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A Warm Welcome to our Future Year 7 Students!

Wednesday saw the confirmation of secondary school places for September 2023 and we are delighted at the prospect of welcoming 203 new students to our College. Our only sadness is that we are not able to accommodate all 550 applications! Those that are joining us are coming at such an exciting time!

Learning and Progress

Working in Partnership: Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening Tuesday 21 March



We would like to give Year 8 parents and carers an important date for your diaries! As you are aware, Year 8 students are about to reach another important transition in their education as they express preferences for subjects they would like to study at Key Stage 4. We are keen to support our students and their parents and carers on this journey and we have developed a comprehensive programme in order to do this.

So, we are excited to invite students and their parents and carers to our Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening on Tuesday 21 March. You will be invited to a presentation in the Masque about your child's Key Stage 4 pathways. This will be followed by a subject carousel event in which you will be able to speak to GCSE and BTEC teachers about the range of subjects your child could study in Key Stage 4. Presentations will be staggered and will commence from 5.30pm.

More information will follow on Monday 13 March in a Year 8 assembly, when we will hand students a letter and publish our online pathways booklet on our website. We will also email the information to parents and carers on this day.

Working in Partnership: Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We would like to invite parents and carers of students in Year 7 to join our 'virtual' SPRE on Wednesday 8 March, from 4.30pm until 7.45pm.

Details will be published soon about how to make appointments using our web-based system, School Cloud, where parents and carers can book 5 minute 'video' calls with subject staff. No moving from one location to another, no queuing – just quality feedback from staff in the comfort of your own home!

After this you will be sent a link to a parent questionnaire that we would appreciate you taking the time to fill in.

Working in Partnership: Year 10 Parent Feedback

Following the recent Year 10 SPRE, we would be really grateful if parents and carers could complete the questionnaire that was sent. This will close on Monday 6 March. Your feedback is really important to us.

GCSE students: Mocks and Easter Revision

With just **37** school days until the start of the examination season, Year 11 students are in the process of undertaking a further round of mock examinations. Following these, they will have a clear understanding of their areas of strength and the priority areas for improvement. They have been given advice and guidance on how to revise, planning sheets to organise themselves and a topic for revision booklet to focus their minds. Now is the time to seize the moment. We will shortly be writing to some students with targeted Easter Revision slots to help them in these last few weeks.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

EBPU

Evidence Based Practice Unit

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Our school is an official Research Partner in the Education for Wellbeing programme.

We are working in partnership with the Evidence Based Practice Unit (Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families and UCL), which has been commissioned by the Department for Education. Together we are investigating the impact of five innovative approaches that aim to promote pupil wellbeing.

This cutting-edge research trial is the largest of its kind in the UK. Our contribution will improve understanding of how best to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Promoting National Careers Week 6-11 March

We are proud of our extensive careers programme of activities – all year round! Careers enrichment and education is an important part of our curriculum, which help support and empower young people leaving education to make informed decisions and be employment ready. We are therefore delighted to be taking part in National Careers week, a celebration of careers guidance in education across the UK.

We have a range of activities planned to support our students: many Business partners will be coming into the College to enrich the students' understanding of the workplace and explain the various options open to students after Sixth Form. Our Year 8 students will also be taking part in the *'Take Your Child To Work Day'*.

Please click [here](#) to access a National Parents and Carers Booklet which provides an array of information.

Our independent careers advisor has been fully booked at our recent Student Progress Review Evenings. If you would still like to make an appointment or have any queries, please contact Ms Stanyon: Careers@latimer.org.uk

Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day

It is tremendous that we have so many students who will have the opportunity to get an experience of the work place with parents/carers and family members on Thursday 9 March. Year 8 students who are not going to work are expected in College, where we will offer them a *'World of Work Experience'*, with guest speakers and enterprise activities. This will support the lead up to our Year 8 Pathways process and support with the development of each student's employability skills.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Last term was a bumper one for reading for pleasure. In total Year 7 students have read **43,480,114** words this year and Year 8 students have read **33,154,098**. That is **76, 634, 212** words! Over **650 books** were borrowed from the LRC, with Kyra Owen being our top borrower with 17 books. We currently have 12 millionaire readers, with Freya Morris being the latest student to join the club – well done! With our World Book Day activities coming up, we expect to see these totals soar.

