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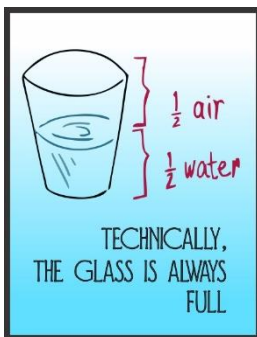
## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

### Open Evening 2019: 'Dreams'

A reminder that this year's Open Evening is on Thursday 3 October from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. Thank you to all of our students who have volunteered to support us on this evening. Please note that on 3<sup>rd</sup> October **the College will close to students at 12.15pm** on this day so that final preparations can be made for the Open Evening.

## Learning and Progress

### Developing Resilience: Ensuring that our glass is more than half full!



We are now up and running with the new academic year: Year 7 have enjoyed their induction, students are familiar with their timetables and our focus is now rigorously on **learning** and **progress**.

Our theme for the year, launched in our start of year assemblies, is **resilience**. We want our students to learn how to fail and how to bounce back from that failure in a braver, tougher and stronger way!

As staff, we are ready, willing and prepared to work hard to do all that **we** can to support: we ask for **your** support in ensuring that your child is too!

### Launching the LORIC Award: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

Our new LORIC strategy, delivered through our Personal Development Programme (PDP) from September, will provide a platform for our students to develop resilience and a range of other employability skills. The strategy will focus on developing these five key attributes, known by the acronym LORIC:

- Leadership
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Initiative
- Communication

Students will also be able to receive accreditation for the skills that they demonstrate. Students will choose their own set of personalised activities (10 in total, 2 per attribute) to complete the award and will be supported by their tutor in the planning and completion of these. Please do ask your child about LORIC and encourage them to complete the activities that they have identified.

### Year 11 Ace Your Exams and Future Destinations Evening

We recognise the positive part that parental support can and does play in the success of their child. Therefore, we want to do all that we can to support. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 parents and carers to our 'Ace Your Exams and Future Destinations Evening' on Tuesday 24 September from 5.30pm.

This evening will provide vital information about our programme of support in the countdown to examinations, including tips on study skills and information about planning for future choices, including university and higher apprenticeships.

### Year 7 "Ready, Set, Go Evening": Supporting Information

It was a pleasure to meet so many Year 7 parents and carers at the recent Ready, Set, Go Evening. We hope that those who attended found it purposeful and informative.

In order to support you with a greater awareness of our curriculum, please visit our [KS3 Curriculum page](#) on the website, where you can access specific information on the topics your child will study and our [KS3 Curriculum and Assessment Information](#) booklet which outlines our assessment and closing the gap processes, all designed to facilitate strong progress.

**NB: For Year 8 parents and carers, this page contains information about the Year 8 curriculum as well!**

### Supporting You to Support Your Child:

- **Show My Homework (SMHW)**

A reminder that, from Monday 23 September, homework will be set for all year groups. Year 7 will be supported in tutor time to access SMHW and parent log-ins should have been received. Please note that student timetables can be accessed via this platform.

Should you need any homework support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: [kmatthews@latimer.org.uk](mailto:kmatthews@latimer.org.uk)

- **'Aspire'**, our homework support session, runs daily in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) from 3.00pm to 4.30pm and is supervised by two members of staff. All students are welcome to attend on any or all days. A drink and a snack are provided.
- **Accessing the Shared Area:** To access College files at home and to share resources that teachers have created, students can use the Home Access Plus website <https://hap.latimer.org.uk/HAP/myfiles/>
- **Accessing Office 365 for Free!** All students can acquire the suite of Office applications, including Access, for free. Details on how to install this on a home device are included with this newsletter.



At The Latimer Arts College, we place great importance on the value of our students having strong literacy skills. This is promoted in lessons with our Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) sessions; in tutor time through our Vocabulary Ninja; and in English lessons through our Accelerated Reader sessions.

It is with our Accelerated Reader programme that our Year 7 and Year 8 have a target to beat! Last year, Year 7 students read **73,819,832** words and Year 8 students **57,631,494**. Collectively, they read an amazing **131,451,326** words. Let's work together to encourage the value of reading and smash this target this year!

