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## Latimer Community Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3 April 2020

Dear All

Welcome to the second edition of our weekly newsletter. I hope that you are all continuing to stay safe and we are sending you all our best wishes.

As we end Term 4, we would like to thank you all for your patience and support whilst we have begun to develop new systems and procedures, in particular in relation to home learning. This has not been easy for any of us. However, we would like to reassure you that anything that you are doing to keep your child's mind active at the moment will be of benefit. I think our children will be experts in a whole range of new areas that will, in fact, enhance their studies once school re-opens!

Please email [kgallon@latimer.org.uk](mailto:kgallon@latimer.org.uk) if you would like to share what your child has been doing. You could send us photos of children working at home, or photos of the excellent work they have produced, or any other news that will help keep spirits high.

In the meantime, although this will be a very different Easter break this year, nonetheless, we hope that you all have a restful and peaceful time.

Regards  
Siobhan Hearne  
Principal

### Educational Provision

#### Home Learning: Term 5

There will be no home learning set over the Easter period, but staff are busy planning for Term 5. All details will be published in our next newsletter on Friday 17 April.

Initially, lessons will be set for the first two weeks. We are going to slim down the KS3 provision (Years 7 and 8) to Core and EBacc subjects (English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and French). We will supplement this with some personal development type activities.

We also plan to introduce some home-learning for our Year 11 students who may be planning to join our Sixth Form. This will be in the form of 'Foundation Studies' that will help to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level learning in each subject.

We are currently considering longer term plans for home learning from Monday 4 May and these will be shared with you in due course.

#### Term 5 Childcare Provision for Key Workers

We will not be running a childcare provision over Easter.

We will open up the provision at the start of Term 5 for the children of key workers and our vulnerable students, unless the government guidance changes or there is not a need for it.

Should you need to access this provision please email [mail@latimer.org.uk](mailto:mail@latimer.org.uk) and we will notify you by email if a place has been offered.

Please can we re-iterate **that whilst we are keen to support our key workers, the government guidance is that students should stay at home if they are able to as this is the safest place to be.**

Not only are we offering support to our key workers by providing Childcare Provision, but we have also donated over 200 pairs of goggles to the hospital this week. We hope that this goes a small way to helping to save lives over the coming weeks.

## Science Learning Centre: Finally, has arrived!



It really is finally on its way.

After the delay caused by the storms, we finally took delivery of the Science Learning Centre this week. By the time we publish our next edition, the outside of the building should be complete.

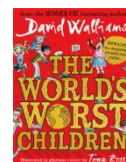
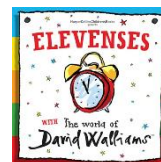


## Useful Links and Alternative Learning Ideas

### Literacy

This is a great time to catch up on some reading! David Walliams is sharing a free audio book every day on his website:

[www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses](http://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses)



There are also lots of free audiobooks on 'Audible'! No log in is needed to browse the books and you can access the collection via a computer or a phone.

### Numeracy

We would also like to remind students of the Maths websites that Latimer frequently use:



**Corbett Maths:** for videos and exercises across lots of different maths topics.  
[www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)



**Mathspad:** for interactive tasks for KS3 students [www.mathspad.co.uk](http://www.mathspad.co.uk)  
Students in years 7 and 8 have been given their usernames and passwords.  
Username: first name followed by surname (no spaces) Password: first 3 letters of their username followed by 4771)



**Dr Frost maths:** for higher tier KS4 students and all A Level Maths / Further Maths students  
[www.drfrostmaths.com](http://www.drfrostmaths.com)



**Kerboodle:** This gives students electronic access to the Maths GCSE textbooks at both foundation and higher tiers. <https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login>  
Username: first initial followed by surname. Password is the same thing (students can change at first login). The institution code is abj5. This is being used significantly when the Maths team are setting work during the closure for years 9 and 10 in particular.

### Active Home Learning

Follow our school sports partnership on Twitter for updates and content on how to stay in and be active at home.

[@KETTSchoolSport](https://twitter.com/KETTSchoolSport)

[@SNDSchoolSport](https://twitter.com/SNDSchoolSport)

[@COTSchoolSport](https://twitter.com/COTSchoolSport)

[@WENSchoolSport](https://twitter.com/WENSchoolSport)

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

### Children's guide to Coronavirus



There have been big changes in our lives recently and The Children's Commissioner for England has put together [a guide](#) that might be useful to support our younger students in explaining Coronavirus and how to stay safe and active.

