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Latimer Community Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3 July 2020



Dear All

As you will undoubtedly be aware, the Government has announced that all students will return to school full time from September. Yesterday, they released the guidance to support schools in achieving this.

Unfortunately, as with some of their previous communication, the Government's guidance is somewhat generic and a little vague in places and it is for individual schools to decide what arrangements they are able to put in place.

We appreciate that you will be very keen to know what our arrangements will be and that you will want to know this prior to the end of the academic year, in two weeks' time, so that you can make your own preparations.

We are acutely aware of the tight timeframes within which we are operating and we can assure you that our planning has started. But we will not compromise the safety of our students or our staff by rushing. There is much to do and we are committed to making sure that we do it properly.

Therefore, we have to ask for your patience for a little while longer.

We promise to keep you informed with regular communication and will provide an update by next Friday, even if this is just outline plans. Our aim is to have full plans in place before Friday 17 July.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding.

Regards
Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Consultation on Examinations Summer 2021

Ofqual have now published a [consultation](#) on what examinations should be like for our current Year 10 and Year 12 students next year. They are inviting feedback on this.

We would **urge parents and carers to read this consultation** and **to respond** to it accordingly, if you share the concerns that we have. There are some **adaptations** being suggested, particularly for those subjects that have a practical element and **some reduction in content** for GCSE History and Geography.

However, there is no proposed change to the content for GCSE English Language, English Literature, Maths and the Science subjects nor for A Level subjects.

This consultation ends on 16 July 2020.

Educational Provision

Term 6 Home Learning: Week Commencing 6 July

Years 7 and 8: Students will be issued with their next set of project activities. To supplement the booklets, students can also access lessons from the [National Academy](#). This week is the penultimate week of their project. As always, we encourage students to share their work with staff who are keen to see how they are getting on. Next week, we will finish off the projects.

A reminder that students should now be routinely completing Tassomai Science activities. The instructions can be [accessed here](#) (if students are logged into their school email account) or on our website Home Learning page.

In total Year 7 answered **10,759** questions correctly last week.

In total Year 8 answered **10,108** questions correctly last week.

Year 7		
Rank	Name	Questions
1	Skye Meekins	1413
2	Jacob Smith	934
3	Jacob Jose	775
4	Eloise Earl	636
5	Ashley Patrick	602
6	Sean Cafferty	591
7	Jessica Cameron	501
8	Rose Wooding	452
9	Luke Dalton-Ruark	447
10	Ryo Cooper	436

Year 8		
Rank	Name	Questions
1	Connor Green	929
2	Anthony Cooper	794
3	Grace Helsdown	765
4	Isabelle Lund	645
5	Maisie Morris	564
6	Alana Toms	545
7	Oskaras Streckis	512
8	Jessica Chandler	463
9	William Marshall	422
10	Ralph Eastaway	402

Year 9: Learning will be set through Show My Homework and students should be following the published timetable. They will continue to receive the home learning booklet as additional work for them to do if they wish to.

If students have not already done so, please can they return their Review of Learning: Closing the Gap activity. Details are included again with this newsletter and we ask that the forms are returned electronically to Lucy Shore: lshore@latimer.org.uk This really will help with our planning for September.

Personal Development: Years 7, 8 and 9 should also continue with their 'Motivate Me' scheme. We hope that they accessed the assembly on SMHW last week. Our next one will be uploaded on Monday 6 July.

Year 10: We look forward to welcoming back our Year 10 for their specified session next week. Please could you remind your child to revisit the booklet that we issued to remind themselves of the processes that need to be followed.

Students will continue to have lessons set on SMHW and should be using their revision guides to supplement their learning.

Year 12: It was fantastic to see Year 12 this week. They have grown up so much over the last couple of months!

Students will continue to have lessons set on SMHW and will have their timetabled Microsoft 'Teams' sessions, which will supplement their home learning.

We appreciate that some Year 12 students have part-time jobs and may have had increased shifts during the period of school closure, choosing to complete their home learning at alternative times. However, we would ask parents and carers to ensure that students are not now working at times when they have Teams sessions.

Key Information

New Academic Year: Key Dates and Events

By now, we would have planned and been ready to publish our calendar for the next academic year. Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to do this. Following the Government's latest announcements, we will try to update you prior to the end of the academic year. If we are not able to do this, we will provide a timeframe for when you might expect it so that you can plan accordingly.

Uniform Ordering

Given that all students are expected to return to school in September, we would ask parents and carers to start to turn their attention to uniform and equipment.

With regards to uniform, a reminder that blazers, ties and PE kit should be ordered through Karl Sports either email through their [website](#) or call 01536 601731. Online orders are delivered within 48 hours. Placing orders within the next fortnight would really help.

The shop, located at Unit 7, Trafalgar Road, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8DB, is now fully operational six days a week for parents and carers to visit. Please be aware that with social distancing in place now, it will take **much** longer if there is a queue.

With regards to equipment, as part of the Government guidance, sharing of equipment must be minimised and a strict cleaning regime will need to be in place. Therefore, it will be vital that students are fully equipped in September.

