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Open Evening: Thank you to our wonderful students

We would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to over 200 of our students who supported us with Open Evening last night. Our theme was 'Inspire' and our students were an inspiration to work alongside, as always. We truly appreciate their time, commitment and loyalty to the College: they make it what it is – a fantastic place to learn!

Learning and Progress

Ace Your Exams: Year 11 and 13

We are already almost at the end of Term 1 and are getting close to mock exam season. This is only **25 school days away!**

Students will receive their timetables for this in the coming weeks, but they should already be planning for this important event and setting time aside for revision.

Students should be using this opportunity to find out what revision techniques work for them. A reminder that we had the Ace Your Exam event, with hints and tips about how to revise, as well as details on the key elements for the year ahead. Useful resources can be found [here](#).

The Department for Education have announced their plans for 2023 examinations. As expected, this is very much a return to normal exam conditions, with no significant adjustments. However, they have announced that students should continue to be provided with support in GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science with formulae and equation sheets. The full details can be found [here](#).

Should you wish for further information about the exam countdown, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Harvey, Vice Principal: sharvey@latimer.org.uk.



An Invitation to our Sixth Form Open Evening Process 2022

We would like to invite the parents and carers of students in Year 11 to join us at our Sixth Form Pathways Evening on **Wednesday 9 November**.

As a result of such strong GCSE results, our Sixth Form is thriving! We are now starting to make plans for those students who will be joining us next year. Over the coming weeks, we will update our [Sixth Form Curriculum and Admissions](#) website page with more information, so please do keep an eye on this.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

Mental Health Support at Latimer

Latimer have been working with the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) since January 2021, when we were successfully accepted as a pilot school. We are delighted that, as a College, we have access to this level of support and intervention work.

The Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) have been created to offer early intervention, low intensity, mental health support within schools, for young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. This will support our Whole School Approach to well-being.

The MHST will also offer support and advice to education setting staff to identify the most appropriate services for their needs and help liaise with other appropriate services.

The purpose of the MHST is to improve the mental health and well-being of young people and is driven by the Green Paper, 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision' (www.gov.uk).

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Inspiring Excellence: Careers Advice and Guidance

Our independent Careers Advisor is busy supporting our examination students:

- Students are being invited to careers interviews and action plans have then been sent to students via the Unifrog careers platform. The information provided signposts them to websites and resources.
- Assemblies have been delivered on Latimer Sixth Form, Tresham College, ASK Apprenticeships and Moulton College.
- The advisers are also meeting with Year 13 students, who are now planning for their post-18 options.

Drop-in careers sessions will be starting again on Wednesday lunchtimes in the LRC. These are open to all year groups with quizzes and prizes! Please encourage your child to attend.

The school website has information on useful careers resources and websites – aimed at all key stages and ability levels. Make sure you check it out.

Should you or your child have any queries re careers, please email careers@latimer.org.uk

Alternatives to a Traditional Degree: Exploring Degree Apprenticeships

A degree apprenticeship can give a young person the opportunity to gain a paid-for degree whilst getting industry experience and earning a salary. Equivalent to a full undergraduate or master's degree, degree apprenticeships can take three to six years to complete, depending on the course level. The balance of study to working is approximately 20%:80%. If you would like to support your child by exploring this option, as well as speaking to our Independent Careers Advisor, please see some information below:

- [Degree Apprenticeships: The lowdown - Indigo](#)
- [UCAS](#)
- [DFE Guidance](#)
- [Prospects](#)

Is your Child interested in law? Would they like to learn more about the various pathways into the industry?

On **Tuesday 11 October from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** The Young Professionals Group are hosting an online event with international law firm Charles Russell Speechlys, who are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Solicitor Apprenticeships are rare, as are mentoring and work experience placements within the legal profession. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for students to hear from a global law firm and discover how they can join their exciting school leaver programs open to Sixth Form students across the UK.

Should students be interested in this programme, it could give them a leg up into the industry straight from school with no university debt, a salary from day one and they would eventually become a fully qualified solicitor!

