

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Student Council representatives recently met with myself and Ms Howett, the abm Catering Manager, to discuss student feedback regarding the canteen. Students had noticed an improvement in both the quality and variety of the food offered. They also liked the opportunity to avoid a queue by accessing the grab and go counter. Discussions focussed on the need for better labelling and a wish to increase the frequency of the special menu days, where different cultures or holidays were celebrated. Working in collaboration with the students, abm hope to improve their provision even further.

Please can you ensure that your son/daughter has sufficient money on their account as there is no way for students to add money or check their balance at school. An alert has been set up by the school to warn parents/carers when their child/ren's balance goes below £1.

Finally, if your son/daughter has a gluten free diet then they can order food in advance to cater for their needs. Please ask your child to see Ms Howett, Catering Manager, if this applies to them and they are not already accessing this provision.

This term I have awarded the following students a Principal's Recognition Award for their fantastic Bookish Bakes, which tasted as good as they looked!

Year 7 student - 'Cat in the Hat'

Macsen McInally - Year 8 - 'Charlie and the Chocolate Cake Factory'

Emilia Wills - Year 8 - 'Bookworm Cupcakes'

Henry Buckby - Year 12 - 'Phantom of the Bakery'

Maisy Ashall - Year 12 / Cory Ives - Year 13 - 'Spiderverse'



Please be aware:

Car Park: parents and carers should not be driving onto the school site to drop students at school except in exceptional circumstances such as an injury which prevents the child walking. Please drop off your children in Castle Way to ensure the safety of our site.

Blue lollies: the latest 'trend' amongst Year 7 is lollies that turn lips and tongues blue. Many students are eating them in the morning before lessons and these extra doses of sugar are not going to help them focus in lessons. We have therefore taken the decision to ban students from eating these lollies on the school site, please pass this message to your child/ren.

Inspiring Excellence

We are officially rated a "Good" School



LEARNING AND PROGRESS

Behaviour Update: While overall behaviour is commendable, it is important to have measures in place to address any issues that arise. As a reminder, students will receive lunchtime or after-school detentions for negative behaviour logs. In cases of more serious or repeated misbehaviour, students may face internal suspension for a period of time. These measures are necessary to maintain a positive learning environment for all.

Satchel:One Update: Your feedback regarding Satchel:One's performance in keeping you informed about your child's school progress has been exceptional. During a recent Parent Forum meeting, there was notable discussion about the significant volume of notifications received. Fortunately, within your settings, you have the option to manage these notifications, enabling you to perform daily checks at your convenience. This flexibility ensures that you can stay updated without feeling overwhelmed.

Year 11 and Year 13 – The Final Countdown

Time is nearly up for those students in their examination year. We have **less than 6** full school weeks until the exams start and for many, like those who are sitting French Orals, practical exams and BTEC units, the exams are already taking place.

The key element is being prepared! It is going to be a stressful period for all involved, but all we can ask is that students do their best - and for that to happen they need to have a plan.

KS4 and KS5 Ace Your Exams Programme

Revision Planning

In order to support our students to prepare for their public examinations we provide the following document. As each are updated annually, the links will be added at the relevant time:

Ace Your Exams (Year 11): please find attached a guide to support through the year

Ace your Exams topics for revision: This provides a list of all the topics that need revising

Ace Your Exams Revision planning document Year 11: This provides a template for students to plan their revision in the run-up to the exams. The students who perform best use this by planning everything else they do and then filling in when they revise. And then sticking to this!

Ace Your Exams Revision planning document Year 13: This provides a template for students to plan their revision in the run up to the exams.

There is a wealth of support on [our web page](#) – including planning documents and help on how to revise. Easter revision details for **Year 11** will be released very shortly – however time is running out and the time to act is now! Details of the Year 11 Revision and Intervention sessions running this term are on the next page.

