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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 3 MAY 2019

Timings of the Day: September 2019

Following the recent consultation on the proposal to amend our timings of the day, we are in a position to confirm that we will be proceeding with this from September 2019. The key change to note is that from September, the College day for students will end at 3.00pm. Full details of the organisation of the day will be included in our Information for Parents and Carers booklet which will be published in July and can be accessed on our website.

We would like to thank those who did forward their views. Of the 50 stakeholders who did express a viewpoint, the majority were in favour of the change. Of those who expressed concerns about the change, this largely centred around accessing activities at lunchtime. This is an area that we are going to explore in preparation for the new academic year. We will seek to identify possible systems that we can put in place to support student attendance at lunchtime activities such as possibly introducing lunch passes. More details on this will be confirmed in preparation for the new academic year.

Learning and Progress

The examination countdown clock has reached zero...

As we knew would happen, all too quickly we have now arrived at the start of the examination season! Students have been provided with all they need and it is now down to them! All staff are on hand to provide support with well-being over the next few weeks so if there is anything that your child needs, please do ask. We have been running a well-being breakfast each day from 8.00am for Year 11 and 13 students and this will continue for the next week in the run up to examinations, when exam briefing sessions will take over.

Timetable Arrangements:

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.

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

- Ensuring that they attend all of the revision masterclasses: 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.
- Making sure they are dressed in full College uniform/according to the 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 Picassos 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 (including Fitbits) 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.

All information for parents and carers is on our [Year 11 and 13 Exam Support](#) website page.

And the wheel keeps turning!

As Year 11 and 13 begin their examinations, we will soon be launching our **Ace Your Exams** programme for our current Year 10 and 12 students. More details of this will follow shortly.

And, next week, we will be formally welcoming our new Year 7 cohort at our **'Moving Up' Events**. A key to our success has been the strong partnerships with our parent/carer body and we look forward to continuing with this. Places at the College are at a premium and we are significantly over-subscribed! We only wish that we had more facilities so that we could offer a place to all of those students who would like one.



As part of our continued drive to raise literacy standards to support student achievement, through our Accelerated Reader Programme, Year 7 students have now read **50,550,797** words this year and Year 8 students have read **42,747,143** words. Collectively, that is a massive **93,297,940** words!

In addition, we issued **910** books from the LRC last term, **692** fiction and **218** non-fiction. Well done to Kayleigh Jarvis (Castle 2) who read **13** books; Dylan-Jay Sidibe (Botolph 7) who read **12** books and Lucas Essam (Castle 3) who read **11** books!

All of this is an investment by students in their future and we are delighted that they recognise the importance of this and are so committed to it.

Safeguarding

'Why we need to talk about harmful sexual behaviour' (Barnardo's)

Harmful sexual behaviour by children and young people is never easy to think about, but we know that peer-on-peer abuse cannot be ignored. [Barnardo's](#) has published an anonymised case study to help people understand the real impact behind the statistics. During our tutor time Personal Development Programme (PDP) sessions we discuss and teach the students about a variety of harmful behaviours, how to behave in appropriate ways and how to get support where it is needed.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Welcome to the World of Work!

As part of our Raising Aspirations programme, students in Year 8 participated in a *'Take Your Child to Work Day'*. From aspiring accountants to budding builders, students went off to work with parents or family friends and fully submerged themselves in the world of work. Huge thanks go to everyone who returned the work journals of their day but special mention goes to the following students for outstanding contributions:

Jamie Allen, Faith Camwell, Libby Golding, Harry Grimster, Elliot Hardy, Cory Ives, Holly Moisey, Ella Rogers, Isabelle Sinclair, Olivia White.

#Money Matters Day

Are you puzzled by the pound? Mystified by mortgages? Exasperated by exchange rates? Bothered about budgeting? Year 8 no longer are following their excellent contributions to our #Money Matters Day this week.

Following participation in a workshop, kindly facilitated by Andrew Rogers of Frogmore Properties, who has extensive knowledge of the financial industry, some of these myths have now been busted and students are armed with a range of financial facts to prepare them for the future.

