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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 18 MARCH 2022



ARTFORPEACEINUKRAINE

We hope that you will all be very proud of the piece of collaborative art that we have created as a College this week.

With students from each form drawing an image or writing a message on a post-it note in support of peace in Ukraine, we have been able to produce this striking image. There was a real sense of our community uniting in support of another – something which we dearly value.

This work has been added to Instagram, #artforpeaceinukraine, please follow #artatlatimer if you are an Instagram user.

We would also like to give a shout out to Joseph Atkins, Year 7, who has shown great kindness in collecting [20 boxes filled with products for refugees!](#)

September 2022: Moving Up

It is that time of year again (already) when we will be starting our Moving Up Programme for our Year 7s in September! Those who have secured a place at the College will have received their notification and we very much look forward to welcoming those students who are members of existing Latimer families and those who will be new to our community. We are just saddened that with 521 applications for 203 places we know that there will be some disappointed families out there!

Learning and Progress



Working in Partnership: Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening Tuesday 29 March

A reminder that we invite all Year 8 students and their parents and carers to our onsite Year 8 Pathways Showcase on Tuesday 29 March. Please keep this evening free as you will be invited to a presentation in the Masque about your child's Key Stage 4 pathways. This will be followed by a subject carousel event in which you will be able to speak to GCSE and BTEC teachers about the range of subjects your child could study in Key Stage 4.

All details will be published on Monday 21 March in a Year 8 assembly, when we will hand students a letter and pathways booklet. We will also email the information to parents on this day.

A reminder of useful websites with information for parents and carers to support careers and pathways choices:

- <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-advice-for-parents/>
- <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/useful-links-to-career-related-sites-for-parents>
- <http://www.parentadviser.co.uk/advice-for-parents.aspx>
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians>

You can also email Careers@latimer.org.uk where we will be happy to help with any enquiries that you may have.

Examinations 2022: The Countdown Continues...

It is clear now that exams will be happening. For Year 11 and Year 13 we are almost there in terms of sitting vitally important exams! This week they have been sitting their final mock exams before the real thing. We are now a matter of weeks before the start of the summer exams. The timetable for both GCSE and A level can be found [here](#). As well as the full exam timetable, we recommend both parents, carers and students visit this exam support page to find a wide range of resources and advice for the final few weeks.

Both year groups should have clear plans for their revision programme over Easter. To help them with this, we will be delivering some targeted revision sessions over the Easter break and individual letters with schedules will be issued shortly. However, if they are attending these sessions or not, students should use this last “holiday time” to prepare for their exams.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

Support for Students' Well-Being

The [Lowdown](#) is a voluntary Mental Health charity, providing free and confidential counselling, emotional well-being, sexual health and LGBTQ support services for 11-25 year olds. They believe there is no need for young people to experience difficult situations alone. They are based in the heart of Northampton's town centre, where you can pop in and see them, or you can contact them in other ways if that is easier for you. All the information and referral forms are on their [website](#).

Youth Works in Kettering also offer counselling and emotional well-being support for young people. To find out more please visit their [website](#).

'Think You Know' Parent Guides

A reminder that 'Think You Know' have created some excellent parent and carer guides to support you in keeping your children safer online:

- [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
- [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
- [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

'Move it March': Our Community Exercise Challenge

The race is on to be the year group that records the highest 'miles' in our '*Move it March*' enrichment activity. We are now over 2 weeks into our challenge and our students continue to amaze us as they rack up the miles. At the start of the week, students and staff had logged over 7000 miles in the month so far through a wide variety of activities such as walking, cycling, swimming, horse riding and dance to name just a few!

As well as encouraging students to get active, we have challenged students to see if they can raise £3.10 for their effort across the month – aiming for 10p a day! Any donations can be made through The Latimer Arts College Parent Page, with money raised going towards Comic Relief to support the work they do both in the UK and abroad: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6725>

Walking to School: Good for Well-being and our Community

As Move It March continues, there is no better time to strongly urge parents and carers to encourage their children to walk to and from school. This provides a great opportunity to promote health and well-being, with students routinely taking exercise.

In addition to this, reducing cars will help to prevent congestion on Castle Way and so support the residents who live in our community.

If you must drive your child to and from school in a car, please can you drop them off in an alternative location where there are suitable parking options and allow them to walk the final distance.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Our Year 7 remain avid readers: congratulations go to Freya Seymour for reading over 2 million words and Katelynn Burnett and Harry Jarvis for each reading over 1 million words in Accelerated Reader!