If you require any help or guidance please do not hesitate to contact sharvey@latimer.org.uk

LEARNING AND PROGRESS

Year 11 Revision & Intervention Sessions

Term 4 2023/2024

Black = lunchtime
Red = after school

Monday: Week 1	Tuesday: Week 1	Wednesday: Week 1	Thursday: Week 1	Friday: Week 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Maths Monday - MA7 * Geography Revision - HU7 * Psychology Revision HU4 * General Revision IT4 – Julia B * Computer Science IT1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Science Revision – SC1 * General Revision IT4 – Emily G <p>* GCSE Music Intervention</p> <p>* An Inspector Calls – EN5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * GCSE PE Intervention IT3 * Sparx Maths – MA4 * Sign Of Four, Macbeth, Inspector Calls performances – EN6 * Art / Design Coursework Catch Up * General Revision IT4 – Michael * GCSE Food Revision IT2 * Love & Relationships poetry revision – EN4 * GCSE Dance Surgery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Psychology Revision – HU1 * Geography Revision – HU6 * French Speaking – MFL2 * General Revision IT4 – Fearghas (not using register on AE) <p>* Macbeth: content, plot and character – EN3</p> <p>* History Revision HU2/HU3/HU5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * BTEC Sport Revision Club MA7 * General Revision IT4 – Chris T (not using register on AE)
Monday: Week 2	Tuesday: Week 2	Wednesday: Week 2	Thursday: Week 2	Friday: Week 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Maths Monday - MA7 * Geography Revision - HU7 * Psychology Revision HU4 * General Revision IT4 – Julia B * Computer Science IT1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Science Revision – SC1 * General Revision IT4 – Emily G <p>* GCSE Music Intervention</p> <p>* Macbeth: Quotations, planning and essay writing – EN2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * GCSE PE Intervention IT3 * Sparx Maths – MA4 * Art / Design Coursework Catch Up * General Revision IT4 - Michael * GCSE Food Revision IT2 * English Literature Catch Up – Invite Only – EN4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Psychology Revision – HU1 * Geography Revision – HU6 * French Speaking – MFL2 * General Revision IT4 – Fearghas (not using register on AE) <p>* History Revision HU2/HU3/HU5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * BTEC Sport Revision Club MA7 * General Revision IT4 – Chris T (not using register on AE)

CAREERS



A reminder to parents and carers of **Year 8** students that we will be hosting our **Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening** on **Tuesday 19 March**. Details about this have been sent home in a letter and by email.

This evening will be followed up with information and taster sessions for students in lessons during our Pathways Fortnight, which starts on Monday 18 March.

Year 8 students have already had an assembly about the Pathways process and there will also be a tutor time session to support them. The Pathways booklet can be found on the [Key Stage 4 Pathways](#) page on the website.

An electronic form for students to express their subject preferences will be emailed out by Thursday 28 March. The deadline for returns is Thursday 25 April. This is the day after the Year 8 SPRE on Wednesday 24 April, which will run from 4.30pm–7.45pm and will provide an additional opportunity for a 1:1 conversation with subject staff.

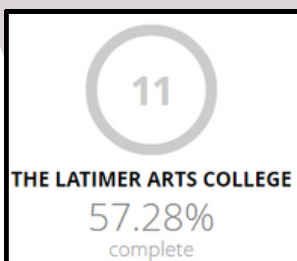


We have had a busy week supporting British Science Week. This year's theme is 'Time'. The **Year 7** and **Year 8** students have been taking part in a variety of lessons including making a marble run.



Year 10 - The National Apprenticeship and Education Event – Thursday 25 April

Letters have been emailed this week to **Year 10** parents/carers for this upcoming trip to the Millennium Point in Birmingham. This event will help to introduce the different post-16 and post-18 options available, including Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education, entry level roles, and general employment. Parents/carers have been asked to ensure they have completed this year's Enrichment Form – please click on the link in the letter to complete if they have not already completed it or if any details have changed.



Unifrog Success

At the time of going to print, the **Year 12** students at Latimer are placed number 11 out of all Unifrog partners around the world. That is out of over 3600 partners worldwide! The % represents the average of individual students' progress through their Unifrog tasks.



If your child would like support from the Careers department, please email careers@latimer.org.uk.

If you feel you can support us here at Latimer by coming in or welcoming students to your workplace, please fill in your details [here](#).

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Student Finance for 2024 Entry

On Thursday 29 February, Faye Wickham (School and College Liaison Officer) from De Montfort University visited our Year 13 students. Faye very kindly volunteered her time to speak to our University Applicants about student finance, the application process and how the repayment scheme works. Parents/Carers can find out more [here](#).



Year 13 Learn Valuable Life Saving Skills



This week our final group of Year 13 students attended a two-hour workshop on Emergency Life Support, run by our local Community First Responders. The workshop provided students with valuable information and practical training. Students had the opportunity to understand what to do when faced with an emergency, learning how emergencies are responded to and importantly, gained life-saving skills such as CPR and the safe use of defibrillators.

