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LATIMER LATEST NEWS: 5 April 2019

As we end Term 4, we wish everyone a relaxing Easter break. The College re-opens to students on **Tuesday 23 April**. Students should arrive promptly by 8.25am before the College gates close. This will be Week 2 on the timetable.

Learning and Progress

The final, final countdown!

As we end Term 4 and, with a frighteningly short Term 5 (only 23 school days), we are now in the final stages of the exam countdown for Year 11 and 13 students. As a reminder, we are providing:

- Easter Revision Sessions that will be running for which invitations have been sent. Please do note the days and times that your child should be in College;
- A Year 11 Alternative Timetable, which is designed to provide a blend of normal lessons, revision masterclasses and home study to support with a smooth journey through the examination period;
- A [Year 11 and 13 Exam Support](#) webpage, which signposts both students and parents and carers to a range of support strategies and revision tools;
- In Term 5, breakfast in the LRC for Year 11 and 13 students to drop into from 8.00 am to support with their well-being in the countdown to exams. Staff will be on hand for an informal chat just to check-in with students. All are welcome.

Young Minds: Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As we start to move towards exam season, '[Young Minds](#)' have launched advice for parents and carers. Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.

Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We suspect that Year 7 parents and carers will not believe that their child is approaching the final two terms of Year 7 (already!). Throughout the year you will have been able to keep track of the learning and progress of your child through the PLC sheets that they have completed in each subject.

To enhance this, we would like to invite you to attend our Year 7 SPRE on **Thursday 2 May** from **5.30 – 8.30pm** where you will be able to have a face to face discussion with subject teachers. We are keen to ensure that we work in partnership to secure the very best progress for your child: with this in mind, we would be grateful if your child could attend the evening with you so that in each subject there is a clear understanding of current progress and priority areas for improvement for both you and them.

Please note that because these evenings are incredibly purposeful they are very busy, so we do ask for your patience and understanding if queues for some subjects build up!

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

High Expectations = High Standards

As we have stated before and will continue to re-enforce, there is absolutely no doubt that having high expectations leads to high outcomes. Running a tight ship has contributed to the delivering of strong student progress and, at The Latimer Arts College, we remain resolute in this. Our [Uniform Policy](#) contributes significantly to this.

Therefore, in preparation for the start of Term 5, please can we remind parents and carers of key uniform requirements. In Years 7 to 11 we do not permit the following:

- Any earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear. Helix and cartilage piercings are not permitted. Up to two pairs of studs in the lobe of the ear are all that are permitted.
- Nose studs, and this includes clear bars.
- 'Lines' cut into the hair or closely shaved hair.
- Gel/acrylic/painted nails – please ensure these are removed prior to the start of term.

Please do not allow your child to tell you otherwise, nor allow your child to arrive at College breaching these rules! We will implement sanctions in line with our [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) and this is not negotiable. We will also impose a lunchtime detention for those students who are not wearing their blazers at the expected times.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference

We are so proud of the way that our community comes together to support others and what is most heart-warming is the pleasure that our students take in wanting to make that difference.

There was a fantastic team effort with this year's Comic Relief fundraising events, as organised by Botolph House. Through their cake sales, Red Nose sales, human fruit machine, guess the sweets in the jar and soak the students (as well as many more activities) the students managed to raise just short of a staggering £1500 which will all go towards worthy causes in the UK and around the world.

Following hot on the heels of this, we will be launching our final fundraising event of the year: **Help for Heroes #project2019**, as led by Latimer House. Each student in the House has been challenged to aim to fundraise £10 each in aid of their house charity. Last year we had a whole host of individual ideas, including sponsored fun-runs, readathons, bake sales and even selling eggs from home-reared hens, in support of our veterans.

On Thursday 2 May, Latimer House will be holding an Easter Egg raffle in the Masque Foyer. Tickets will be on sale after Easter. If you wish to donate an Easter egg, we would be eggs-tremely grateful! These can be left in Main Reception or students can give these to Miss Milson (Latimer House Achievement Leader) in the Performing Arts office.

Bon Voyage! Sports Tour 2019

We hope that our Year 9 students have a fabulous experience on their Sports Tour to France, which departs on Monday 8 April, and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

Sporting Success

Congratulations go to Joe Pringle, Millie Painter, Crispin Pashler and Cameron Sears whose football team, 'Titans', were winners of the Weetabix Division 3 with a game still to play. A fantastic achievement.

Well done to our Year 8 Boys' Football team who beat Lodge Park 5-1.

Other News

Attention: Change to School Bus Fares and Timings!

Many parents and carers will by now be aware of both fare increases and changes to bus timetables that will soon be introduced. For those who do not, we have included the information below:

For the Stagecoach service that operates on the College site fares will increase to £1.20 single and £1.70 return. Dayrider tickets are increasing from £2.20 to £3.20, although this will now be available up to the age of 19, rather than 16 as it was previously.

Please see below new timings for School Buses 276 and 278 which will come into effect immediately after the Easter break.

276		278	
Alumasc Corner	= 0740	Hillcrest Ave	= 0750
Hillcrest Ave	= 0753	Brit Club	= 0753
High St.	= 0756	Waggon & Horses	= 0755
Spinney Rd	= 0800	Stirrup Cup	= 0800
Stirrup Cup	= 0804	Arrive School	= 0805
Arrive School	= 0809		

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 5 April	End of Term 4
Tuesday 23 April	College re-opens to students: start of Term 5 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Wednesday 1 May	Year 8 Money Matters Event
Thursday 2 May	Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30 pm
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