



### **Welcome to Latimer: Moving Up Events**

We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 students and a parent or carer at our forthcoming Moving Up Evenings on either Tuesday 14 June or Wednesday 15 June, as detailed in the invitation letter issued. Students will then have a chance to experience the College day when they join us on Monday 11 July for their Moving Up Day.

## **Learning and Progress**

### **Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12**

As we head into the final few weeks of the public examinations for Years 11 and 13, a reminder that students in Years 10 and 12 are about to undertake their first mock exam season. We are now less than a year away from this cohort of students sitting their external exams and these mock exams provide vital preparation. We ask that parents and carers ensure that they have read the information regarding the arrangements for these and that in preparation for these exams, you encourage your child to access revision guides and the [exam support material](#) that the College has provided.

### **New Parents' Guides to University**

As a parent, guardian, or someone with caring responsibilities, you are likely to be one of the most important and trusted sources of information and advice to your child when applying for Higher Education. With that in mind, UCAS have produced a [guide](#) that is designed to give you the tools to guide and support a young person applying to study at university or college in 2023 through their decision-making and the UCAS application process.

The 2022 edition of the [UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University](#) brochure has been released. This provides great information for Year 12 students as they start to explore university options. You can also find some brilliant resources on the [University Guidance Video Hub](#) that provide impartial university videos, introducing a fantastic range of subjects at university. From Anthropology to Veterinary Science - and 100s of subjects in between.

### **Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)**

As a College, we are committed to supporting our students to grow as people through a strong Personal Development Programme (PDP) centred around PSHE and RSE. Our programme has been specifically designed to meet the statutory requirements, in compliance with the PSHE Association framework, with age appropriate learning.

Our aim is to communicate to parents and carers the topics that each year group will study for any given term so that you can explore these with your child. Please see below the topics for Term 6:

	7	8	9	10
Subject	RSE	PSHE	PSHE	PSHE
Theme	Relationship and Sex Education	Health and Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing
Unit	Friendship, Respect and Relationships	Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing	Body Confidence	Mental Health and Wellbeing

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

### 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 North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) 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.

The College has appointed a dedicated Attendance Officer, Mrs Jeanette Birnie. Should you have any questions about attendance, please email: [jbirnie@latimer.org.uk](mailto:jbirnie@latimer.org.uk)

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

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

- **Sixth Form UCAS Exhibition:** On Tuesday 28 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 24 June, Year 11 will have their Celebration Assembly and Prom.
- **Year 13 Leavers' Prom:** On Friday 24 June, Year 13 will have their long awaited Prom where we will wish them well as they leave The Latimer Arts College to move on to pastures new.
- **Summer Music Concert:** Will be hosted on Thursday 30 June at 7pm in the Masque Theatre.
- **Sixth Form Induction:** On Wednesday 29 June to Friday 1 July, we invite all Year 11 students who plan to join us in September to experience some taster lessons and activities to prepare for the transition into Sixth Form. A schedule will be published w/c 20 June.
- **Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip:** This will take place on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July.
- **Enrichment Events:** We will be hosting a Sports Day for years 7-10 on Tuesday 12 July, with a Jubilee Celebration during the final hour of the day and we will be launching our new House system on Wednesday 13 July.
- **Year 12 Work Experience:** Running from Monday 18 July, as part of our Careers programme, our Year 12 students will undertake a week of work experience designed to support them in developing their employability skills.

### Procedures for Students Signing Out

Please can we remind parents and carers that if there is a need for a student to leave the College site during the day, we must have notification of this from a parent or carer. There are a number of ways in which this can be done:

Send an email to: [absence@latimer.org.uk](mailto:absence@latimer.org.uk) or send a text to 07444 851655 or ring the 24-hour absence answer line on 01536 720300.

A student will not be permitted to sign out without prior notification. Whilst we will do our best to try to contact a parent or carer, if we are unable to do this, a student will not be permitted to leave. Parents and carers do need to understand that should the College not have been made aware that a student has an appointment, this may result in a delay in them leaving.

***Please note: We will not accept a text message on a student's phone as notification.***

## **Aiming High: Unlocking Potential and Inspiring Excellence**

### **Encouraging Ambition: Can you help?**

As part of our Careers Programme, we welcome representatives from the world of work to engage with our students, either by supporting one of our events, for example the Dragons' Den experience, or perhaps by being a guest speaker on a particular area of expertise. If you would be willing to enhance our programme by getting involved, please contact Jyoti Pankhania, Assistant Principal: [JPankhania@latimer.org.uk](mailto:JPankhania@latimer.org.uk). We would be delighted to hear from you!

### **Where can I go with Maths? Anywhere you choose!**

On National Numeracy Day 2022, the Children's Commissioner for England launched '[Where can I go with maths?](#)', an interactive quiz for children featuring over 50 career profiles of role models using maths or maths skills in their work. It has been developed to show connections and transferable skills between the KS3 maths curriculum, careers, and everyday life. We would encourage you and your child to access this as it really shows the doors that can open for those who secure their Maths qualifications.

## **Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success**



It was a bumper Term 5 for reading! In total Year 7 students have read **65,303,149** words and Year 8 **49,017,179**. Our Learning Resource Centre issued **598** books in what was a short term.

