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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 21 JUNE 2019

### Celebrating the Good Times!

As this newsletter arrives we will be celebrating with our Year 11 students on their Celebration Assembly and Prom Day – and we hope the sun will be shining because our students deserve to have a great day.

Year 13 will have their Celebration Assembly on Friday 28 June. Students should arrive at 1.00pm in the Sixth Form Centre, where a light lunch will be provided for them, prior to the formal ceremony starting.

These events will be a fitting end to what has been an amazing examination season. All of our Year 11 and 13 students have conducted themselves in a truly exemplary manner. We hope that our current Year 10 and 12 rise to the challenge as they move into their mock examination season.

## Learning and Progress

### Mock Examination Season: Year 10 and Year 12 Exams

Year 10 are now well-equipped for their exams. In addition to the revision guides that we gave out as a gift last week, they also have access to:



Students can sign up for FREE at [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) using their College email account. Podcasts can be streamed or downloaded on PC, Android or IOS. Email [ithelpdesk@latimer.org.uk](mailto:ithelpdesk@latimer.org.uk) if you require any assistance when using GCSEPod.



Tassomai makes learning and revising for GCSE Science effective and straightforward. Simply log in regularly and complete the assignments at the top of the list. The mission is simple - keep the pace of progress up to the speed prescribed - a task that requires a few minutes of attention each day. Website <https://app.tassomai.com/login>

For Year 10, exams will run from Thursday 20 June until Friday 28 June. Students will not be in normal lessons from Monday 24 June until Friday 28 June and will be provided with sessions in College to help them prepare for their exams. Students will be permitted to leave College in the afternoon once their examination is finished.

Year 12 students have access to revision guides for all subjects in the Sixth Form Centre. Exams will mainly run from Thursday 20 June until Friday 28 June.



**Marvellous Millionaires:** We are delighted to announce that we now have 18 millionaires in the College! These are our Accelerated Reader Millionaires who have read over 1 million words, which is a fantastic achievement. Our latest superstars are: Libby Golding, Rachel Pannell, Anabel Isaac and a special mention to Leon Green who has passed his 3 million words read mark

In total, Year 7 students have read **59,275,134** words this year and Year 8 students **48,228,923** words. Year 7 and 8 students have therefore, collectively, read an amazing **107,504,057** words this year.

**Latimer Book Week: Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July 2019:** We are very excited that author Daniel Blythe will be visiting the College on Tuesday 2 July 2019 to deliver writing workshops and talks throughout the day.

Daniel writes books for children, young people and adults including some of the successful Doctor Who novels, and his own 'Shadow Runners' has sold all over the world including the USA, Germany and Brazil. Daniel will be bringing some of his books to sell (at discounted rates) and would be happy to sign these.



**Book Fair:** During this week we will also be running a Scholastic Book Fair. There are over 200 titles to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there is sure to be an affordable book for everyone. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library!

During the week there will be various games and activities occurring in the Learning Resource Centre, including Boggle and Scrabble and book related word searches and quizzes.

Book Worms: Last term we issued **740** books - **585** fiction and **155** non-fiction. Well done to Olivia Jack who was once again our top borrower for the term, reading 11 books! We would also like to give a special mention to Charlie Newell and Jake Neyland who read 9 books each.

## Safeguarding

### Gaming Disorders: Watching Out for the Signs

Gaming Disorder has been added to the World Health Organisation's classification of diseases! The clinical conditions say that: 'Gaming disorder is characterised by a pattern of persistent or recurrent gaming behaviour' which manifests as:

- "impaired control over gaming"
- "increasing priority given to gaming to the extent that gaming takes precedence over other life interests and daily activities"
- "continuation or escalation of gaming despite the occurrence of negative consequences."

Freelance games expert, Andy Robertson, has written an article on the internetmatters.org website that explains ['What you need to know about WHO gaming disorder'](#).

### Sex and Relationships: Raising Student Awareness

Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in a Relationship and Sex Education presentation and workshops this week delivered by 'Big Talk', who are experts in the delivery of RSE to schools. These sessions consisted of topics such as decision making, consent and infection and protection. The day was a great success and our students felt better informed and more confident by the end of it.

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### Launching today: Careers Advice at Latimer on Twitter!



Staying up-to-date with Careers Advice, Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) can be a time-consuming process – that's why we are delighted to launch Latimer's very own Twitter page dedicated to CEIAG. From apprenticeship vacancies, careers education and opportunities, to changes in the work of world and Labour Market Information, all things careers will be covered. Look out for interesting articles, send over your career queries and be sure to **follow us on @LatimerCEIAG!**

### #Money Matters – The One Pound Challenge

Year 8s wholeheartedly participated in the Latimer Arts One Pound Challenge, through which they have developed core skills in communication and creative thinking, not to mention an increase in their self-confidence. All those who took part put in a fantastic effort and we saw a range of entrepreneurial ideas, including car washing and making hair scrunchies!

A very special mention needs to go to:

- Elliot Hardy who raised a whopping £354.00 from working on various projects and displayed a positive approach and attitude.

- Mya Cooke who worked very hard making and selling sweet cones to earn a huge £215.00. She even managed to get a local company to donate sweets for free. Amazing entrepreneurial skills!
- Austin Evans who invested his £1 to buy ingredients and sell brownies at three events and made a fantastic £140. Great work attitude and delicious goods produced!
- Ellie Elston and Ellie-Marie Booth who organised a raffle at a car boot sale to make a brilliant £200.96 together. Creative and determined!
- Sophie Hill who raised £100 and showed a brilliant attitude towards fundraising.