## Key Information

### Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

The Government has published details of its voucher scheme so that money can be provided for those students who are eligible for Free School Meals. A £15 weekly voucher per child will be issued from the start of Term 5. We are currently liaising with the DfE and will contact families accordingly as soon as possible with more information.

In the meantime, unless you receive confirmation from the College, via our usual communication system, please **do not** respond to messages that you may get about Free School Meals. Sadly, there are fraudsters out there!

### Year 11 and 13 Exams Results

As soon as we receive any further information or guidance about the process for the issuing of exam results, we will update you immediately. Please see the most recent [Government Guidance on cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020](#) (20<sup>th</sup> March). Please can we remind parents, carers and students **not** to contact staff directly. To ensure the integrity of the system we will not be responding to individual queries.

Please note that as we are unclear as to how grades will be awarded for BTEC qualifications, in the short term, we will not be publishing unit marks for the BTEC examinations that have been taken recently.

### Year 13 UCAS Update

Last week we informed you that UCAS were extending May's UCAS Undergraduate decision and reply deadlines. UCAS have now confirmed the new deadline dates:

Original date	UCAS Undergraduate deadline	New date
5 May 2020	The deadline for applicants to reply if they received decisions from all their choices by 31 March 2020.	19 May 2020
6 May 2020	The deadline for universities and colleges to make decisions and reply to applications received by 15 January 2020.	20 May 2020

These dates have been updated in Track, and UCAS have emailed applicants to let them know if their deadlines have changed. UCAS hopes that this gives students and their chosen universities and colleges the extra time they need to fully consider any decisions and offers, and ensures fairness in admissions is maintained.

For further information, please visit the [UCAS website](#).

### Cancelled Enrichment Activities: Refund Process

We would like to thank you all for your patience whilst we address the process of refunds for the enrichment activities which were sadly unable to go ahead. We were not in a position to initiate these immediately as we were completing our financial year end process and our systems were 'locked'.

However, we are now able to turn our attention to this matter and will endeavour to start to issue refunds at the start of Term 5 (from Monday 20 April). We ask for further patience as this is a complex process and will take some time to fully complete but we will complete it as quickly as we can. Refunds will be issued by the payment method that the money was received and will be done trip by trip.

***Please note, that as of the time of publication, the Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Amersham has not yet been cancelled.***

## Community Corner

Time to take a look at some of the activities our Latimer Community are doing to keep themselves entertained at home:



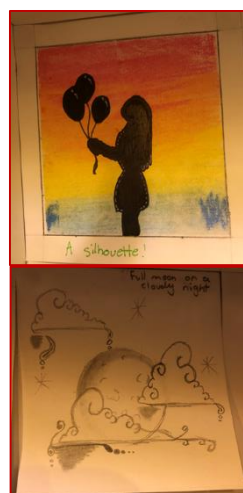
The Strudwick household played scrabble for the first time - Tom won with a score of 196 and he thanked Mrs Spikesley-Douglas for the great English lessons!

Mr Hallett has kept DEAR very much alive in his official reading tent.

Finna Treacy has been busy creating Psychology revision cards.

Year 7 and 8 Art students have been sharing some of their 10cm x10cm drawing challenges set by Mrs Cowley.

These masterpieces have been sent in by Brooke Dartnell in Year 8, Grace Low in Year 7 and Imogen Smith in Year 8. Please keep them coming in as it really brightens our day to see what our students are up to!



**The Easter challenge this fortnight is to:**

1: Have an Egg and Spoon Race in the garden or house – send us pictures or videos.

**or**

2: Send us pictures of your 'Eggs-travagant' meals cooked with eggs!

Please send photo evidence to [jpankhania@latimer.org.uk](mailto:jpankhania@latimer.org.uk) by **3.00pm on Wednesday 15 April.**

Please feel free to send some ideas for future challenges!



### **Last Week's Challenge Winner:**

**George and Henry Young** took on the challenge of trying to create the biggest most accurate circle.

Unfortunately, the drone didn't catch a photo of the full circle however it was a complete and accurate full circle. Henry achieved this by using a rope which was attached to the lawnmower from a stake in the ground. He kept the rope tense to make the circle in the grass. Congratulations to the Young family on the winning entry!



### **And finally...**



Our best wishes go to the following students who will all be celebrating their birthdays over the next week:

Maizy Babb (4<sup>th</sup> April), Lily Hearn (4<sup>th</sup> April), Jolanta Kirchner (4<sup>th</sup> April), Sasha Scofield (5<sup>th</sup> April), Joshua Steeples (5<sup>th</sup> April), Jade Walker (5<sup>th</sup> April)

Remember to sing Happy Birthday to them as you are washing your hands!

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