

Please find letters written by our students about 'Moving Up' and 'Life at Latimer'

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Dear Year 6

Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter about my experience of The Latimer Arts College. Do not worry about being lost because the teachers really understand and are approachable, so are the older kids.

I could not wait to go back on my second day because I had such a good first day. Teachers will customise the work to a student's level. I particularly enjoy challenging work and often require it, teachers were more than happy to help get harder work, but if you struggle, they are happy to go over it again. If you struggle with homework, they are happy to help and will make sure the work is not too easy or hard for you which has helped my classmates and me a lot.

Even now, my teachers are still working hard to make sure we are all keeping up and are happy to go over anything we need, now or when we go back, they are also doing their best to make sure the work does not just challenge us but it is also enjoyable so we do not dread it. Teachers are also saying if we cannot do the work as long as we have a go its okay, they can give us some help when we go back.

Latimer is also a great opportunity to make friends; not just on the quad but with their wide assortment of clubs, that I have so far enjoyed and so have my class mainly in PE, Drama, Dance and Music. We can't wait to welcome you to the Latimer community! So, if you need help from teachers or students -ask, as year 7 is a fun and exciting time so we want to ensure you have no worries. There are so many exciting opportunities at Latimer, so far my favourite experience has been 'Dragons Den' where you will have such a fun day with your classmates, teachers and some outside visitors and hopefully you will learn a lot.

Good luck on your Latimer journey from all of us here at Latimer.

Yours sincerely

Hayley - Year 7



To year 6

Well done on getting a place at Latimer, I hope you have a great time. Here at our school, we have a fun and challenging environment and teachers who help us achieve our goals. It takes a bit of time to adjust to the change but there will always be someone to help. Lessons are fun and interesting with something new every day. The vertical tutoring system works well as if you are unsure about something then the older students will help reassure you.

Homework is given out regularly but in manageable amounts and homework club makes it even easier. You can go to the LRC after school on any day until half four, during that time you can do homework on the computers or use the various equipment provided. I find that it really helps get it done a lot faster and the teachers there are always ready to help.

Work is marked on a scale of emerging to excellence and at the end of each unit, you get a sheet with your scores to show whether you are improving. Epraise is rewarding and fun with points rewarded for showing different **LORIC** qualities (leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication) which lead to fun raffles at the end of term. Prizes range from vouchers to even Xboxes and PlayStations.

There is a range of lessons from French to performing arts. The timetable is easy to follow and if you lose your copy, you can get a new one from student services. I am looking forward to experiencing lessons in our new Science block very soon.

I hope you enjoy your time at Latimer, good luck,

From Jack. Year 7.



- Dear Year 6 students, my name is Ashton and I am currently a Year 8 student at The Latimer Arts College. I have written this letter to inform you about the college in general and all of our sports facilities. As you may know, we have recently had a new sports hall and a 3G pitch installed at Latimer. They have been in use a lot since being built due to all of their great features and how they give you a better opportunity to show the teachers at Latimer your potential at the best level of sport you can. In the new sports hall there are clearly marked out sections for all types of pitches ranging from futsal to basketball and even things like badminton! The sports hall is also an extremely large building with so much room for you to enjoy all of your favourite sports, it even has built in equipment like basketball hoops and we also have everything we could need such as brand new
- football goals and all the equipment for things like athletics and fitness, to set up courses and fitness routines. There are also brand new changing rooms and facilities that are all perfectly clean and ready for use.

- Now onto the new 3G pitches for sports like football, hockey, athletics and much more. The 3G is perfect for when you want to enjoy sport but you don't want to end the lesson and be covered in mud and be freezing cold. The 3G is also available to
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- different year groups on different days so that you can go and do what you love during your year groups club whether it's football, hockey or any other great sport it may be that day. The 3G is an absolutely great opportunity for any sport and it has enough room for whatever that may be. The pitch is the size of an 11 a side pitch however, it can be split into three 7 a side pitches using the nets and pulling them across.
- Overall, there are just great opportunities in the sports category at Latimer and I am sure you will love your experience here by learning and enjoying yourself in one.

In my opinion Latimer was 100% the right choice and I cannot see myself in any other school. Latimer is not just the school it is the community and we all look out for each other. If you ever need help whether it is a student or a teacher you can guarantee someone will always be there to help. When you first join Latimer you will definitely be nervous but don't worry about it because it's completely normal. You are going to experience a massive change but you will very quickly adapt and love that change and enjoy it. It may take a while to settle in but you will develop friendships not only with students but with teachers too and you will get more comfortable as time goes on. This is a huge step in your life and Latimer strive to make you the best you can be, from the second

you walk through that gate. I hope this has helped and given you an idea of what Latimer and the new sports facilities will be like. I hope you settle in well and enjoy your time at Latimer

Thank You,
Ashton Year 8



Thank you for reading my letter
Ashton, Year 8.



