



## Unlocking Potential – Inspiring Excellence Latimer Latest Updates: 10 February 2023



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### Term 4 Arrangements

The College will close to students on Friday 10 February.

The College will re-open on Monday 20 February and students should be on site before 8.25am when the gates close. We urge parents and carers to ensure that their child is not late and that sufficient time is allowed for students to be at their classroom when the bell goes. This allows for a smooth start to each day and means that valuable learning time is not lost.

So that students are Ready to Learn, please can you support us by ensuring that all uniform and equipment expectations are met. This includes the removal of jewellery and make-up.

### Learning and Progress

#### Exam countdown continues!

As we approach half term, Year 11 and 13 students should be looking forward to a mixture of time to relax and also time to study. The exam season countdown continues (**45** school days!). We know that the last few years have been hard for students, which is why it is important that they start planning now and use the remaining few weeks wisely in the build up to the Summer Examination season.

When Year 11 return they will begin a second round of core mocks, focussing on English, Maths, Science and History or Geography. They need to prepare for this experience so that it is a useful exercise for them.

Year 11 have received a 'Topics for Revision' booklet which outlines all of the key areas they will need to know for exams. There is a lot, which is why preparing and planning is key and needs to start now! They have been advised to use this booklet in conjunction with the planning template that was shared with them by email a few weeks ago. We encourage parents and carers to speak to their children about both of these. Copies of both these documents, along with lots of other useful advice and information can be found on the [Ace Your Exam](#) page on the website. Students have the chance of a lifetime ahead of them and we want them to grab it!

To support them further, we will also be offering an **Easter Revision Programme**. We would ask that you keep this time free, pending the publication of the dates.

#### Aspire: Homework Support Service for All

Completing homework helps to develop strong study habits and independent learning skills. Research shows that homework also supports with broadening knowledge and developing problem-solving skills.

'Aspire' is our homework support service which all students are welcome to attend. It runs from 3pm to 4pm in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Staff are on hand to support with homework, students can access a wide range of resources (including IT) and refreshments are provided.

Please contact Mrs Giacobbe [LGiacobbe@latimer.org.uk](mailto:LGiacobbe@latimer.org.uk) if you would like your child to attend.

## Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)

As a College, we are committed to supporting our students to grow as people through a strong Personal Development Programme (PDP) centred around PSHE and RSE. Our programme has been specifically designed to meet the statutory requirements, in compliance with the PSHE Association framework, with age appropriate learning.

Our aim is to communicate to parents and carers the topics that each year group will study for any given term so that you can explore these with your child. Please see below the topics for Term 4:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
PSHE	Careers and Enterprise	PSHE	PSHE	PSHE
Health and Wellbeing	Life Beyond School	Health and Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing	Relationships and Sex Education
Puberty and Body Development	Proud to be me	Body Confidence	Mental Health	Sexual Health

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

### Safer Internet Day 2023: 'Want to Talk About it?'

This week we supported internet safety day, with its theme: **'Want to Talk About it? Making space for conversations about life online'**. The aim is to raise awareness of the digital environment, and to urge action on making it a better environment for young people. This year, the UK Safer Internet Centre is asking the country's youth three questions:



#### Online Safety Guide for Parents from NetSupport

Includes top tips for safe everyday tech use, insights into helping young people manage their own screen time and key tips for healthy technology use.

*'What issues really matter to children and young people?'*

*'What changes do they want to see?'*

*'How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?'*

Check out the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) site for videos, resources, and to register yourself as a supporter of the Safer Internet Day 2023.

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### University Applications 2023

Good luck to all of our Year 13 University Students who have sent off their applications and eagerly await their offers. Thank you to Verity Law from the University of Northampton, who came in to College to talk to about Student Finance and Accommodation. If any parents would like further guidance on applying for Student Finance, useful information can be found [here](#).

### Take your Child to Work Day (TYCTW)

We hope the Year 8 students are looking forward to their experience of the World of Work – there is certainly a buzz in Year 8 about going to **'work'** with parents, carers and family friends already!