If you are over 18 and interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer Community First Responder, please use this link: [CFR Recruitment \(northnorthantscfr.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northnorthantscfr.nhs.uk)

The Importance of Mock Exams and Predicted Grades in Year 12

Students had an assembly on the importance of working hard in Year 12 and how 'in class' test results and mock grades from Year 12 are used to generate predicted grades for university/apprenticeship and job applications. It is the hard work and effort put in early and throughout Year 12 that will help students to secure better grades and outcomes moving into Year 13.

Year 13 Summer Exam Season

A Level and BTEC Exams start on Wednesday 15 May. A letter containing important exam information and guidance together with a copy of the Summer Exam Timetable and a Revision Schedule has been shared with students and was also sent out to parents/carers this week. If you have not received your copy, please kindly contact smagee@latimer.org.uk, who will happily forward the details on to you.

SIXTH FORM - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 13 Exam Season	w/c 13 May 2024
Year 12 Mock Exams	w/c 17 June 2024
Year 12 Trip - University of Bedford	18 June 2024
Silver DoE Expedition - Derbyshire	9-11 June 2024
Year 13 Celebration Event	21 June 2024
Sixth Form Induction Programme	w/c 24 June 2024

WIDER CURRICULUM

Sports Captains 2023/24

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed Sports Captains! We know that these students will do an excellent job in organising and leading sports events at the school and will encourage and motivate our students to get involved in all that we offer.

ATTENBOROUGH: Sawyer Atkins

GILBERT: Georgia Henderson

KAHLO: Lily Baish

TULL: Jackson Carter

Competition Managers: Alina Vlasenko and William Childe

#LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football Session

Here at Latimer on International Women's Day, alongside hundreds of other schools in the country, we took part in the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' to #LetGirlsPlay! During lunchtime our girls laced up their boots and showed their skills proving once again that girls CAN play! We are always blown away by their footballing talent and look forward to more exciting sporting opportunities in the future.



Sure Breaking Limits PE Competition

Do you want to help the school win an Olympian or Paralympian to attend our 2024 Sports Day? Sure Breaking Limits is a programme that focuses on giving young people the confidence to move their bodies however they want and breaking down any barriers to do this.

To enter the competition, students need to create a visual (either a photograph, video or drawing) that demonstrates how they have broken a barrier to movement. This could include a barrier they have broken themselves, or one they have helped a classmate or friend to break.

The deadline for entries to be sent to Miss Went is **Thursday 28 March 2024**. Please see Satchel:One for more information!

EXTENDED LEARNING FACILITIES

A reminder of our Aspire Homework Club, designed to support your child's academic success. In the mornings from 8.00-8.20am, and after school on Mondays to Thursdays from 3.00-4.00 pm, we provide dedicated homework facilities in the Library staffed with trained professionals to assist students in completing their extended learning. Additionally, during lunchtime, students are welcome to go to the Library.

OTHER NEWS

Year 8 Language Leaders Event

In recognition of their dedication and hard work throughout the year, including working with our feeder primary schools, the students were presented with well-deserved certificates. These certificates serve as a testament to their exceptional achievements and reflect their commitment to their language studies.

The Language Leaders have consistently demonstrated outstanding communication and teamwork skills, embodying our HEART values. They are an inspiration to their peers and a credit to our school community. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and commend their exemplary conduct.



In the summer term we will be inviting current **Year 7** students to join our leadership cohort for next year. We eagerly anticipate witnessing the incredible activities they will create for Open Evening next October.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Language Leaders for their exceptional achievements. They have truly showcased the power of language learning and cultural exchange. We remain committed to fostering a vibrant language-learning community at our school, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our students, teachers, and parents/carers.

Year 8 Theatre Trip

Last term the English department took 60 Year 8 students to watch 'The Woman in Black' at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. Both students and staff were gripped to the edge of their seats with the occasional jump and even scream!



The production has consolidated our students' knowledge of the Gothic and is supporting their understanding as we read Susan Hill's novel in class.

House Points Update

ATTENBOROUGH

35970 Points

GILBERT

33716 Points

KAHLO

31932 Points

TULL

37828 Points

Do you enjoy reading?
Discovering new authors and genres?
Talking to others about books?



If so, you won't want to miss the opportunity to get involved in the 2024 yoto Carnegie Awards and become a 'Shadower'.

What's involved?

