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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 25 JUNE 2021

### Co-opted Governor Vacancy

If you or anyone you know in our local community would be interested in becoming a school governor, we would love to hear from you. We have an exciting opportunity for a committed individual who can volunteer their time and skills to help us improve the education and outcomes of our students. Included with this newsletter are details of the role and how you can get in touch with us if you would like to discuss it further. This is a real opportunity to make a difference!

## COVID-19 Protocols Reminders

### LFD Testing and Reporting: Reminder

With the increase in cases of variants of concern, it is important to detect cases of coronavirus to keep Covid-19 out of the classroom. While robust measures remain in place to keep students and staff safe, it is vitally important that young people at secondary school continue to test twice weekly and report the results.

The Secretary of State for Education has written [an open letter](#) to parents and carers to encourage them to continue supporting their children to test twice a week. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void, but results should always be reported.

Tests can be obtained from the College and please do let us know if you run out in advance of our routine issuing of kits. To report results, please go to [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

The Government will be setting out plans for how testing should work over the summer holidays and we will inform you of this as soon as we know.

### Year Group Learning Zones September 2021

We are not yet in a position to confirm if year group 'bubbles' will be in operation in September. We are awaiting the guidance from the Government, but given the delay in the easing of lockdown measures, we are unclear if we will receive this information before the end of the academic year. As soon as we receive information, we will let students and their parents and carers know.

## Learning and Progress

### Year 7 SPRE Feedback

It was lovely to be able to meet so many parents and carers 'face to face' at our Year 7 SPRE this week. We hope that you found the feedback purposeful. As our remote SPRE process is so new to us, we would very much welcome your feedback. If you have not yet done so, please could you complete our quick [survey](#) **before the end of the day today**.



### Year 10 Virtual Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We would like to congratulate our Year 10 students on their exemplary attitude towards their trial examinations. Despite the disruptions over the last 12 months, it is very clear that our students are looking forwards and not back: they approached these exams with confidence, resilience and a can do attitude. We are immensely proud of them.

Our Year 10 SPRE on Tuesday 6 July will provide an opportunity for staff to feed back on the trial exams and signpost key topics for each individual student to revisit over the summer in preparation for their final year of GCSE studies. All SPRE details will be published shortly.

### **Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy Consultation**

The RSE curriculum is a statutory one, the content of which has been agreed by the Department for Education. In our last newsletter, we outlined to parents and carers the content of the RSE curriculum which we will deliver through our Personal Development Programme during tutor time this term.

We do hope that parents and carers will be able to support the delivery of this and, with this in mind, we have enclosed our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy which we would welcome feedback on. The consultation will close on Friday 2 July, following which the Governing Body will seek to ratify the policy. Please forward any feedback to Mrs Shore, Pastoral Administrative Assistant: [lshore@latimer.org.uk](mailto:lshore@latimer.org.uk).

As parents/carers you have the right to request that your child be withdrawn from some or all of Sex Education delivered as part of statutory RSE. If you wish to request that your child is withdrawn from Sex Education, please put this in writing and send to Mrs Shore: [lshore@latimer.org.uk](mailto:lshore@latimer.org.uk).

Please note that the Relationship Education and Health Education element is statutory and you do not have the right to withdraw your child from these. For further information on the RSE curriculum and your rights as parents and carers please read more by pasting the following link into your browser:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907640/RSE\\_secondary\\_schools\\_guide\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf)

## **Safeguarding**

### **CPR and Defibrillation: Year 9 PDP Programme**

Although already in our planning, following the sad events that transpired on world television when Christian Eriksen collapsed on the football pitch, it is with some relief that we were able to deliver First Aid assemblies to our Year 9 students last week. They were also able to take part in a practical session on CPR using the resusci-Annie dolls to practise on.