Well done to all those students who increased the original £1 and participated in the challenge. The latest count shows students have raised over £1930 for Cransley Hospice. We will let you know when we have a final amount.

However, to date there are a number of students who have not yet returned their £1. Could you please ensure all monies are returned to school via Gateway or paid in at the finance office before Friday 21 June.

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### The 'Challenge' of a Lifetime

Our 27 World Challenge students are about to set off on their expedition to Vietnam after two years of fundraising to pay for the trip of a lifetime.

The two-week expedition will begin in the heart of Vietnam's capital, Hanoi; students will then complete a 5-day trek to The Pu Luong Nature Reserve, where they will endure a total of 22 hours trekking through sprawling rice fields, welcoming communities and colourful forests, embracing the diversity of the reserve and waking up each day in a new homestay, getting to know the local people and unique features of each hill tribe.

The students will then take part in a community engagement phase, where they will grow to understand some of the challenges faced by the local people, and will work alongside them to contribute to the development of a new road, helping to connect communities to markets for income, to medical facilities to better support their health, and to schools, improving access to education for young people.

The expedition ends with some well-deserved rest and relaxation in one of Vietnam's most stunning natural wonders, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay.

### Pride of Latimer: Our Year of Dreams

Congratulations to all of those students who have achieved awards for this year's ceremony. We look forward to handing out their certificates and prizes on Thursday 4 July. Please do help us with our final planning by ensuring that you have returned your reply slips

### Grand Vivo Finale!

Just a reminder that prior to launching our new online reward system, E-Praise, we will be holding a bumper end of year raffle in July, in which students can spend all of their remaining Vivos, with more prizes than ever before up for grabs.

### How our Heroes are Helping Others

What a success! During Term 5, Latimer House came together to hold one of our most egg-citing charity events ever, in aid of Help for Heroes. Easter eggs of all sizes were generously donated by students, parents/carers and staff, to tempt the taste buds of tutees across the school in our Easter egg raffle. Thank you to all those who donated!



In addition to this, during April and May, students in Latimer House were set the task of raising as much money as possible in individual fundraising projects. We had students completing fun runs, sponsored silences, bake sales and more, raising an impressive £697.24. Mr Smith, tutor of Latimer 3, also raised £165 in his own fundraising efforts, both raffling off a signed ice hockey shirt and completing sponsored laps of his ice hockey rink.

Well done and a huge thank you to all involved!

### Sailing to Success

Congratulations to Tom Chapman (C3) for achieving his Royal Yacht Association Assistant instructor qualification just before his 14th birthday!

To achieve this Tom had to coach the youngsters on both land and water during half term and his instructor said that all of the children he coached grew in confidence during the week.

Next stop for Tom is spending the first week of the school summer holidays attending the National Schools' Sailing Association Regatta at Weymouth. The event brings regional teams from across the country, giving them an opportunity to compete in four races a day for a week.



### Sporting Success

Well done to Ezra and Eli Cox who have both made the county badminton squad. This is a fabulous achievement!

### Our Stars of the Future!



We were delighted to welcome all 61 Year 6 pupils from Barton Primary School to take part in an afternoon of Drama enrichment.

They took part in a variety of workshops to develop their physical and vocal delivery on stage, for their upcoming Year 6 pantomime. The students started with focusing exercises, learning the importance of spatial awareness and maintaining high levels of energy. They then took part in the following:

- **Physicality workshop:** focusing on how to express emotions and feelings through body language, expressions and movement
- **Vocal workshop:** focusing on how to develop meaning through vocal delivery
- **Script workshop:** using physicality and voice to bring a poem to life

A big thank you for the enthusiasm and energy of Ms Jaremczenko-Dye and Ms Milson in running these successful workshops. The Year 6 students really enjoyed the experience and those joining us in September cannot wait!

## Other News

### Start of the Year Preparations: Uniform Purchasing

We are so excited that we will have the keys to our 3G pitch imminently! A reminder that footwear will need to be a consideration:

- 3G Pitch: Trainers will be permitted  
Metal studs will not be permitted  
Ideally students would have 'blades' or 'astro-trainers' for this surface
- Sports Hall: It would be preferential for students to have an 'indoor' pair of trainers with non-marking soles. In the event that a student has only one pair of trainers it is essential they are cleaned properly before indoor use.
- Students will not be permitted to wear trainers that they have been wearing to play on the tennis courts or field at break or lunchtime.

### Change to Early May Bank Holiday 2020

Please note that the government has changed the date of next year's early May Bank Holiday to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. The bank holiday will now be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (not Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May as previously published).

### Come and Join our Team: Check Out our Current Vacancies

Are you, or someone you know, interested in working at Latimer? We currently have [vacancies](#) for Lunchtime Supervisors and Cover Supervisors. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you!

### 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.

Friday 21 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom Year 12 UCAS Event
Monday 24 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Exams (until Friday 28 June)
Thursday 27 June	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 27 June)
Friday 28 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Monday 1 July	Year 13 Celebration Event (pm) Year 9 Art and Design Trip
Tuesday 9 July	Latimer Book Week Year 12 Work Experience Week
Friday 12 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 11 July)
Friday 19 July	Year 8 Black Country Museum Trip End of Term 6

#### Other key dates:

**Year 13 Results Day:**  
Thursday 15 August

**Year 11 Results Day and  
Sixth Form Registration:**  
Thursday 22 August