As a follow up to this enrichment experience, we have launched the [One Pound Challenge](#), a task that will see students armed with a £1 coin and challenged to turn that into more money. Students will be encouraged to sign for a £1 coin that will be provided for them and pledge to return all monies made, including the original pound, with all proceeds going to Cransley Hospice.

Last year's Year 8 students raised over £2,000 so the gauntlet is well and truly thrown down for this year's Year 8 students to beat this and become Latimer's Excellent Entrepreneurs!

Speakers for Schools: the future of automotive engineering

Our Sixth Form students were privileged to participate in a visit from Volkswagen Group UK's HR Director, Penny Burnett, and Skoda UK Service and Parts Product Manager, Dessi Doncheva. They gained a wonderful insight into future technological advances within the automotive sector and were party to a wealth of information about the opportunities available to talented young people.

Not only this, but students were able to get up close and personal with two eye-catching vehicles from the Volkswagen Group, the Audi Q8 and the Volkswagen e-Golf!

Labour Market Information

To increase your awareness of the value of labour market information and support you in feeling more confident about using LMI to help your child make informed choices about jobs or careers, or about appropriate programmes of learning there is a brilliant informative fact file that we have included with this newsletter. This supports our ongoing Careers Provision where students are learning about Labour Market trends and opportunities.

Having Your Voice Heard

Our Parent/Carer Forum gives parents and carers a voice to support with ongoing College improvements. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22 May at 6pm** in Music Room 2 (in The Masque). The Forum is an excellent way to build a positive partnership between parents and carers and the College. For more information please contact JPankhania@latimer.org.uk. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Sports Tour 2019

Our Year 9 students headed to France for a week in Paris and Normandy. They took part in a range of activities that included laser ball, theme park, sand yachting and kayaking. The students also represented the College in a football match against a local team from Normandy. The girls worked incredibly hard despite being on the losing side but the boys triumphed 6-0. The staff that took our students away could not praise them enough for their attitude and behaviour: they were truly a credit to all of us and fantastic ambassadors for the College and community and a thoroughly good time was had by all!

Making our Young People's Voice Heard

It is important that politicians and decision makers listen to the views of our young people. This is why we are particularly delighted that Kyle Barrie, Year 12, who has worked as a volunteer with Young Healthwatch, was selected as one of the young people to represent Northamptonshire at the recent Youth Voice Summit in London. Kyle joined other young people from all over the country, together with leaders from the health and care sector, to share their views on the role they should play in the next decade of health and care.

Sporting Success

We start with an apology that we omitted to recognise a fantastic sporting achievement that occurred last term. We would like to say an extra special well done to our Year 8 boys who won the County Indoor Athletics. This is a fantastic achievement. Although not winners on the day, we would also like to congratulate our Year 7 Boys', Year 7 Girls' and Year 8 Girls' teams also. We are very proud of those who represented the College.

In addition to this, our Year 8 Boys' Football team have completed their league fixtures recording 7 wins and 2 losses. This has been an excellent year for the team.

Other News

Sports Hall and 3G Pitch: Preparations for Launch

We are delighted with the progress of our building project and we are now turning our attention to the plans for the actual use of this facility: we hope to have the 3G pitch in operation some time in Term 6, with the Sports Hall following in November.

Footwear will need to be a consideration and we would like to let you know in advance that the following will be our expectation:

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

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.

Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday: College closed
Wednesday 8 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30 pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2019 <i>(Invitations will be issued for specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Thursday 9 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30 pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2019 <i>(Invitations will be issued for specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Monday 13 May	Exam Season starts (until end of June)
Wednesday 22 May	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Friday 24 May	End of Term 5
Monday 3 June	College re-opens: Term 6 <i>This will be Week 1 on the timetable</i>
Friday 21 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom
Monday 24 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Exams commence (until Friday 28 June)
Monday 24 June	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 27 June)
Thursday 27 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 28 June	Year 13 Celebration Event (pm)