

Parents and Carers of Year 12 Students

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**Sixth Form: Ace Level 3**

**"When we strive to become better than we are,  
everything around us becomes better too."**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in the final stages of Year 12 and we want to be able to support our learners in ensuring their best outcomes through our continued 'Ace Level 3' programme.

We understand that, at the time of writing, there is no clarity about the exam process for Summer 2022. However, as we wait for this, based on this year's experience, it is clear that students will be required to complete assessments that provide evidence for the final grades that they will be awarded, no matter what form those final assessments may take.

It is therefore vital that we support our students to start preparing now and that we do all that we can to help them with overcoming the disruption that they have had to their learning over the last year. Our 'Ace Level 3' process will be more important than ever and it is even more important that students engage in the support that we are offering.

The following outlines the support we intend to offer, although like a lot of elements of life at the moment, it is subject to change!

**A Level Mock Examinations Season 1:** From Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, students will be taking part in this programme to give them an early experience of what an A Level paper looks like and be reminded of how it feels to sit exams under examination conditions. We hope that following this, over the summer, students will take the opportunity to 'close the gap' on key focus areas. An overview of the examination timetable is at the end of this letter, and individual timetables will be issued to students.

The process of revision and mock testing helps students to improve their knowledge and skills. Failure to revise properly for mocks is bound to have a long-term detrimental effect on performance in their final outcome. Students should approach these examinations with a determination to do their best and therefore prepare thoroughly. Each student's examination results will indicate overall attainment and illustrate how well a student is achieving compared to the targets set at the start of Key Stage 5.

To give Year 12 students a taste of the real experience, we have arranged for this time to include a period of study leave, meaning that **A Level students may be off-site and revising at home** when not sitting exams or in lessons. This is a really vital skill for our students to learn, balancing their time between revision periods at home and exams in school. **Students are expected to return to normal lessons on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

Where students study vocational subjects (BTEC), these lessons will be running as usual and **BTEC students are expected to attend all of their BTEC** lessons as per their normal timetable if not in an examination.

There is no requirement for students to attend tutor time sessions during the mock exam period.

Attached, there is an overall Mock Examination A personalised timetable will be issued to each student, detailing the date, time and venue for their individual exams. An electronic version will be emailed to parents/carers for information.

All staff at The Latimer Arts College would like to take this opportunity to wish our students all the best for their mock examinations.

### **Study Support**

There is absolutely no doubt that experience shows us that success comes to those who work hard both in College and at home. It is vital that students use their independent study time wisely and complete additional learning outside of the classroom. You cannot assume that your child will do this for themselves and parents and carers must take an active role in ensuring that this happens. This is about supporting students with getting into good habits now; finding a quiet time and place to do that little bit extra; and taking advantage of the support that we offer over the year ahead.

### **Revision Support**

There is no doubt that teenagers and their phones are difficult to part! However, there is a wealth of apps and websites that students can access which can be used to enhance their study skills. Likewise, there are a wealth of apps to help students organise their notes and time and support them with the difficult task of revision. To support students, we offer access to a range of study resources which are outlined in the attached document.

### **Going Forward for Next Year!**

#### **Year 13 Term 1 and 2**

**UCAS Applications:** Students will finalise their university applications.

**Mock Interviews:** Whether your child is applying for university, an apprenticeship or a place in the world of work, all Year 13 learners will take part in a tailored interview with members of our business community in preparation for their future destination.

**A Level Mock Examination Season 2:** The Year 13 mock exam season will run in November/December where students will take another mock examination in all subjects. It is so important that they approach these examinations with the right attitude. This is a perfect opportunity to see the progress made by learners since their Year 12 examinations and will give a good indication of how much distance students will need to travel by the summer!

**Independent Study Review:** In collaboration with each individual student, subject teachers will conduct a 1:1 review that will celebrate progress since the start of the course and identify any areas that need further development in the final exam countdown.

#### **Year 13 Term 3 and 4**

**BTEC Examinations:** Those students who are studying Level 3 BTEC qualifications will hopefully have an opportunity to sit the examination element of the course, which will support their final grade.

**Tutor Time Revision Workshops:** Students will be supported with their revision programme during tutor time, when they will take part in revision planning workshops.

**Easter Revision:** A programme of revision sessions for individual subjects will take place during the Easter holidays and students will be invited to attend relevant sessions.

**Year 13 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE):** It is vital for parents and carers to participate in this event, as they will have an opportunity to speak to their child's subject teachers in a 1:1 session to discuss what a student's priority areas are in the countdown to the summer examination season.

**Year 13 Terms 5 and 6**

**A Level Summer Examination Season:** This runs from May to June. Some practical examinations will have taken place before this and all BTEC qualifications will have already been completed.

**Year 13 Celebration Assembly:** This is an opportunity to celebrate each student's achievements and for them to say their final goodbyes to The Latimer Arts College.

**The big one: A Level/BTEC Results  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (provisional)**

We believe that this is a comprehensive programme of support offered by the College but we are always open to further requests for help and support, so please do let us know if there is anything else that you feel we can provide. Your child needs to do the hard work, but if we can work in partnership to support them, then there will be no limits to the success they can achieve.

Yours sincerely



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