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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 17 MAY 2019

All our **DREAMS** can come true,
if we have the courage to pursue them.

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Pride of Latimer 2019

The excitement is building up! A reminder that our award evening is on 4 July at the Lighthouse Theatre.

Students have been selecting the 'Student Choice Award' winners this week for our Pride of Latimer Award Evening!

Staff have been nominating students for all other categories.

Invitations for the winners will go out at the start of Term 6.

Learning and Progress

A final reminder...

GCSE exams have commenced, with A Levels starting next week. 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.

Additional support and guidance on managing the examination season can be accessed here:

[All The Revision and Exam Tips You'll Ever Need](#)

[Exam Stress and Pressure \(Childline\)](#)

[Countdown to exams \(BBC Bitesize\)](#)

[Supporting Your Child During Exam Time \(Young Minds\)](#)

Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run!

After half term, Year 10 and Year 12 embark upon a set of mock exams. We will be encouraging all students to ensure they take this opportunity to help us help them, by preparing fully for these exams. This is so that we have an understanding of the progress they have made so far, as well as highlighting any areas that we need to work on with them. These exams will be taking place less than a year before the real things!

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. For Year 12, exams will mainly run from Thursday 20 June until Friday 28 June (with some small changes for students who study Geography due to their field trip).

Full details will be issued to all students at the start of Term 6.

ROK Testing? PLCs? WAGOLLS?

Mean anything to you? These are just some of the strategies that we have been using this year to support our students with their progress. We would love to hear parent and carer feedback on these at our final Parent Forum of the year on Wednesday 22 May 6pm in Music Room 2.

If you have not attended before, please do come along and share your views.

'Moving Up': Welcome to Latimer

It was wonderful to officially welcome the parents and carers of our new Year 7 intake to the College last week. Establishing strong working partnerships is very important to us and we really appreciate all of your support.

The next step for students is **'Moving Up Day'** on Monday 8 July!

Safeguarding

Safe Cycling

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of reports that we have received recently about students who are putting both their own lives and those of driving members of the public at risk by cycling irresponsibly.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our students and we would ask all parents and carers of students who do ride their bike to school to speak to their child about the risks that they may place themselves in if they do not take care on the roads.

Patrols will be going out in the local area over the next few weeks and any student found to be riding unsafely will not be permitted to bring a bike to College in the future.

Can we also remind you that we expect students who cycle to school to have roadworthy bikes, helmets, lights and a suitable lock. If students do not have these they may not be able to bring their bike on to site.

Online Fraud

Whilst we often talk to children and young people about the safe use of the internet, often these warnings are about online predators and privacy concerns. One area that is less well publicised is online fraud which we have been covering in our Personal Development Programme in tutor time. These scams are sophisticated and it is easy when we are busy, to accept things at first sight.

These links will explain the scam and hopefully prevent more victims.

[Fake NatWest text messages appearing in message threads](#)

[Phone Scams : Financial Fraud Action UK](#)

[Fraudsters targeting online gamers](#)

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Apprenticeship Parent Pack

Please find included with this newsletter the April edition, with plenty of information about Apprenticeships.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have been appointed House Sports Captains:

Barton House

Charlotte Cox
Liberty Robson

Botolph House

Casey Marcinkowski
Kiera Cox

Castle House

Leah Brownless
Liam Kendall

Latimer House

Zac Arnold
Chloe Alexander

Wicksteed House

Mia Baker
Drew Peel

Other News

Sports Hall and 3G Pitch: Preparations for Launch

We are edging ever closer to our 3G pitch being completed! A reminder about footwear in preparation for this:

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.

Tastes from Around the World

Caterlink, our catering providers, will be serving up a range of tasty dishes during their Jamaican Day on Thursday 23 May.

Dates for your diary

Please take the time to view our [calendar](#) and ensure that you are aware of all forthcoming key dates.

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)