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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 23 APRIL 2021

Year 8 Pathways Process Deadline

A reminder that today is the deadline for submitting the electronic form expressing your child's pathway preferences.

If you have any questions or need any help, please contact Ms O'Brien: MOBrien@latimer.org.uk

High Standards of Uniform and Equipment: Thank You for a Team Effort!

We would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for their support with ensuring that students started Term 5 'Ready to Learn'. It really does make a difference when students meet our expectations as a matter of course.

We appreciate that, after a significant period of Remote Learning, it can be a challenge to get back into previously established routines, but our students have adapted very quickly – and parents and carers have really helped with this.

Despite essential shops not being open, we are grateful for all that you have done to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform, with the correct footwear.

We also appreciate your reinforcement of our policy in relation to jewellery, make-up and nails. We have had to give very few reminders about this.

And we are getting there with mobile phones. We know that it has been difficult for students who have been used to a lot of 'screen time' over the last few months to part with their phones. However, after reinforcement from home and a concerted effort from staff to remind and check, the majority of our students are now routinely placing their phones in their bags as they enter the College site in the morning.

The key now is to sustain this! As a reminder, phones not in bags will now be confiscated, as will any non-uniform items and students may be placed in an after school detention. Anything that you can do to remind your child about this so that we can avoid this would be welcomed.

We would like to ask for your support now with PE kit. Students should be in the College's PE kit as set out below:

- Black and white shorts or black and scarlet skirt with school badge
- PE shirt with school badge
- Red football socks for football/rugby and optional trainer socks for other sports

More details about optional additional kit can be viewed on our [Uniform Policy](#).

If, for any reason, your child is unable to bring their PE kit, we do need communication from parents and carers about this, either through email to the class teacher or via a note. If there are exceptional circumstances, students can bring an alternative kit for that day but any student who is routinely not in our PE 'uniform' and who does not bring suitable kit may be issued with an after school detention.

If you need financial support with the purchase of PE kit, please contact Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal: jpankhania@latimer.org.uk who will do all that she can to support with this.

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing Programme

Reducing Community Transmission: Another Team Effort Required!

We know that we all welcome the easing of restrictions that have recently been introduced and the slight increase in freedoms that we now all have. However, we must urge all parents and carers to ensure that they and their family all stick to the current rules. Our incidents of COVID-19 as a school have been low and we must do all that we can together to prevent community transmission – we do not want to have to move to Remote Learning again, as a school or as a nation!

LFD Home Testing Programme

In line with government guidance, the College will continue to be provided with LFD Test Kits to issue to students who are participating in the twice weekly testing programme. We will distribute these periodically for the remainder of the academic year, unless the guidance changes.

We have to remind you that the home testing kits that have been provided by the government are **for twice weekly asymptomatic testing only**.

If your child has been identified as a close contact, whilst you and your child may understandably be worried, further testing should only occur if they develop COVID-19 symptoms (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste). If this is the case a PCR test should be booked by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>: the LFD tests should NOT be used.

In addition to this, whilst we do understand the possible frustrations that parents and carers may have, we do need to confirm that the government guidance is that any close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate, even if they continue to test negative themselves.

Test and Trace Support Payment for Parents and Carers

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. This is to ensure that eligible parents receive financial support if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Learning and Progress

Awarding Qualifications in Summer 2021 Information

Year 11 and 13 students and their parents and carers have been issued with our booklet that outlines the processes that the College will be following in the awarding of examination grades for 2021.

A copy of this and other key documents, including our Centre Policy for Determining Teacher Assessed Grades Summer 2021, can be accessed on our [dedicated website page](#).

If you need any further information or wish to ask any questions about this process, please direct them to Mrs Levick, Examinations Officer: tlevick@latimer.org.uk

Year 11 and 13 Leaving Date

The 'official' leaving date for Year 11 students is Friday 25 June. The DfE have indicated that schools should make provision for Year 11 students from the date of their final assessment until this official leaving date. This might not mean full-time provision and could include visits to education providers, independent study or remote education combined with attendance in person.

Year 11 students are due to complete their assessments by Friday 28 May. Therefore, the College is currently considering what programme it would be suitable to offer our Year 11 students up to their official leaving date. More details of this will follow shortly. We can confirm that an Induction Programme will be offered to those students who have indicated that they wish to join our Sixth Form during this time.

Year 13 students will finish once they have completed their final assessment.

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.

Safeguarding

Youth Works Support Groups Information

Youth Works is a charitable organisation that delivers education and support services to young people and their families in Northamptonshire.

They have a range of sessions available for parents and carers and students to attend.

Youth Works also provide a free counselling service that parents and carers can make referrals to via their [website](#).

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger

The [YoungMinds Crisis Messenger](#) text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If your child is experiencing a mental health crisis and needs support, you can text YM to 85258.