Massive congratulations to our Year 11 students who have risen to the Epraise challenge they had been set in the run up to their Mock Examinations, having earned over 4800 Epraise points in the last week, which is well ahead of any other year group. It certainly looks like the challenge has been thrown down to our other year groups!

There are now just under 3 weeks to enter our Easter epraise draw – all details can be found by logging into the Epraise website or app and searching the rewards section. A reminder that the more Epraise points students earn before the draw on Thursday 7 April, the more opportunities they have to enter the prize draw.

Join us for a great night of entertainment!

The College's Spring Music Concert will be held on Friday 1 April. The concert will start at 7pm in the Masque Theatre with students from Year 7 through to Year 13 performing. With 2 weeks left before the big night, all of our musicians are working hard and really pulling out the stops to create an entertaining evening for the audience! Tickets will be available online from 7am on Monday 21 March from [The Masque Theatre \(masquekettering.co.uk\)](http://TheMasqueTheatre.com). Alternatively, they can be bought in person from The Masque Theatre Box Office or via phone on 01536 737737 (evenings only).

Celebrating Competition Success



Congratulations to Lucy Loneran and Kyra Young, Year 7, who came first in the Juvenile All Girl Classical Sequence Event for the second year running at Blackpool Tower. They also achieved a few second places, a third place and a fourth place.

Lucy and Kyra have also been asked to dance on the England Classical Sequence Team in the Easter Junior Dance Festival, which is a huge achievement and honour. Well done!



We would also like to pass on our congratulations to Faith Camwell and her cocker spaniel who competed at Crufts 2022. They came 4th in the final of Fly Ball with their team the Moulton Magnets.

Celebrating Sporting Excellence



Well done to all those involved in the County School Games Sportshall athletics finals. Year 8 Girls managed to get onto the podium to win Bronze!

A fantastic achievement!

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Girls' Football teams put in excellent performances in a District Tournament against local schools. The College fielded two teams who both excelled, with players giving it their all! Most notably, our first team were able to win all of their matches despite the level of competition being very high. They hope to continue this run of form for the upcoming Kettering and Corby District Tournament.

Sports Enrichment: Come Along and Join In

We are delighted to be offering a range of after school sporting activities again this term. PE clubs are open to all students, no matter what ability level. The clubs will run from 3.00pm until 4.15pm.

DAY/DATE	PE CLUBS	MATCHES
Mon 21 March	Year 7 Basketball – Boys and Girls	
Tues 22 March	Year 7 Netball – Girls Year 9 Football – Boys	Year 8 Girls' Netball Match
Weds 23 March	Year 7 Volleyball – Boys and Girls Year 8 Volleyball – Boys and Girls	Year 7 Boys' Basketball Tournament @ Latimer Year 9 Girls' Football Match Year 10 Girls' Football Match
Thurs 24 March	Year 8 Badminton – Boys and Girls Year 8 Football – Boys Year 9 Fitness Club – Girls Year 10 Fitness Club – Girls	
Fri 25 March		
Mon 28 March	Year 7 Basketball – Boys and Girls	
Tues 29 March	Year 7 Netball – Girls Year 8 Football – Boys Year 8 Netball – Girls	
Weds 30 March	Year 7 Volleyball – Boys and Girls Year 8 Volleyball – Boys and Girls	Year 7 Boys' Basketball Tournament @ Latimer
Thurs 31 March	Year 8 Badminton – Boys and Girls Year 9 Fitness Club – Girls Year 10 Fitness Club – Girls	Year 9 Boys' B Football Match vs Bishop (home)
Fri 1 April		

Other News

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.

Tuesday 29 March	Year 8 Pathways Showcase, 5.30pm
Friday 1 April	Spring Music Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 7 April	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Parent and Carers Session 2, 6.00pm (Virtual) End of Term 4
Friday 8 April	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 25 April	Start of Term 5: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 1 on the timetable</i>
Tuesday 26 April	Year 8 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Thursday 28 April	Year 10 Ace Your Exams Parent and Carers Presentation, 6.00pm (Virtual)

Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday: College closed
Wednesday 4 May	Year 9 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Weds 11 May / Thurs 12 May	Year 9 HPV2 Vaccinations (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
Thursday 12 May	Parent Forum, 6.00pm
Monday 16 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Friday 27 May	End of Term 5