that have been identified as being the most insecure or them in the next couple of weeks.

We have provided students with a great range of tools to support them in doing this.



**Website:** <https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/PMA.swf>

The PiXL Maths App can be downloaded onto smart phones or tablets - students in Year 11 have been issued with their usernames already.



**Website:** <https://www.tassomai.com/login/>

Already being used routinely in lessons, Tassomai makes learning and revising for GCSE Science effective and straightforward. Students can see the revision topics they need to work through, how they are getting on and what they should do next.



**Website:** <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

In addition to the revision books that we have provided, students can use GCSEPod, which provides highly concentrated 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher-written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons. Everything is explained precisely with all the correct facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams, all mapped to GCSE exam specifications.

#### Aspire: After School Study Support for Students



A reminder that we have launched our new after school study support '**ASPIRE**' which replaces 'Homework Club' and all students in all year groups are welcome to attend on any day/s that they choose.

'**ASPIRE**' is located in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and IT3 and operates daily from 3.15 to 5.00pm. A drink and a snack will be provided.

### Safeguarding Update

#### Sixth Form Lanyards

All Sixth Form students have been issued with a personalised lanyard that must be worn whilst on the College site. The lanyards have been issued as part of our safeguarding procedures so that those who are not in a College uniform are identifiable.

## **Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations**

### **Pitch Perfect! Year 7 Enterprise Challenge**

We welcome (friendly) 'Dragons' from our Business Community on Wednesday 6 December who will mentor Year 7 students as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme 'Dragons' Den' event.

The day is designed to develop our students' innovative enterprise skills as they learn about Product Design, Marketing, Money Matters, Team Work, Presentation Skills and of course meeting deadlines!

Students should come to College in uniform and be ready to participate fully in our high energy, fast paced day!

### **Skills Show: Supporting the Journey to Success**

We were delighted by the number of Year 10 students who fed back on how inspired they were by the Skills Show - their evaluations suggest that so many of them are far more knowledgeable about their future pathways now. During the event, students were actively engaged with employers and universities, finding out about the industries and pathways open to them. Many Latimer students also took part in the competitions and won a variety of spectacular prizes including Lucas Palliser who, due to his expert flying skills, won a drone!

Students were an absolute credit to the College!

During KS4, as our Year 10 students prepare for Sixth Form, we will launch our '*Ace your Exams*' programme and they will have 1:1 meetings with our independent IAG advisor Kate Allen, who you can also contact if you wish to: [KAllen@latimer.org.uk](mailto:KAllen@latimer.org.uk).

## **Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success**

### **'All Different, All Equal': Anti-Bullying Week**

We wish the following acts the best of luck as they take part in in our Latimer's Got Anti-Bullying Talent Show final on Friday 24 November:

Variety Act: Jasmine Lambert, Alfie Johnson, Olivia Knibb  
Drama: Georgia Ives, Sara Scorrano, Lauren Bird, Holly Broughton  
Singing: Josh Taylor  
Singer/Songwriter: Fatima Nouredine -  
Dance: Manuela Entiriwaa and Abbie Major  
Comedy: Connor Lightfoot  
Magic: Sam Dunn and Jack Grainger

### **'Spotacular' was Spectacular!**

Students were 'spotacular' in their support of Children in Need raising £1,581. Thank you for your support and well done to Castle House for organising a fantastic event.

### **Countdown to Christmas: Already!**

With one month to go and the countdown to the festive season underway, there are a range of events to draw your attention to:

**Christmas Dinner:** This will be served by Caterlink on Tuesday 12 December. Tickets can be collected from Monday 27 November to Friday 8 December. Please make sure your child puts their name down for a lunch if they would like one, in order to avoid disappointment. Money for the meal will be collected on the day.

**Christmas Crafts:** At lunchtime on 20 December students will be able to take part in craft making activities in the LRC such as making Christmas Cards and a Reindeer Origami Corner Bookmark.

**Christmas Music Concert:** Tickets are on sale for our concert on Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm - but you will need to be fast as they are selling out quickly!

**Christmas Jumper Day:** On the final day of term, Thursday 21 December, students will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper. Students who wish to participate in this will still need to wear their school trousers or skirts but will not need to wear school shirts, ties or blazers. For those who do not wish to participate, then normal uniform should be worn.

### **And, as it is that time of year (already!)...Emergency Procedures: Snow!**

We have been fortunate for a couple of years not to have experienced much extreme weather over the winter period. However, we cannot rest on our laurels and each year we plan early for potential significant snowfall. Whilst students would delight in having 'snow days', as parents and carers we know that you will support us in our aim to keep the College open as long as it is safe to do so.

We have included with this newsletter our Snow Procedures. At this point we wish to highlight that one of the strategies that we may adopt in order to keep the College open if there is prolonged and heavy snowfall, but to ensure that students are safe, may be to shorten lunchtimes and finish the College day slightly earlier. This will only be as a last resort and, should we be in the position of considering this, we will let you know.

We may also call for the support of the local community in clearing pathways should this be necessary!

### **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 5 December	Year 11 Mock Exams (until Wednesday 20 December)
Thursday 7 December	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Monday 11 December	Year 13 Mock Exams (until Thursday 14 December)
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 (This will be Week 2 on the timetable)
Monday 8 January	KS4 Pathways Introduction fortnight commences (for Year 8)
Wednesday 17 January	KS4 Pathways Evening (for Year 8), 6-8pm
Friday 19 January	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Results Day
Tuesday 23 January	Ready Set Go Evening 6pm (for Year 11 parents/carers)
Wednesday 31 January	Year 11 and 13 School Photographs
Thursday 1 February	Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE) 5.30-8.30 pm
Wednesday 7 February	Sixth Form Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE) 5.30-8.30 pm
Friday 9 February	End of Term 3