As a result of this, we now have 18 millionaire readers, including our new additions, Ben Harriss and Scarlett-Rose Waterhouse, who is now a multi-millionaire, having read over 2 million words. We would also like to give a shout out to Andreea Avisalon who borrowed 17 books last term! Students who invest in this programme really are investing in their future!



A huge congratulations go out to our top Epraise earners from Term 5, with Isaac Dellet, Kealan Green, Levi Nelson, Sam Wright (Year 7s), Ted Coles, Karolina Jarzemska (Year 8), Eloise Earl, Roshni Kumari, (Year 9), Maisie Morris (Year 10) and Skyler Bettles (Year 12) leading the way with over 1,400 points between them in the term.

Amazingly, we are now already at the point of the year where we can look forward to our Epraise Summer Prize Draw, an opportunity for students to put any points they have earned this year to good use. We are delighted to offer prizes which include a family tour of Wembley Stadium, tickets to a show at a London Theatre, an outdoor activity centre trip, meal out vouchers as well as Apple AirPods – a wide range of prizes based on suggestions made by our students.

## Celebrating the Jubilee as a Community



We were delighted that a special guest could join our Food students to sample their version of the Jubilee trifle.

It was also such a privilege for us to be able to work with Year 6 students at Barton Seagrave Primary during their Arts week where students created a Jubilee inspired “collaborative” art piece. Using separate tiles, they created their own Queen’s face.



And we will round off our Jubilee Celebrations with a ‘tea party’ for Years 7-10 and Year 12 at the conclusion of our Sports Day on Tuesday 12 July. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us!

## Would your child love to learn a musical instrument?

There are many benefits of learning a musical instrument including stimulating the brain and improving memory, stress relief, boosting confidence, improving patience and developing creativity and social skills.

Therefore, we are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for students to book music instrumental lessons with NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) for the next academic year. We have visiting teachers come to the College every week to teach woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon), brass (trumpet, tenor horn, French horn, baritone/euphonium, trombone and tuba), strings (violin, viola, cello and double bass), piano and keyboard, drums and guitar (acoustic, electric or bass).

If you are interested in your child learning one of these instruments, please email Ms Winfield, Student Services Administrative Assistant: [bwinfield@latimer.org.uk](mailto:bwinfield@latimer.org.uk) by **15 June** for more information or to book a lesson for next year.

Lessons cost £14.00 per 20 min session each week, for 11 lessons per term (total per term of £154.00) with 3 terms per year. We may be able to offer financial support for those students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium funding. Please contact Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal: [ipankhania@latimer.org.uk](mailto:ipankhania@latimer.org.uk) for more information.

## Striving for Excellence: Celebrating Sporting Success

It really has been an exceptional couple of weeks of sporting commitment, effort and success for our students:

- After winning the Kettering District tournament earlier in the year, our Year 7 girls represented Kettering at the County Basketball Tournament, where they were runners-up.
- Our Year 9 Boys’ Football Team won the District Cup
- Our Year 8 Boys’ Football Team were runners up in the District Cup, agonisingly losing on penalties by 1 goal!





Congratulations to Harry Dell'Utri in 8g1 who has been selected against high odds to play for the BHAA squad in the festival of Hockey national tournament in Nottingham at the end of June. Roughly, 60 boys tried out and a squad of 17 has been selected for the tournament – well done Harry!

## Other News

### Summer Estates Improvement Projects: Phase 2

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of the project to refurbish our Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages Learning Centre last summer, this summer we are delighted to be able to confirm that we will be proceeding with Phase 2. This will see the whole of the first floor being upgraded, with a full repaint, new lighting, new furniture and new flooring. This really will make a significant positive difference to the learning environment for our students.

In addition to this, we plan to fully refurbish the Maths Learning Centre over the summer as well. Those of you who have visited the College site recently will also be pleased to hear that we are having the whole car park resurfaced!

Please see the letter included with this newsletter which gives details about the asbestos removal process.

### Catering Provision: Summer Menus

Our daily food service is provided by abm Catering Solutions and is served in our Restaurant. Students can purchase breakfast from 8.00am-8.25am and then there is a hot and cold snack service at break and a hot and cold meal service at lunchtime.

Menus offered by abm Catering Solutions are changed regularly. The current menus, which include a meal deal for £2.40, can be accessed on our [website](#).

We urge all parents and carers who are eligible for free school meals to register with [Northants County Council](#). You can check your eligibility and access the online application form [here](#). Our cashless catering system ensures free school meal students remain anonymous to other students. All students who are entitled to free school meals can access the meal deal at no extra cost or are able to choose alternative food up to the value of £2.35 per day.

### 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 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 15 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Tuesday 21 June	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
Thursday 23 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 1 July)
Friday 24 June	Year 11 and Year 13 Prom
Monday 27 June	Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends Friday 1 July)
Tuesday 28 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
Thursday 30 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 7 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1
Friday 8 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2
Monday 11 July	Year 6 Moving Up Day
Tuesday 19 July	End of Term 6
Wednesday 20 July	Training Day: College closed to students