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Uniform Reminder: Coats

Please can we remind parents and carers of our policy in relation to coats: should students wish to wear an outdoor jacket or coat to College, please be mindful that these should support the business-like College policy.

Coats should be of a plain colour and not emblazoned with badges, printed slogans or pictures. Jackets should not be casual, for example denim, leather, tracksuit/sports jackets, hooded tops, sweatshirts, non-College jumpers or cardigans.

With this in mind, please can we ask that jackets such as the following are left at home.

Before investing in a winter coat, please liaise with the College if you are in any doubt as to what is acceptable.

Please contact mail@latimer.org.uk should you need any financial assistance in purchasing a coat.



Learning and Progress

A goal without a plan is just a wish!

It is all in the planning! As the exam season countdown continues (**55** school days!), we are working hard with students on planning: planning their revision time; planning their revision notes; planning exam answers. Being organised and having a framework to operate within is as important to success as the actual revision that may be taking place.

We have provided a number of documents to support this, all of which appear on our [Exam Support Page](#). We strongly urge you to support your child with their exam planning over these crucial final few weeks.

In addition to this, some subjects will be offering Revision Workshops in February half term. As Term 4 starts, we will also publish invitations to our **Easter Revision Programme** that will be offered during the holiday period. We would ask that you keep this time free, pending the publication of the dates.

Learning and Study Support for All: Home Study through Home Access Plus+

A reminder that **all** students can access their learning from home through Home Access Plus+. This is a web-based tool that allows remote access to personal files and shared areas stored on the College IT system. It allows users to work wherever and whenever they choose.

All that is needed is a device with Internet access, then use one of the major web browsers e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Google Chrome and the attached User's Guide.

Home Access Plus+ can be accessed in the Quick Links box on the front page of our website. If students need any support with this, please contact the IT Helpdesk: ithelpdesk@latimer.org.uk

Aspire: Homework Support Service for All

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

'Aspire' is our homework support service which any student is 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 and refreshments are provided.

Please contact Mrs Giacobbe LGiacobbe@latimer.org.uk if you would like your child to attend.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

TikTok: Want to find out more?

Head to www.parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live to sign up for a free live-streamed event on 31 January 2023 at 4.30pm that will cover all parents and carers need to know about the functionality, settings and safety features of TikTok.

The 'Game' on Roblox

We have received reports of a viral post circulating on social media about an alleged self-harm 'game' being shared on the popular gaming platform Roblox. Known as 'The Game', the post claims that the game appears through private chats in an attached Word document that contains the rules and instructions. To find out more about this The Ineqe Safeguarding Team have written a [blog](#) to support parents/carers.

If you have any concerns about this or any other safeguarding concerns please contact mail@latimer.org.uk and a member of the Safeguarding Team will be able to support.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Year 7 Dragons Den: They are all hired!

Year 7 students were outstanding during their Dragons' Den careers event and we are exceptionally proud of how they demonstrated our HEART values throughout the day and developed their LORIC skills.

Andrew Rogers, Chief Operating Officer and Group Treasurer at Frogmore said, *"It was a great afternoon and to see so many young people engaged and enjoying themselves was brilliant. All the teams came up with great ideas and really threw themselves into the task. There were some real stars amongst the presenters too! I've seen plenty of intelligent adults be unable to present to groups as well!"*

We thank you for your feedback as parent and carers: *"Everything was very nice and my son's description about the event was very positive. Thank you for offering such good experiences for our children - everything was perfect – ground breaking!"*

We are deeply grateful to our Business Partners for making this a 'real life' experience for our children.

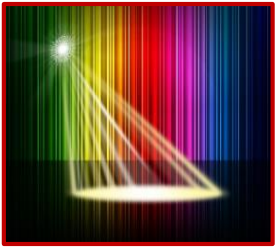
If you would like to be involved in future Careers Events, please email Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal: JPankhania@latimer.org.uk

Take your Child to Work Day

Year 8 parents and carers should look out for information on our Year 8 'Take Your Child To Work' Day event on 9 March 2023. Your child can attend work with you or a family friend to get an experience of the world of work. This event has been exceptionally beneficial in continuing to develop a student's employability skills and also for the student to get a real appreciation of what it means to go to work!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote **Latin Club**.

*Students from Years 7-9 have an exciting opportunity this term, with the introduction of **Latin Club** in Humanities. Miss Bentley will be introducing students to the basics of the Latin language and helping them to learn the origins of our language and see the links to the vocabulary that they use every day, proving that this ancient language doesn't only belong in the history books or at Hogwarts – 'Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus'.*

*Interested? **Latin Club** is starting on 8 February and will run every Wednesday lunchtime in HU7. Carpe Diem!*

A Dance Date for Your Diary!

We are delighted to invite you to attend our annual College Dance Show on Thursday 2 February from 7pm in the Masque Theatre. Providing an opportunity for our dancers to perform in front of an audience supports their self-confidence and performance skills and therefore we appreciate any support that you can give.

Tickets are available from the Masque Theatre website www.masquekettering.co.uk

Celebrating Sporting Success

Our boys' basketball teams are performing to an incredibly high standard at the moment: the Year 8 team recently defeated Montsaye Academy 62-6 and the Year 9s beat Prince William 45-24. We wish both teams well for future matches.

We are also delighted to be able to share with you that our students won in all age groups at the recent Indoor Athletics District competition. The Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys and Year 8 boys were all outright winners in their age category and the Year 8 girls shared the win with Southfield School on the same number of points. All four teams now qualify for the County Winter School Finals. We will let you know how they get on!

Other News

Supporting School Improvement: Parent and Carers Forum

Our Parent and Carers Forum is an opportunity for you to support continued school improvement and share thoughts on agenda items and suggestions for future meetings.

Our next Forum is Tuesday 31 January when our agenda items will be Assessment and Reporting and we will have a visit from the Northamptonshire Mental Health Team to raise awareness of support they have to offer. We look forward to seeing you there at 6pm in Music Room 2 in the Masque Theatre.

If you have any questions, please email Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal: JPankhania@latimer.org.uk

Appeal for unwanted newspapers

The Art Department's supply of old newspapers for use in lessons is running low. Any donations of unwanted newspapers would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Come and Join Team Latimer!

There are so many benefits to working in a school – the pride that you feel in playing a part in supporting young people on their educational journey is indescribable! And so many of our staff have children at the College.

We welcome applications from parents and carers to join our non-teaching team. Please visit our [Vacancies](#) page to see what opportunities there currently are.

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.

Tuesday 31 January	Parent Forum, 6.00 pm
Thursday 2 February	Maths Challenge: Years 9 and 10
Thursday 2 February	College Dance Show, 7.00 pm
Tuesday 7 February	Year 11 Poetry Trip (TBC)
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>

Please note that in order to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, there will be an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023. The College will therefore be closed on this day.