### **Use of Electric Scooters: The Law**

With the trial of the new e-scooters in Northamptonshire, we thought it would be a good opportunity for parents and carers to remind their children of the laws that are in place for riding them:

- Riders must be 18 years or above
- Riders must hold a provisional or full licence
- E-Scooters can only be used on roads with a speed limit of less than 30mph or in a cycle lane
- There must only be one rider per scooter
- All privately owned scooters are illegal in public spaces

As riders must be aged 18, we do not expect to see any students under this age using them. Consequences of riding these scooters without following the law may result in hefty fines and points on a parent or carer's licence.

## **Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations**

### **Year 10 and 12 Exam Countdown: the hard work starts now!**

Both Year 10 and Year 12 have now finished their trial exams. We would like to commend them on the way they conducted themselves throughout this process: students were exemplary.

The purpose of the trial exam process is to help ensure students are ready for the fast approaching final exams which are now less than a year away. So it is now that the real hard work starts. There is no worth in students sitting the exams if they then do not use the feedback from the process to help them to improve and prepare for next year. Students will be receiving feedback from each subject over the next couple of weeks. Staff will identify priority areas for them for Close the Gap work over the summer break.

We would like to remind Year 10 in particular that they have a range of revision guides, and should be using these to help fill gaps in skills or knowledge identified by the trial exam process.

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Finlay Ashall, Year 7, is our latest student who has smashed the 1-million-word barrier! Well done! We look forward to congratulating him again when he doubles his tally in the near future.



A huge well done to Oliver Back, Karan Cheema, Abigail Innard, Gemma Johnson and Henry Rendell who were the highest Epraise earners in the first two weeks of Term 6, earning a massive 300 Epraise points between them!

Our final Epraise Prize Draw for this year has gone live this week. Students can follow the link [Prize draws | epraise.co.uk](http://Prize draws | epraise.co.uk) to enter and be in with a chance to win prizes, which will include a Samsung Galaxy Tablet.

### Student Leadership: Voicing our Students' Views

We are delighted that our Student Leadership group is now established and starting to feedback on ways in which we can further improve the learning experience of our students. Our leaders are also having an impact outside of school, with Erin Gray being interviewed whilst out and about in Oxford over half term about the possibility of teenagers receiving the COVID vaccine. She ended up on the national news!

### Enrichment Activities: Fixtures and After-School PE Clubs

It is great to be involved with fixtures again! On Wednesday 16 June Year 7 had their first school sports fixtures. We invited Bishop Stopford and KBA over to play a friendly rounders tournament. The two teams we entered enjoyed the experience and had an opportunity to practise their skills in a full competitive game with lots of success: there was some great batting and fielding by both teams. Well done to all who took part!

A reminder that your child is welcome to attend our after school enrichment activities. The sessions are open for everyone by year group and are free! Students should meet outside the Sports Centre at 3.05pm with their PE kit. The sessions will end at 4.30pm.

Year 7: Monday	Girls	Boys
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Football	Softball
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tennis	Football

Year 8: Tuesday in Week 1 and Thursday in Week 2	Girls	Boys
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis	Football
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Rounders	Cricket

Year 9: Thursday in Week 1 and Wednesday in Week 2	Girls	Boys
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Tennis	Football
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Rounders	Basketball

<b>Year 10: Wednesday in Week 1 and Tuesday in Week 2</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Volleyball	Football
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Badminton	Badminton

## Other News

### 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!

### Managing Student Catering Accounts

We hope that our recently introduced reminders when your child's account is below £1 will allow you to monitor their spending and top up accounts when needed.

### 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.

Thursday 1 July	Moving Up Evening (Year 6 parents): 1:1 Sessions 4-7 pm
Tuesday 6 July	Year 10 SPRE, 4-7 pm
Thursday 8 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (half cohort)
Friday 9 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (half cohort)
Wednesday 14 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Thursday 15 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Friday 16 July	End of Term 6
Monday 19 July	Training Day: College closed to students
Tuesday 20 July	Training Day: College closed to students

### Summer Results Days

The results for A Level and Level 3 BTEC qualifications will be published on Tuesday 10 August.

The results for GCSE and Level 2 BTEC qualifications will be published on Thursday 12 August.

We will be in touch with Year 11 and Year 12 before the end of term about arrangements for the collection of results.