



LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 20 MAY 2022

Lunchtime Reorganisation: Bringing Back a Single Lunchtime

We are delighted to be able to inform you that from the start of Term 6, we will be reinstating our single, 45-minute lunchtime session. This means that year groups will no longer be divided across two lunchtime sessions. This will enable us to reintroduce some of our lunchtime enrichment activities, such as PE and Performing Arts clubs and revision and study sessions for our students, during the remainder of this academic year and into the forthcoming year.

Please note: This change does not affect the start or end time of the College day.

Learning and Progress

Year 11 and 13 Examinations: We are Green for Go!

Unbelievably, we are now in the exam period, with both year groups having already started exams. We knew that the time would fly and so it has. We would like to remind parents and carers that advice, including revision templates and information about useful apps, can be found on our [website](#).

We understand that this can be a stressful time and so we are here to help if you need us. Further advice and guidance can also be found at [Young Minds](#).

Year 13: Students are expected to attend normal lessons in a subject until their exams have been completed. Should they have an afternoon exam, they are permitted to study at home for that morning.

Year 11: Students have been issued with their Alternative Timetable, with details of where they should be and when. We would ask that all parents and carers look at this schedule. Normal lessons will continue for as long as is practically possible, and then students move to a blend of examinations, compulsory revision sessions and home study. The [Alternative Timetable](#) can be accessed on our website.

Exam Preparation: Examination Room Requirements

Please help us to help your child be successful throughout this exam season by:

- Ensuring that they attend all of the revision sessions: these are compulsory!
- Making sure they arrive for the right exams at the right time. Text reminders about exams will be sent to parents and carers the day before. Briefing sessions will run for GCSE exams 30 minutes before the start times and we would expect all students to attend these.
- Making sure they are dressed in full College uniform / Sixth Form dress code.
- Making sure that they bring water to drink in a clear plastic bottle. Historically we have provided water for students but, as we are endeavouring to reduce the use of single use plastics, we will not be in a position to do this, this year. However, we can provide a refilling service outside of the Restaurant and in the Sports Hall on a daily basis.
- Making sure they have all the correct equipment. **A plea to please make sure that your child has a calculator for the relevant exams and a compass and protractor for Maths exams! They are putting themselves at a disadvantage should they not have this equipment.**

Please remember that students are not allowed any potential technological or web enabled devices, such as mobile phones or smart watches in any examination venues. We request that students leave these at home on exam days along with their mobile phones. If they need to bring them in to College, they must be turned off/removed before the exam, and placed in their bag. Any breaches of this will be reported to the relevant exam board and it is inevitable that disqualification will be a consequence.

Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12

We have written to parents and carers of students in Years 10 and 12 about the plan for their first mock exam season. We are now less than a year away from this cohort of students sitting their external exams and these mock exams provide vital preparation. We ask that parents and carers ensure that they have read the information regarding the arrangements for these and that in preparation for these exams that you encourage your child to access revision guides and [exam support material](#) that the College has provided.

Helping us to help you: Join our Parent and Carer Forum

We are delighted to announce that we are bringing back our Latimer Parents/Carers' Forum, after a two-year gap due to the pandemic. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 8 June** at **6pm til 7pm** in Music Room 2 (upstairs in The Masque).

The Parents/Carers' Forum works closely with the Senior Leadership Team to support College improvement. This is not the same as a PTA, there is no fundraising work involved, only a willingness from parent and carer volunteers who give up their time to engage in dialogue about College improvement. It provides an opportunity for the College to hear the parent/carers' voice: for them to give feedback, evaluate College systems from a parent and carer perspective and to make suggestions for further improvements.

For more information please read our [Parent Carer Terms of Reference](#) or contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

County Lines and Child Exploitation: Raising Your Awareness

Students learn about County Lines and Child Exploitation throughout our extensive PDP programme and are frequently reminded how to keep themselves and others safe and where to seek help and support. However, we want to support parents and carers to access vital information.