YoungMinds know that finding the right support is important, especially if a student needs someone to talk to immediately. They aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer promptly to provide crisis help. They will listen to the young person and help them to think more clearly, enabling them to know that they can take the next step to feeling better.

It is free and confidential to text their service from the major mobile networks.

MONDAYS
4-5PM
LGBTQ SOCIAL DROP-IN
Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX
To find out more call: 01536 518339

4-8PM
ESPRESSO YOURSELF
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP-IN
The Lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street,
Northampton, NN1 1PP, 01604 634385

TUESDAYS
12-3PM
PARENT SUPPORT DROP-INS
Corby Mind, Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU
Telephone support also available: 07479 973085

4-8PM
ESPRESSO YOURSELF
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP-IN
Corby Mind, Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU
Telephone support also available: 07479 973085

THURSDAYS
4-8PM
ESPRESSO YOURSELF
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP IN
Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX
Telephone support also available: 01536 518339

FRIDAYS
4-5PM
SEND SOCIAL GROUP
Social group for young people aged 11-14 with Autism, ADHD or Asperger's. Book a place:
Email hwatts@youthworksnorthamptonshire.org.uk
or call 01536 518339 to find out more.

Parent Support Drop In
Tuesdays 12.00pm - 3.00pm
At Corby Mind Building
18 Argyll St, Corby
NN17 1RU
or call
07479 973085
for phone support

A NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS
If you feel yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need.
Book an appointment by calling the numbers below or drop in during opening hours.
Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX
01536 518339
Corby Mind, Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU
07479 973085
Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX
01536 518339

YOUTH WORKS
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A social group for young people aged 11 to 14 with Autism, ADHD or Aspergers.
Fridays 4pm - 5pm
22 Keystone
97 Rockingham Road,
Kettering, NN16 9HX
(We need discussion and tea/coffee when coming around)
Starts Friday 20th February
Email
hwatts@youthworksnorthamptonshire.org.uk
or ring 01536 518339
to find out more or book a place

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

University Applications

If you are the parent or carer of a Year 12 student, it is time to start to consider next steps – already! If you are curious about the application process for Universities, then please head over to the [UCAS website](#) for tailored information about how best to support your child through this process. You can sign up to receive the monthly parental newsletter and find useful information to keep up to date with the processes we will be guiding learners through over the coming weeks.

Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Pack

If you want further information regarding apprenticeships and other useful articles the [Amazing Apprenticeships April issue](#) of the parents' pack looks at typical interview questions, Degree apprenticeships in the digital sector and much more!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Our students continue to impress with their commitment to reading through our Accelerated Reader Programme.



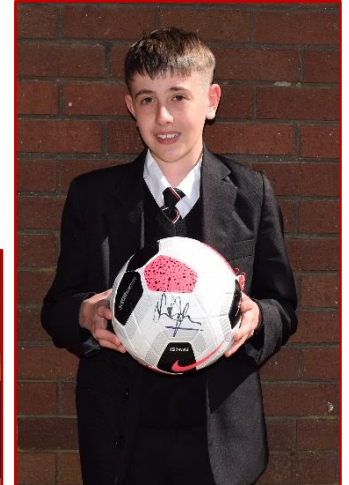
In total Year 7 students have read **67,313,109** words this year so far and Year 8 **47,853,744**

Contributing to this total is Scarlett Mayhew in Year 8 who has now read over 1 million words and is the latest member of our Millionaire Reader Club!



Congratulations to all of our Epraise Prize Draw Winners, including:

Erin Smith who won the Cloud book
Rose Wooding who won the Kindle
Jak Pratt who won the signed football



And continuing the celebrations, well done to everybody in our community who took part in our World Book Day Challenges. The winners were:

Cookery Competition: Jacob Riley
Locations Photography: Seth Diaz
500 Word Challenge: Rosie Keenan

After School Sports Clubs are back up and running!

We are delighted that we are able to re-introduce extra-curricular sporting activities for our students. This will provide a great opportunity for students to catch up with team sporting activities that have been limited by lockdowns! Clubs are open to all students, with a different sport being offered each week. Students who are interested should meet outside the Sports Centre at the end of the school day on which their year group is scheduled, **with their PE kit**. The sessions will finish at 4.30pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 10	Year 9
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Year 7	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8

In line with government guidance, these will be run in year group 'bubbles' and all of our routine COVID-19 preventative measures will be in place.

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.

Monday 3 May

Bank Holiday: College closed

Friday 28 May

End of Term 5

Monday 7 June

Training Day: College closed to students

Tuesday 8 June

Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students

This will be Week 2 on the timetable

Tuesday 8 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Exams (until 18 June)
Wednesday 16 June	Moving Up Evening: Live Event 6 pm
Monday 21 June - Friday 25 June	Sixth Form Induction Week
Wednesday 23 June	Year 7 SPRE, 4-7 pm
Thursday 1 July	Moving Up Evening: 1:1 Sessions 4-7 pm
Tuesday 6 July	Year 10 SPRE, 4-7 pm
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