To sign up to this **online event click here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN>

Post 16 Choices: Navigating Options

For any parents and carers of Year 10 and 11, Christ College, Cambridge are offering you an opportunity to sign up to their next webinar: *Subjects Matter*. This may support any decision making on future subject choices at Level 3. Please click on the link [here](#) to register your interest in their upcoming webinars.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

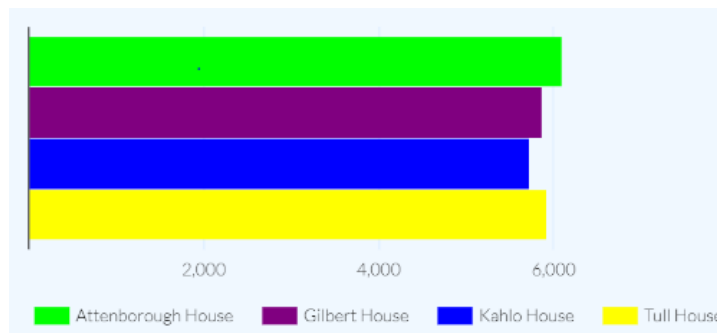


Last week, students from each tutor group were shooting for the skies in our basketball-themed **House Competition**. Thank you to all students who took part and took pride in representing their Houses. A special thank you to our Sixth Form students who supported in the running of this event. The results were:

1st Gilbert House, 2nd Kahlo House, 3rd Tull House, 4th Attenborough House

Our next **House Competition** will be at the end of this term. Each house will need an intelligent and quick-thinking team of volunteers. Can they work together to solve puzzles and accomplish tasks in time to escape?

Our current E-praise leader board sees Attenborough House with a small lead over Tull House – but it is a close run thing and can change at any time:



Latimer Student Voice: A Chance to Make a Difference

We are very excited to be launching our Student Council! As part of our Latimer Student Voice initiative, students have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference and ensure the voices of their peers are heard. Details on becoming a Student Council Representative will be given in Personal Development Time. The closing date for applications will be **Tuesday 18 October**. Please do encourage your child to put themselves forward.

Making Friends and Having Fun: Year 7 Disco

As part of our support with ensuring that Year 7 students feel part of the Latimer family, we are delighted to see the return of our Year 7 Disco this year, to be held on Wednesday 19 October in the Masque Theatre, 6pm to 8pm. Look out for the e-mail with further details.

Leading the Way: Teamwork in Action

We are really proud of our student leaders who have been hosting students from Barton Seagrave Primary School as they practise their indoor athletics in our Sports Centre. Both Year 11 and Year 7 leaders have taken part in running the activities, designed to support Barton Seagrave students to improve their performance and bring home the winning medals in future competitions!

An Opportunity to Join the Army Cadet Force

We were delighted that Sergeant Samuel Stephens from the Army Cadet Force visited Year 8 and 9 students to promote the Montagu Detachment parade. This runs every Thursday evening from 7pm until 9pm at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. The fee is just £1 per week and provides young people with many exciting and challenging opportunities such as field craft, adventure training, first aid and more! For more information, please go to www.armycadets.com

A Level English Trip - Othello – The Curve Leicester

Our Year 12 and 13 A Level English Literature students enjoyed a matinee performance of Othello at the Curve Theatre in Leicester last week. As one of the core study texts for A Level, the students were eager to see the words from text come to life and Frantic Assembly did not disappoint. Othello came to life through a modernised interpretation set in a working men's club; emphasising that passion, love and jealousy transcends both time and class boundaries.

Other News

Jewellery: Reminder of our Expectations

We do need to ask for your support in reminding students that hooped earrings, bracelets and ankle bracelets are not permitted. We are seeing an increase in students 'forgetting' to remove these before arriving in College. Regrettably, from next week, we will confiscate any of these items if seen!

Supporting Our Local Teams

Kettering Town Football Club are offering the opportunity for all school students in the local area to support their Under 18s side who are one match away from reaching the **first round proper** of the **FA Youth Cup!** Please see the letter included with this newsletter for details.

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.

Wednesday 19 October	Arts Places Workshop (year 6s)
Friday 21 October	End of Term 1
Monday 31 October	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 2 on the timetable)</i> Autumn Exam Series (ends Monday 7 November) Key Stage 5 Pathways Fortnight (ends Friday 11 November)
Tuesday 1 November	Year 7/9/10 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening
Thursday 3 November	Year 8/11/12/13 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening
Wednesday 9 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 15 November	Parent Forum, 6.00 pm
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Charity Event
Monday 21 November	Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations (ends Thursday 1 December)
Friday 2 December	Training Day – College closed to students
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.00 pm
Friday 16 December	Term Ends