Latimer Loves Reading: World Book Day 2023

This week students across the College have taken part in various activities linked to celebrating World Book Day! In previous years, students have been provided with a token to redeem against selected books in participating stores, however, this year the token has gone digital. The book token barcode shown can either be scanned from a phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store (please check with your local bookseller before visiting if they can accept the barcode on a mobile device). Alternatively, a link to the bar code can be found [here](#). The digital book tokens cannot be redeemed online. For full terms and conditions and to see the full list of books available, please visit worldbookday.com/terms-conditions Only ONE TOKEN can be used per transaction.



Spectacular Sporting Success



It has been a fantastic few weeks for sporting participation and success. We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our students.

Well done to Annabelle Storer who has been selected to represent the Under 13 Girls' County Cricket squad and Orla Pratt who recently represented an England Futsal select team in an international tournament.

The College was represented by four teams at the School's Games County Indoor Athletics tournament. All four had qualified as winners of the district event and competed against nine other schools across the county. The Year 7 Boys' team secured the bronze team medal!

Our Year 7/8 Girls Futsal team secured a Silver Medal in the County Schools Futsal tournament which was an outstanding achievement!

We were really pleased with the superb effort that our Boys' Year 7 Rugby team put in when they participated in the Kettering and Corby District tournament last week. Many of the boys experienced their first competitive rugby match and were a credit to the College.

Congratulations to our Table Tennis Team who won the District Table Tennis Tournament. We are really proud of their achievement.



We are also delighted to congratulate the Year 11 Boys' Football Team who have progressed to the semi-finals of the County Cup after a convincing 3-0 win over Kingsthorpe College.

Well done to all of our students who represented the College in the County Cross Country this term. Evie Brooker, Oliver Smith and Zac Scott all qualified for the National Finals.



Showing True 'HEART': House Logo Competition

We are delighted that so many students demonstrated their creativity by participating in our House Logo Competition, in an attempt to create four exciting designs (one per house) to be used as inspiration for our future house logos. The quality of what was produced really was 'Excellent'.

We would like to congratulate the winners in each house:

Attenborough: Taylee Cooke; Gilbert: Preston Webb; Kahlo: Karolina Jarzemska; Tull: Nikola Rozentale

A special mention also goes to the following students, who were all finalists in this competition: Emily Bodsworth, Polly Butler, Bella Costa, Harry Dell'Utri, Annabelle Elliott, Charlie Farrell, Sophia Hoare, Josh Kellegher, Daisy Mayhew, Harriet McLellan, Jacob Riley, Paige Robey and Zoe Wilson.

Watch this space, to see who is selected as the overall winner and how their designs are incorporated into the future house logos – leaving a legacy that will last for many years to come.

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote our **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**.

Something for all of our students to aspire to is undertaking the EPQ when they join our Sixth Form. This qualification provides a fantastic opportunity for students to research their chosen projects and produce a mini dissertation on a topic area of their choice.

Our Year 12 students have really enjoyed the freedom to look at a wide range of areas of interest. We have some really exciting projects on the go: *'To what extent is the Amazon Rainforest fit for the survival of human life in comparison to indigenous wildlife?'*; *'To what extent has the media contributed to the ostracisation of Princess Diana and Meghan Markle from the institution of the Royal Family?'*; *'Will cryptocurrencies replace debit cards as the new main form of payment?'*.

We look forward to seeing students present their ideas in the form of a presentation later this year.

Other News

SMART Moves: Being Ready to Learn

We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is adhering to our uniform policy and is fully equipped for lessons. There is very high compliance with this.

We will continue with our Lesson 1 checks to ensure that students stay on track with this. There are two areas where we would value your continued support:

- **Equipment:** Checking that your child has all of their basic equipment – rulers and calculators in particular. We can provide equipment for those who may need financial support with this.
- **Punctuality:** We have a small number of students still arriving after 8.25am, when the gates close. Please can you ensure that your child arrives well before this time. Arriving at the gates at 8.25am actually means that students will be late to lessons!

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.

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)
Thursday 16 March	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Monday 20 March	Year 8 Taster Sessions Fortnight (ends Friday 31 March)
Tuesday 21 March	Year 8 Pathways Evening
Wednesday 22 March	Year 10 Inspector Calls Visit
Thursday 23 March	Spring Music Concert
Tuesday 28 March	Year 12 Geography Coast Field Trip
Friday 31 March	End of Term 4