April to May

Read the 8 shortlisted books
Meet once a week to discuss them
Watch Q&As with the authors
Write reviews for the yoto shadower's website

20 June

Meet with other shadow groups at Bishop Stopford School to quiz on the books, eat cake, talk about the books, find out the 'Shadower's Choice' and which book was voted the winner!

7 May to 4 June

Vote for the book you think should WIN!

Will we agree with the choice?

Does this sound interesting?

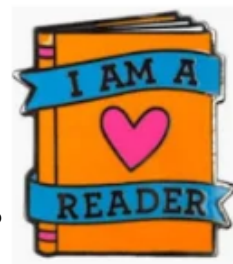
If so, speak to Mrs Brooking in the Library or email: rbrooking@latimer.org.uk

Closing date for signing up: Friday 19 April 2024



LOVE READING? WE NEED YOU!

Would you describe yourself as a bookworm?
Do you want to share your love of reading with your fellow students?
Do you enjoy writing reviews or offering recommendations?



If so, we would love you to put yourself forward as a Latimer Reading Ambassador! Open to all year groups, we would love to hear about books you have read and for you to share your love of reading with others. We would like to invite you to review texts, literacy initiatives and support us as we promote reading across the school. You don't have to speak in front of anyone, unless you would like to, of course!

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please email Mrs Hawkins: rhawkins@latimer.org.uk outlining why reading is important to you.

Race to...Silver

Well done to those students who have now completed the RACE to SILVER (350 points) and received their voucher, certificate and Latimer branded pencil. Leart Aliaj, Kealan Green and Finley Woodlands all from Tull House were our top 3 to target and were awarded their prizes in an earlier assembly. These were followed closely by Archie Cale and Mason Sands, also from Tull House, Archie Stanley from Gilbert House, Mya Betts from Attenborough House and Samuel Wright from Kahlo House who were awarded their prizes this week. Almost 250 students have now reached Race to Bronze (200). Congratulations to all!



Catering News



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Cybersecurity Facts – have you heard of the following?

Phishing - a malicious email encouraging you to click on a link with the aim of collecting your details or downloading malicious code.

Smishing - a text message (SMS) to encourage you to click on a link with the aim of collecting your details or transferring you to a fake website.

Vishing - an unsolicited telephone call to collect your details or defraud you.

Quishing - a fake QR code diverting you to a fake website or some other fraudulent link.

We like to keep you up to date with all the latest cybersecurity facts – information on ‘quishing’ a new term can be found [here](#).

Local News

KETTFEST

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2024
arts, culture, music and more in our community

1 Day - 5 Stages - Throughout the Town.
Celebrating the best of Kettering.
How will you get involved? Sign up below!

Market Place Main Stage - Bands
The Clock Tower Stage - Up & Coming Musicians
Community Performance Stage - Dance / Choirs
The Yards Stage - Music Barn DJs & Graffiti Art
The Spoken Word Stage - Poetry / Comedy

Register to perform:
all groups, bands,
individuals



Follow
Kettfest
Socials:



Register to take part:
Activities, donations
& 'Best Dressed Shop'







Athena Activities
KIDS EASTER CAMP

Monday - Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
Friday Tresham
8:00am - 4:30pm

HAF places available
Book Here
www.holidayactivities.com

2nd-12th April
 Corby Business Academy
 Tresham College Kettering
 Cottingham CoFE Primary

Lots of FUN activities
to CHOOSE

Easter egg hunt
 Ultimate Dodgeball
 Football
 Everyday
 Mini Olympics
 Mini Chefs Cooking
 Daily
 Nerf Wars
 Egg Bunny mask making
 Decorating






Athena will be running their holiday camps once again - details as above. Athena are accepting HAF vouchers this Easter so any families that are entitled to HAF vouchers are able to use their credits with Athena for the holiday camps.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 March	Year 8 Pathways Taster Sessions (until 28 March)
Tuesday 19 March	Year 8 Pathways Evening, 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 March	Year 9 Teenage Booster/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations
Thursday 21 March	Year 12 Geography Trip
Friday 22 March	Year 12 Geography Trip
Thursday 28 March	Spring Music Concert, 7pm
	End of Term 4
Monday 15 April	Training Day (School closed to students)
Tuesday 16 April	Start of Term 5: School re-opens to students (This will be Week 1 on the timetable)
Wednesday 24 April	Year 8 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Thursday 25 April	Year 10 Careers Trip (all day)



More dates are available on our website