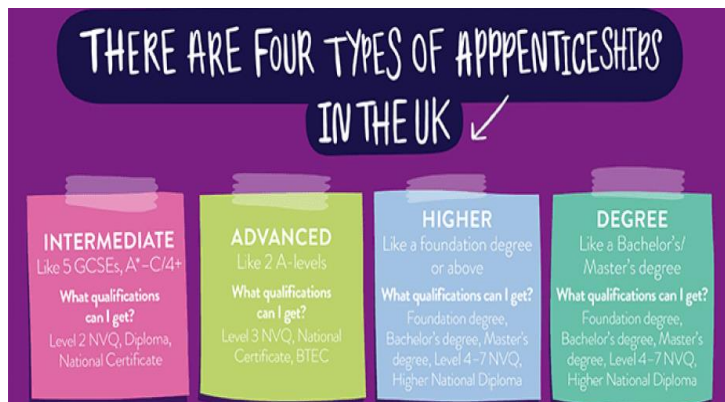
A reminder that the 'TYCTW' event takes place on **9 March 2023**, with all forms to be returned by **20 February 2023**.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms Stanyon our Careers Administrator: [VStanyon@latimer.org.uk](mailto:VStanyon@latimer.org.uk)

## Supporting National Apprenticeship Week

To support this national event and raise awareness of what an apprenticeship is, students will have access to the Apprenticeship Arcade - a new resource designed by Amazing Apprenticeships. In the Arcade there are lots of interactive games, which ask students all about apprenticeships. Parents and carers can try the Arcade for themselves [here](#).

In lessons, teachers will be showing students videos about apprenticeships linked to their subject. This will help students understand what apprenticeships are available in the subjects they enjoy. These videos are available on the Amazing Apprenticeships website and can be found [here](#).



One of the biggest barriers to students taking up an apprenticeship is the application process. Unlike college or Sixth Form, there is not a set date to apply by or a set date to start. It is more like applying for a job. This new [booklet](#) is a step-by-step guide on how to successfully apply for apprenticeships including:

- Where to find apprenticeships
- Researching the company
- What to expect when you are applying
- Preparing for an interview

Degree Apprenticeships - What Are they All About? Try out this fantastic [webinar](#) by Dale Willis @mygreatfirstjob



### Monday 10 July 2023: Pride of Latimer Awards:

We are delighted to announce the return of our Annual **Pride of Latimer Awards Evening** at the Lighthouse Theatre.

The Pride of Latimer Awards Evening is a celebration of our students' successes, talents and achievements. There will be a variety of award categories to honour students in Year 7 through to Year 13, along with spectacular performances.

We are looking forward to commencing the nomination process in Term 4. Please keep this date in mind – your child may be one of our winners or could be performing on the night!

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### Looking for Leaders

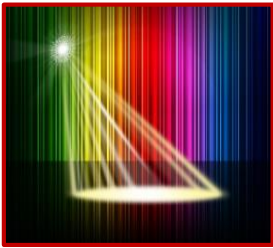
This term we have launched the application process for Student Librarians, a new exciting leadership opportunity. Information for this role has been discussed in Personal Development Time and can be found on Satchel:one, along with an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday 24 February. Please encourage and support your child to submit an application if they are interested.

Next term will see the launch of our Equality and Diversity leadership opportunity

### Future Radio Star in the Making

Congratulations to Rivan Corbett in Year 12 who has been accepted on to the 'N Live Radio' Traineeship Programme. During his 6 week programme, Rivan will be able to see what goes into making a radio show and can experience producing a show, being a journalist and presenting. [NLive](#) Radio is a community radio station owned by the University of Northampton Enterprises Ltd.

## Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote: **The Latimer Shakespeare Company**

***'Two households, both alike in dignity,  
in fair Verona where we lay our scene'***

Since September, the **Latimer Shakespeare Company** have been building upon their performance technique and learning how to become a company of actors. This term, they are auditioning for, rehearsing and staging an abridged production of **Romeo and Juliet** in their enrichment time, with a view to entering the **Shakespeare Schools' Festival** competition in November.