Should any parent or carer need financial support with the purchasing of uniform and equipment, we are able to offer this to those who are eligible for the Pupil Premium funding. Please do contact Ms Pankhania should this be the case: jpankhania@latimer.org.uk

Why 2020 is a Great Year to Start University

If you are a Year 13 student or parent/carer who is concerned about what university might look like next year, please read this [article](#) as to why some think 2020 is a great year to start university.

Reminder: Onsite Closure Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July

Just a reminder that the site will be closed on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July so that our new server and phone system can be installed as part of our Science Learning Centre project.

Although there will be no access to our IT systems, students will still be able to complete their Home Learning. We will publish Year 7 and 8 booklets on Friday 10 July and lessons for Monday and Tuesday for all other year groups will be uploaded onto Show My Homework, which will still be accessible, in advance. Teams sessions will still take place for Year 12.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer our Childcare Provision on these two days as we have no IT access and no phone lines. We do apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause.

Keeping in Touch with our Students

Staff really enjoyed speaking to our students in Years 7-9 and those not attending our Year 10 and Year 12 Face to Face sessions this week. These calls do take some time so please do not worry if your child has not received a call yet – we will endeavour to complete them all next week.

Awards Season is Nearly Here: Will Your Child Be a Winner?

A reminder that our Pride of Latimer Awards which will be announced on Friday 10 July. We will be awarding Excellence Awards and Spirit of Latimer Awards to students in Years 11 and 13. Sadly, as we will not be able to hold the ceremony, we will be posting out certificates and prizes.



This will coincide with our final Epraise Prize Draw of the year! Students can enter themselves into draws and will have a choice of different prizes, such as a Lenovo Cloudbook, a Fitbit and different shopping vouchers. To enter, students need to sign in to www.epraise.co.uk and check out the rewards section to see what they are able to win and decide which of the draws they want to enter. The draw will take place on Thursday 9 July, with the winners announced on 10 July, along with our Pride of Latimer Awards. So make sure your child signs up to be in with a chance to win.

Useful Links and Alternative Learning Ideas



Get ready for one final School Games event! On Monday 6 July there will be an Opening Ceremony on Northamptonshire Sport Website (paste this link into your browser <https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/virtual-school-games-2020>)

Then Thursday 9 July is the 'Virtual School Games' day! There will be 8 sporting challenges to be completed on this day with 1 point scored for every challenge added to the school's total score. There are resource cards to show you how you to do the activities on the website. Results need to be submitted on the webpage by 7pm on Thursday 9 July.



We would love our Latimer community to check out [Get Set](#), the official Team GB and Paralympics GB free education programme. Although the Games are not happening this summer, Get Set has a whole bank of accessible resources to inspire students to build literacy skills in the classroom or at home! Take part in their new [Haiku Challenge](#), learn journalism skills, and discover ways to build healthy habits throughout the curriculum.

Community Corner

Congratulations go out to Ollie Grimster who, after his debut performance here at the College in February, has now taken part in an online dance battle from his very own garage. Ollie won a £10 amazon voucher for the best power move in break dance. Congratulations Ollie, we hope to see you dancing here again soon.



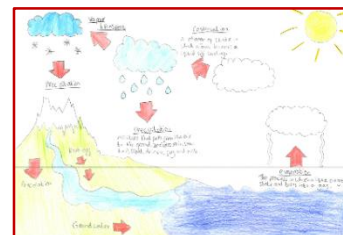
Miss Mistry led a Ninja Warriors session with the students attending our Childcare Provision. Students had to complete six exercises including: step-ups, star jumps, triceps dips and criss-cross squats, while ensuring they kept hold of their balloon, which they popped at the end. Ruby Isaac was the winner with a time of 1 minute 47 seconds with Caleb Young a close second with 1 minute 51 seconds! Well done everyone!



Poppy Binder sent us her own designed paper airplanes for her DT home learning task.



Grace Stevens has shared the cooking she has been doing during lockdown. Here is a sample of the dinner that she made for her family – beef and pineapple curry, followed by rocky road for dessert! Looks delicious, Grace. We will all want the recipes from you.



Kim Walton in Year 9 has completed all of her science work to an extremely high standard, regularly sending in copies of what she is doing to Mrs Rowell and keeping up to date with all of her work.



We would like to congratulate Melanie Mills who has achieved three Blue Peter badges during lockdown! One was for making a cushion in the shape of a badge, one for a drawing and the third for a music piece. Congratulations on such prestigious and sought after awards.



Our best wishes go to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday this weekend and next week:

Jai Allen, Rebecca Amos, Freya Baker-Loveday, Thomas Beadsworth, Steven Berry, Keanan Bunce, Hayley Chapman, Anna Druery, Austin Evans, Emily Futer, Evie Keech, Libby Kilbourn-Wagg, Ben Krotowski, Michael McLoughlin, Darcy Mullen, Eve Murray, Layton Paris, Finley Payne, Katrina Raiba, Keira Reed, Daniel Rogers, Isabelle Sinclair, Lauren Stanton, Maikeithia Touray, Kay Turnbull and Annabel Williamson.

Friday Family Fun: Quiz Night

Thank 'Crunchie' its Friday: Enjoy our Friday Family Fun Quiz.



Ahead of World Chocolate Day on 7 July take on the **Chocolate Challenges:**

1. Name the Chocolate Quiz and Answers
2. Find the 50 hidden chocolate or sweets in the below picture (answers next week)