With this in mind, please see below a link for a Parent Webinar being run by PACE UK and Barnardo's, specific to Northamptonshire, focusing on County Lines and Child Exploitation. This follows on from the successful webinar that was delivered in January and has now been funded by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for four further sessions across the course of the year.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-lines-in-northamptonshire-free-parent-webinar-tickets-323095275667>

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Raising Aspirations: Can you help?

As part of our Careers and Raising Aspirations Programme, we welcome representatives from the world of work to engage with our students, either by supporting one of our events, for example the Dragons' Den experience, or perhaps by being a guest speaker on a particular area of expertise. If you would be willing to enhance our programme by getting involved, please contact Jyoti Pankhania, Assistant Principal: JPankhania@latimer.org.uk. We would be delighted to hear from you.

New Parents' Guide to University

The 2022 edition of the [UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University](#) brochure has been released. This provides great information for Year 12 students as they start to explore university options. You can also find some brilliant resources on the [University Guidance Video Hub](#) that provide impartial university videos, introducing a fantastic range of subjects at university. From Anthropology to Veterinary Science - and 100s of subjects in between.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



A big well done to Year 10, who managed to get the most Epraise points over the last week having amassed nearly 4,000 points in total! In particular, a massive well done to Alex Beards-Glover, Polly Butler, Nikita Jackson, Jack Kirby, Maisie Morris and Daisie Webster, who led the way for the year group!

Our summer Epraise draw will be going live on the system at the end of Term 5, meaning students will have June to top up their points and get entering as many times as they can. A big thank you goes out to all those students who provided feedback on previous draws and we hope, when you see the prizes, you will be very happy with them as we have taken the feedback on board (although the suggestion of a brand new car as a prize may not be possible at this point!).

Our Sporting Success Continues!



Congratulations to our Year 9 Girls' Athletics Team who won the recent Athletics Championships overall and achieved Gold and to the Year 9 Boys' Athletics Team who won Silver.

Well done to Evie Brooker, Abina Gama, Brody Golding, Gracie Horton, Archie Latham and Jak Pratt who have been selected to represent Kettering in the next round.

We are also delighted that our Year 7 Boys' Football B team were crowned winners of the Year 7 B team district football tournament.



All of our students put in a great effort and did the College proud!

Other News

'Moving Up': Welcome to Latimer

We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Latimer families at our **Moving Up Evenings** on **Tuesday 14** and **Wednesday 15 June**. Establishing strong working partnerships is very important to us and we really appreciate all of your support.

We are also excited to be planning the students **'Moving Up Day'** on **Monday 11 July**!

Procedures for Students Signing Out

We recently sent details confirming the process for students signing out during the College day. Whilst most parent and carers are taking the time to inform us of an appointment that their child may have, we would like to take this time to give a reminder of what the process is.

Where there is a need for a student to leave the College site during the day, we must have notification of this from a parent or carer. There are a number of ways in which this can be done:

Send an email to: absence@latimer.org.uk or send a text to 07444 851655 or ring the 24-hour absence answer line on 01536 720300.

A student will not be permitted to sign out without prior notification. Whilst we will do our best to try to contact a parent or carer, if we are unable to do this, a student will not be permitted to leave. Parents and carers do need to understand that should the College not have been made aware that a student has an appointment, this may result in a delay in them leaving.

Please note: We will not accept a text message on a student's phone as notification.

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](#) that may be of interest to you. If you are interested in any of the advertised roles, 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 27 May	End of Term 5
Monday 6 June	Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Wednesday 8 June	Parent and Carer Forum, 6.00 pm
Tuesday 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 15 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Tuesday 21 June	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
Thursday 23 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 1 July)
Friday 24 June	Year 11 and Year 13 Prom
Tuesday 28 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
Monday 27 June	Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends Friday 1 July)
Thursday 30 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 7 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1
Friday 8 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2
Monday 11 July	Year 6 Moving Up Day
Tuesday 19 July	End of Term 6
Wednesday 20 July	Training Day: College closed to students