Dear Year 6,

Thank you for reading this letter about your move into secondary school. Moving up can be scary. I know that. I was worried when I first moved up, but I quickly discovered that everything would be OK.

When I entered my form room for the first time, students from all year groups greeted me. At Latimer, we use a system called vertical tutoring, which means every day, just before lunch, you will enter your form room along with students from every year and learn together. I found that this approach quickly put me at ease as students with way more experience than me (years 8-11) were instant classmates.

One of my biggest worries before entering Latimer was the task of finding my classrooms. I thought it would be impossible to remember where all of them were. But, as much as you may have heard this, you do get used to it, and you do learn where you need to be for all of your lessons, very quickly too! If you ever forget, or don't know where to go, ask a member of staff or another student, who will all be happy to help you. Just remember, they would all have been in exactly the same situation as you when they first started at the school!

All the subjects taught at Latimer are very interesting and the teachers are nothing short of fantastic - they put huge amounts of effort into each lesson; all of which is designed to engage you and help you learn more. Latimer offers a large range of 'Performing Arts' subjects, including Dance, Drama and Music. I



Find these subjects to be incredibly fun as you get to do a lot of amazing activities such as actually performing a play in costume and making your own music on the computer.

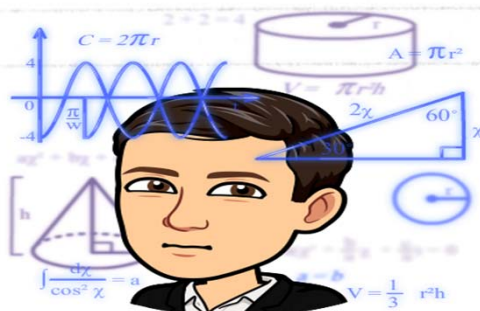
Science at Latimer includes a ton of 'Practicals' (or practical experiments), where you get to plan, carry-out, and evaluate your work as well as others thanks to peer marking. They are all great fun and expand your knowledge of the subject. Some of my most memorable Practicals included splitting light rays using a prism (think of the Pink Floyd album cover); looking inside the human body with a life-size model; dissecting plants to understand how they reproduce; and burning different metals to see what colour flame is produced.

For each subject you will be expected to carry out some home learning, but it's not nearly as arduous as it sounds; it's entirely manageable, and even fun sometimes!

TL;DR (Too long, didn't read): Latimer is an amazing school with amazing teachers. Being nervous, scared even, is completely understandable, but I guarantee that you will love your first year with us - and maybe even the ones after that too.

Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you in September,

Sam - Year 8



Dear year 6 students,

First, I would like to welcome you to The Latimer Arts College community. Although the transition between primary school and secondary school may seem daunting, both the staff and the students at Latimer will try to make the journey easier for you, especially under these unusual circumstances.

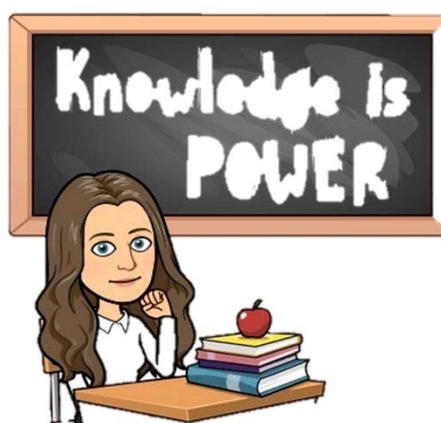
My experience at Latimer has been a very good one. Before I started in year 7, I only knew three people in my year of 200+ students. This made things seem more difficult, especially considering I did not know these three students very well. Despite all my worries, making friends turned out to be easy. My advice is to try to get to know as many people as possible since the students in your classes are likely to be the students in most of your classes for 1-2 years (or more).

One of the reasons I adjusted so well to Latimer was the staff. Form tutors are often very informative and will be able to answer any questions during tutor time. In general, teachers at Latimer are good at making students feel welcome, which is helpful when you are a new student. If you have any worries when you are at school, there are a team of staff who are great and will always listen. In addition to this, the staff at student services and at student reception are also there if you need any help.

The first two weeks of year 7 are crucial. During these weeks, you should get to know the school, your teachers and your classmates. Try to avoid missing any school, especially during the first two weeks as you may fall behind and struggle to stay organised if you miss hearing important information. Organisation is very important to achieve success at Latimer. Make sure you arrive at school early to give you time to adjust and get to know your surroundings before going to wherever you need to be. Remember that everybody is going through the same thing- it is okay to feel nervous at first- and it will get easier with time. I wish you all good luck for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Poppy, Year 9.



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Year 6- Do you have a question about life at Latimer in year 7?

Why not send us an e mail to
year7@latimer.org.uk

We will collate all questions and return our answers to you later in the term

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