## Safeguarding

**Contacting You:** As we start the new academic year, it is vital that we have up to date information about each student. Please can you ensure that you have returned the data checking sheets recently issued.

**Contacting Us:** We need to remind you that should you need to make urgent contact with your child during the College day, this should be done by contacting Student Services Reception. It is not helpful if parents and carers contact their child during the school day via text messaging or calls to a mobile as we will confiscate mobile phones if seen and students will be placed in our daily detention.

**Year 8 HPV Vaccinations:** These will take place in College on either Monday 23 or Wednesday 25 September for Year 8 students.

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### Supporting with Future Plans: "I don't know yet!"

This week we launched our Year 8 Pathways process with a production from Northampton University Drama Students performing their IDEK show: "I don't know yet". This provided our Year 8 students with a fantastic lead into considering future pathways!

Year 11 students have started having 1:1 independent careers appointments, to support their pathways process. If you would like to speak to our Carers Advisor, please contact [KAllen@latimer.org.uk](mailto:KAllen@latimer.org.uk) who works at Latimer from Wednesday to Fridays.



There are a number of business types within 'sectors' that are growing and need skilled people in the South East Midlands:

- High Performance Technology
- Manufacturing and Advanced Technology
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Cultural and Creative

There are other sectors that are also growing and/or have high staff replacement needs due to an ageing workforce or changes in the skills they require:

- Health and Social Care
- Education
- Construction
- Retail/Wholesale
- Business & Financial
- Accommodation and Food

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



### Celebrating Success: Epraise has launched

We are delighted that our new reward system is up and running! Over the course of the year, students will be able to earn points for attendance; displaying LORIC skills; participating in enrichment activities; and making positive contributions to College life.

Points can then be used to enter our grand prize draws that will take place three times per year, with more prizes on offer than ever before.

As parents and carers, you are able to create an account in order to encourage and support your child by following this [link](#). You just need to put in the email the College holds for you and then the site will allow you to set a password. Should you need any help or support, please contact Mr Tamkin, Achievement Leader: [stamkin@latimer.org.uk](mailto:stamkin@latimer.org.uk)

Huge congratulations to Austin Connolly (L6), Emily Greaves (C5), Jayden Spence (C4), Ralph Eastaway (W2), Reginald Mensah (C4) and Wiktorina Gawlak (W4) who have all achieved their Bronze Award for receiving 50 praise points within the first two weeks!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning: Ready, set, bake!

The '*Great Latimer Bake Off*' will see 7 forms from Wicksteed House join forces for the tastiest event of the year on Friday 27 September, in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Students are well underway preparing recipes, creating a variety of sponsorship ideas, forging flavoursome milkshakes, as well as renovating W6's famous donut stand! Please encourage your child to come along to the Masque at lunch time to try some of our signature bakes as our students showcase their talents.

### Sporting Success

We are already up and running with sporting success this year. Our Year 10 Boys' Football team beat KSA 12-0 with our Under 16 Girls' team winning one match, drawing one and losing one!

We will continue to update you on other team news as the year progresses.

## Other News and Information

### Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the College gets extra money?

With this money we could give extra help to students who need it. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with things like music tuition, school trips or other out of school activities, or there could be help to allow your child to continue into the Sixth Form.

If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year). Even if you don't want the school meals, as long as you qualify and are registered, the College still gets the extra government funding.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Our cashless catering system ensures no other student knows who is receiving Free School Meals. Please click [Free School Meals](#) to access the online application form.

### 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.

Tuesday 24 September	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening for students and parents/carers, 5.30pm
Thursday 3 October	Year 6 Open Evening, 5.30pm
Tuesday 15 October	Year 10 Northampton University Visit
Wednesday 16 October	Sixth Form Mock Interviews 6.30pm
Thursday 17 October	Sixth Form Mock Interviews 6.30pm
Friday 25 October	End of Term 1
Monday 4 November	Training Day (College closed to students)
Tuesday 5 November	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students
Wednesday 6 November	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30pm
Thursday 21 November	Year 10 World Skills UK Live
Wednesday 27 November	Parent Forum, 6.00pm
Friday 13 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2