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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 7 JUNE 2019

### Breaking News: Reward System Relaunch

At the Latimer Arts College, we pride ourselves on our culture of recognition and reward and love the opportunity to celebrate our students' successes. This is epitomised by our Pride of Latimer Awards Evening, for which invitations will soon be sent out.

We are also continually looking at ways in which we can improve current systems and we are delighted to be able to inform you that we will be launching E-Praise, a new online reward system, from September.

The current VIVO system will run until the end of the academic year. Students that have remaining VIVO points will have the opportunity to spend them on our bumper end of year raffle in July, which will have more prizes than ever before. More details about all of this will be shared with students soon.

## Learning and Progress

### Ensuring success through outstanding attendance

We must take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that, under DfE rules, head teachers **may not grant** any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents and carers may be given a fixed term penalty for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the College. These penalties can range from between £60 and £120 and are payable within 28 days. Each parent and carer may be fined for each individual child. Penalties are imposed by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and the monies collected do **not** come to the College.

Unauthorised holidays which result in absences of 10 school sessions (the equivalent of 5 days) or more may be referred for fixed term penalties.

### And why would you want your child to miss all of this?

We have a fantastic range of learning experiences and opportunities this term:

- **Year 10 and Year 12 Exams:** 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).
- **Sixth Form UCAS Exhibition:** On Friday 21 June, Year 12 students will be taken to the University of Bedfordshire, where they will have an opportunity to liaise with visiting exhibitors including UCAS experts, university and college representatives, and industry professionals. They will also have the opportunity to look around the university campus and ask those burning questions that Google just can't answer.
- **Year 11 Celebration Day:** On Friday 21 June, Year 11 will have their Celebration Assembly and Prom.
- **Year 13 Celebration Day:** On Friday 28 June, Year 13 will have their Celebration Assembly, as they leave The Latimer Arts College to move on to pastures new.
- **Sixth Form Induction Week:** For those Year 11 students who plan to join us in September, attending these sessions on Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July is compulsory.
- **Year 12 Work Experience:** Running from Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July, as part of our Raising Aspirations programme, our Year 12 students will undertake a week of work experience designed to support them to develop their employability skills.

- **Pride of Latimer Awards:** on Thursday 4 July at The Lighthouse Theatre.
- **Enrichment Events:** Year 8 will be visiting the Black Country Museum, Year 9 Art and Design students are off to the Victoria and Albert Museum and Year 10 will have the privilege of visiting the Wimbledon Tournament!

## Safeguarding

### Safe Cycling: we need your parent voice!

You may be aware that one of our students was recently involved in a serious accident whilst cycling to school. Thankfully, although sustaining injuries that saw him hospitalised, the student concerned is expected to make a full recovery. The one saving grace is that he was wearing a cycling helmet, otherwise his condition could have been more serious!

Whilst we have done all that we can to get this message across to our students, many still think they are invincible and have the 'it will never happen to me' attitude. Sadly, it can and it might!

Therefore, we need parental support:

- Your child must have and wear a cycle helmet
- Bikes must be roadworthy, with lights and students need a lock
- We need you to insist to your child that they cycle responsibly

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.

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### Careers Lessons Push Up GCSE Grades!

As you are aware, we are passionate about the value of our careers education programme: good careers guidance is critical if young people are to make informed choices about their future! In a recent [BBC news article](#), it highlighted the impact that good, quality careers provision is having on GCSE grades. With this in mind, we are committed to ensuring that we improve our provision year on year.

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucy Parker, Year 7, who has qualified for the Swim England National Skills Diving Finals in Plymouth in July.

### Celebrating Our Sports Stars of the Future

We are delighted to share with you the success of Ellis Panter who recently became the English National Boxing Champion for his age group. Ellis will now go on to represent England in future championships for which we wish him the very best of luck.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 10 Sports Leaders who will be co-ordinating many of the activities that students undertake next year:

**Competition Managers:** Charlie Nixon and Archie Evans

**Publicity Officer:** Hannah Butler



## Other News

### Start of the Year Preparations: Uniform Purchasing

A reminder that footwear will need to be a consideration for our new 3G pitch (soon to be completed!)

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.

### Come and Join our Team: Check out our current vacancies

Are you, or someone you know, interested in working at Latimer? We currently have [vacancies](#) for Lunchtime Supervisors and Cover Supervisors. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you!

### 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.

Thursday 20 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Exams commence (until Friday 28 June)
Friday 21 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom Year 12 UCAS Event
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) Year 9 Art and Design Trip
Monday 1 July	Latimer Book Week Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 9 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 11 July)
Friday 12 July	Year 8 Black Country Museum Trip
Friday 19 July	End of Term 6