The **Shakespeare Schools' Festival** is a youth drama festival, whereby schools prepare a 30-minute abridged version of a Shakespeare play and visit a professional theatre to perform it, alongside many other schools. The festival is connected with the charity **Shakespeare Schools' Foundation**, which aims to '*engage children through an active way of learning*' and '*[boost] articulacy and confidence*'. All students study a Shakespeare text as part of their English Literature GCSE, therefore this experience will be invaluable to all students who participate.

If your child is interested in becoming part of the **Latimer Shakespeare Company**, please email Mr Goss directly – [sgoss@latimer.org.uk](mailto:sgoss@latimer.org.uk)

Rehearsals run every Tuesday after school, until 4pm, in the Drama Studio.

## Running to Success

We are delighted to be able to share with you that Evie Brooker has been selected to represent Northamptonshire at the prestigious English Schools Cross Country race on 18 March in Nottingham. Evie was the second girl from Northamptonshire to cross the finishing line in the recent U17 Girls' Anglian Schools event at Abington Park. Congratulations Evie - we are very proud of you!

## Other News

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in PE Lessons

In line with the Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA) guidance, we **strongly advise** that the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn by students when undertaking the following sports in their PE lessons in Term 4, as semi-competitive matches, and therefore contact, may take place:

Year 9 and 10 Boys: Futsal - shinpads

Year 7 and 8 Girls: Rugby - mouthguards

Years 9, 10 and 11 Girls: Hockey and Rugby - shinpads and mouthguards for hockey and mouthguards for rugby

These girls' PE activities will take place on the 4G pitch and the field so boots are also recommended, as well as outdoor PE kit to keep warm.

***Please note that many students undertake informal sporting activities at break and lunchtime, such as football. The strong advice above applies at these times as well.***

In line with this guidance, should you wish your child to wear PPE, it is **parental responsibility** to provide it. Whilst we may have a small supply of spare PPE for any given sport, we are not in a position to guarantee its availability each lesson.

We would recommend that parents and carers ensure that any PPE that is purchased meets the British Standards Institute (BSI) and European (EN) standards.

To support parents and carers with information about when PPE may be needed, we will publish termly information on our [website](#). If there is to be a change of activity during a term and PPE be required, we will send a text message to notify parents and carers of this change.

### Marking of a Moment: Year 11 and 13 Leavers Photos

Tuesday 21 February will see our annual leavers photographs being taken. Students will be offered the opportunity to be part of the whole year group picture and to have an individual leavers photograph taken. Year 11 students must be in full College uniform and adhere to the jewellery and make-up code in order to take part. Sixth Form students must adhere to the Sixth Form Dress Code.

### Uniform Reminder: Coats

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your support with ensuring that coats that are worn to College meet the requirements of our policy and support the business-like standards that we seek to achieve. Whilst some may argue that what a student wears does not affect their learning – it does! Part of the reason why we are delivering high outcomes for your children is because of the purposeful ethos and climate.

We have asked the few remaining students wearing coats with logos to wear an alternative coat at the start of Term 4. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Please contact [mail@latimer.org.uk](mailto:mail@latimer.org.uk) should you need any financial assistance in purchasing a coat.



### 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 10 February	End of Term 3
Monday 20 February	Start of Term 4: College re-opens to students ( <i>This will be Week 1 on the timetable</i> )
Tuesday 21 February	Year 11 and 13 Leavers Photos
Thursday 23 February	Year 10 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Monday 27 February	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams (ends Friday 3 March)
Monday 6 March	National Careers Week (ends Friday 10 March)
Wednesday 8 March	Visit from The London Interdisciplinary School – Year 12 Workshop Year 7 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Thursday 9 March	Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day
Friday 10 March	Year 9 Vaccinations
Monday 13 March	British Science Week (ends Friday 17 March)
Wednesday 15 March	Year 9 Olympic Park Visit
Thursday 16 March	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Friday 17 March	Comic Relief Charity Event
Monday 20 March	Year 8 Taster Sessions Fortnight (ends Friday 31 March)
Tuesday 21 March	Year 8 Pathways Evening
Thursday 23 March	Spring Music Concert
Tuesday 28 March	Year 12 Geography Coast Field Trip
Friday 31 March	End of Term 4