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What a start to the term!

Whilst I cannot share much about the OFSTED visit until the report is published, I would like to thank the Latimer community for their support. Thanks are due to the students for showing their best selves to the inspectors, who were impressed with their attitudes to learning and to each other. My thanks to the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who are dedicated to ensuring your children have a happy and successful experience with us. And finally, my gratitude to all of our parents and carers for your continued support. I look forward to sharing the report with you soon.

I also look forward to meeting all of those parents and carers who are attending the 'Meet the Principal' event on Wednesday 3 May at 5.45pm in the Masque Theatre. If you still wish to come and have not already notified us, please email Ms Ridley, PA to the Principal: jridley@latimer.org.uk

Regards
Mrs K Murphy
Principal

Learning and Progress

Summer Exam Season: Preparing for the Final Countdown

The countdown to the summer examination season is almost at zero! We will shortly be issuing Year 11 students with an Alternative Timetable, which will set out their schedule for lessons, revision workshops, examinations and home study. More details to follow.

Year 13 students will continue to attend lessons, unless they have an examination, until all examinations in an individual subject are completed.

Please help us to help your child be successful throughout this exam season by making sure they have all the **correct equipment**: a calculator (we recommend a Casio FX83 calculator), a clear ruler, a compass and protractor for Maths exams! They are putting themselves at a disadvantage should they not have this equipment. Should you need any financial support with the purchase of equipment, please contact Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal: jpankhania@latimer.org.uk.

A reminder that help and advice with exam preparations can be [found here](#).

Year 8 Pathways Process: Deadline for Preferences

Thank you to all Year 8 students and their parents and carers for attending the Year 8 SPRE this week. We would be grateful if you could complete the [feedback survey](#) by Friday 5 May.

We are aware many of you filled in a similar survey for our OFSTED visit but we do not get individual comments or a break down by year group for us to identify improvement actions. Therefore, we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete this for us.

The deadline for submitting pathway preference documents has passed. If you have not completed the form, please can we ask that you do this as a matter of urgency. We cannot start considering student preferences until all forms are completed. Should you need any support, please contact Mrs Stanyon, Careers Administrator: vstanyon@latimer.org.uk

Safeguarding and Well-Being

Young Minds: Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As we start to move towards exam season, [Young Minds](#) have launched advice for parents and carers. Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them, no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Graduate Careers Live!

Graduate Careers Live! is a new TV programme, produced by High Fliers Research in association with the Department for Education and UCAS, to introduce Sixth Form students and their parents and carers to the graduate job market.

The April programme will showcase the different types of job opportunities, occupations and professions that students could aspire to in the graduate job market. Its aim is to provide as much inspiration, information and insight as possible, before students begin visiting universities and researching degree apprenticeship opportunities. Sign up [here](#).

And with the future in mind...

For Year 10 students it is time to start exploring the exciting possibilities that await them after they finish their GCSEs - whether they are dreaming of university, college, or diving right into the workforce with an apprenticeship, there is a world of opportunity waiting for them.

To help students kickstart their research into post-school plans, all Year 10 students will have the chance to meet with our Independent Careers Adviser before the end of Term 6, with the aim of leaving the appointment with a personalised action plan that will be added to their Unifrog account. This will enable parents and carers to keep track of their child's progress and encourage them to show the ambition that they need to achieve their goals.

But that's not all – Term 6 will also be packed with a series of informative assemblies that will give students the lowdown on all the amazing options available to them after Year 11. Whether they are keen to explore our Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeships, we will help them figure out what path is right and how to make the most of their future opportunities.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Well done to Jemima Agyemang and William Weston for reaching 1 million words in the Accelerated Reader programme. We now have an incredible 18 millionaire readers! We look forward to announcing our next members soon. We would also like to congratulate Ruby Milson who was our top borrower in Term 4, with 7 books read in 6 weeks!

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we are asking: ***Could your child be the next Star Baker?***

The **'Royal' British Bake Off House Competition** is running until **Friday 5 May!** All students have to do is get creative and bake something **fit for a King**, to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III. Their bakes can be sweet or savoury, but they should think about how the shape and decoration links to the theme of **'coronation'**.

- Photos of any entries should be sent directly to Miss Milson, Wider Curriculum Assistant Progress Leader: jmilson@latimer.org.uk
- We do not need students to bring their bakes to school.
- This competition is open to all year groups!

A Feast Fit for a King (and our students!)

On the subject of food, also in celebration of King Charles III's coronation, abm Catering will be offering a special menu from Wednesday 3 May - Friday 5 May. Details can be viewed on the [website](#), along with the Summer Menus.

Black Country Museum Trip

We were very proud of our Year 7 students who attended the enrichment visit to the Black Country Museum in Dudley. They were superb ambassadors for the College. Students enjoyed a trip along the canal, where some staff and students had the amazing opportunity to participate in 'legging' the canal boat through the tunnel; they were also plunged into the darkness of the mines, where history came to life as they experienced first-hand the conditions in which children their age had to work in the 1800s.

For many, this was their first off site enrichment activity since joining the College and it was a privilege to spend the day with them. We look forward to sharing many more experiences with them during their time with us.

Cup Fever!

Good luck to our Year 11 Boys who are playing in the Football County Cup final next week. We wish them all the very best.

We also offer our congratulations to our Year 8 Boys' Basketball team who finished 3rd in the County Basketball finals.

National Citizen Service (Year 11 and 12 students only).

A reminder that Year 11 and 12 students can access the National Citizen Service (NCS) away-from-home experiences to help them to **Live It, Boss It, or Change It** over five-days and four-nights.

What are the benefits of NCS away from home experiences?

- It is only £95 for the entire experience, including accommodation, transport and food (bursaries for Pupil Premium students are available).
- NCS enhances CVs and college applications and is recognised by UCAS. This will benefit personal statements.
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work.
- NCS allows students a chance to stay away from home and develop independence.

For more information, visit wearencs.com.

Other News

As a reminder, it is really important for students to be punctual to school.

Please note that the warning bell will be ringing from 8.20 am with effect from w/c 1 May. We would be grateful therefore if you could ensure that your child is on site by this time.

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 1 May	Bank Holiday – College Closed
Wednesday 3 May	'Meet the Principal' Event, 5.45pm (followed by a short Parent Forum Meeting)
Friday 5 May	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday – College Closed
Monday 15 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Wednesday 17 May	Year 9 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Friday 26 May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 June	Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)</i>
Tuesday 13 June	Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 23 June) - TBC Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Wednesday 21 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
Thursday 22 June	Year 13 Celebration Event
Friday 23 June	Year 11 Celebration Event
Monday 26 June	Sixth Form Induction (ends Wednesday 28 June)
Wednesday 28 June	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip
Thursday 29 June	Summer Music Concert
Friday 30 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 3 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 4 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (ends Wednesday 5 July)
Thursday 6 July	Year 8 Coast Trip: Hunstanton
Monday 10 July	Pride of Latimer Awards Evening
Thursday 13 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (ends Friday 14 July)
Monday 17 July	Year 12 Work Experience (ends Friday 21 July)
Friday 21 July	End of Term 6