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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 7 DECEMBER 2018

We have the green light!

We are delighted to confirm that work will commence on our Sports Hall and 3G pitch in early January. It is planned that the 3G pitch will be installed first, with a provisional April completion date with the Sports Hall to follow. We hope to be accessing this new facility at the start of the next academic year. Our students deserve the best and we cannot wait to deliver this project for them!

Learning and Progress

Mad4Life: Mad for Learning!

Year 12 students recently immersed themselves in a Mad4Study workshop (delivered by [Mad4Life](#)), which equipped them with a brand new set of study tools, as we continue to promote the concept of self-study, independent learning and research - all vital skills for A Level success.

Look out for students using the 'hashtag' method of revision: it is so simple and yet so effective, we wish that we had thought about it ourselves. It is certainly something that we will share with other students now that we know about it!

We look forward to providing students with further study support through two further workshops in the new year: Mad4Motivation and Mad4Future.

Calling all Year 8 Parents and Carers...



We have a really exciting and busy Term 3 and 4 planned for Year 8, details of which we are delighted to share with you in this newsletter so that both you and your child are prepared:

Key Stage 4 Pathways and Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We are offering the following three opportunities to support Year 8 students and their parents and carers to make informed decisions about pathway preferences for KS4.

Monday 4 February – Friday 15 February	Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight, where class teachers will deliver GCSE sample lessons to students
Tuesday 5 February	Year 8 Pathways Evening, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 26 February	Year 8 SPRE 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Students will receive all of their pathway information early in Term 3.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Dragons' Den: You Are Hired!

Preparations are well underway for this year's Latimer's 'Dragons' Den' enterprise event for all of Year 7 on 23 January 2019. Students will pitch ideas/inventions to a set of Dragons from local businesses and the local community. Students will be encouraged to develop vital employability skills such as team work and communication, as well as learning about Finance and Marketing. This event will provide some opportunity for students to start thinking about their future careers!

Year 11 Future Destinations Evening: new for this year!



As a parent/carer, have you asked yourself what the difference is between a Degree and a High Level Apprenticeship? How do you know which your child should choose and how do they apply? Or maybe, what on earth will it cost me to send my child to university? And where do we even start to look?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then put the date of Thursday 31 January 2019 at 6pm in your diary now as we will be hosting a new evening this year which aims to answer all of these questions and more in advance of your child commencing Sixth Form studies, so that together you can plan more effectively for the next steps. More details to follow!

Accessing Apprenticeships: a parent's guide

The most up to date [Parent Pack](#) from 'Amazing Apprenticeships' is full of really useful information, including the new apprenticeships standards. This is well worth a read with your child to discover the variety of options available to them.

Skills for Life: volunteers needed!

As part of a programme to prepare our Sixth Form students for life in the real world, we would like to offer them the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops to further their independence. If you feel you could support in sharing basic skills in health and wellbeing, car maintenance, financial planning or any other life skills, we would love to hear from you. If you would be willing to enhance our programme by getting involved please contact Sue Magee, Sixth Form Centre Manager: smagee@latimer.org.uk

Safeguarding

Keeping Your Child Safe Online: TikTok App

The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) recently published a guide on TikTok, which used to be called Musical.ly. This social network app has often given adults cause for concern; the app allows users to create videos using current and popular music, some of the songs contain explicit swearing, sexual content and references that may be inappropriate for younger users. Also, as users create their own content some videos posted in the app can contain inappropriate clothing or gestures.

Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it and the content may not be suitable. We would recommend that parents and carers read the guide carefully and decide for themselves if their child should be accessing this app.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Sporting Success

It is clear that we have some very talented sports stars in Year 7 and 8. We recently hosted a friendly Year 7 and 8 Girls' Basketball tournament, for which we entered two teams. Both teams played exceptionally well and the combined Year 7 and 8 team won the tournament.

Well done to the Year 8 Boys' Rugby team who took part in the district festival last week. Wins over KBA and Brooke Weston saw them only lose to eventual winners Bishop Stopford School. A great effort from all and special mention for Rugby debuts to Kyle Edwards, Tom Nixon and Connor Quinlivan.

We are delighted that our Year 9 Futsal team won the district Futsal tournament and move on to the County finals in January! Well done to all.

Congratulations also to our Year 11 Boys' Basketball team who finished runners up in the district tournament. They will now take part in the forthcoming finals night where they can still emerge as winners!

Just Keep Swimming!

We have been keeping you up to date with the swimming success of Archie Evans (Year 10) and we are delighted to hear that Archie has been selected as part of the East Midlands team to compete in his first international meet in Belfast in February. This is a fantastic opportunity for him and we wish him success.

Archie is going to be very busy over the next few months as he will also be swimming in the British National Championships in Sheffield this December! Two more steps on his journey to the 2024 Olympic Games!

Countdown to Christmas: a feast of activities

- **Christmas Music Concert:** Amazingly, this sold out quicker than a Beyoncé concert! We look forward to those of you who are lucky enough to have a ticket joining us on Friday 14 December at 7.30pm.

However, we do notice empty seats at concerts even when we have had a sell out and we have quite a few parents desperate to see their children perform but missed out on tickets. If you have bought tickets and then cannot use any at the last minute could you let the box office know as we have parents on the reserve list who would be so grateful for any spare tickets. Please contact 01536 737737 or ceyley@latimer.org.uk. We would really appreciate it.

- **Christmas Dinner:** This will be served in College by Caterlink on Wednesday 19 December. Tickets can be collected from Monday 26 November to Wednesday 12 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 Jumper Day:** On the final day of term, Friday 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, normal uniform should be worn.

Also, on the final day of term we will be taking students in Key Stage 3 to St Botolph's Church for a Christmas service with carols. Key Stage 4 students will attend a Christmas concert and we will also have an afternoon of Christmas themed activities within Houses and Forms. Key Stage 5 students will be continuing the festive fun with a trip to the Ice Emporium at Beckworths in the morning.

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 14 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 21 December	End of Term 2
Friday 4 January	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 7 January	College re-opens to students: start of Term 3 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Friday 11 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Wednesday 16 January	Year 11 Student Progress Review Evening, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 23 January	Year 7 Dragons' Den Event Sixth Form Student Progress Review Evening, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 30 January	Year 11 and 13 Photos
Thursday 31 January	Year 11 Future Destinations Evening
Monday 4 February – Friday 15 February	Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight
Tuesday 5 February	Year 8 Pathways Evening, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 12 February	College Dance Show
Friday 15 February	Year 11/12 Loughborough University Visit End of Term 3
Monday 25 February	College re-opens to students: start of Term 4 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>