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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 25 MAY 2018

Keeping Standards High: Uniform

There is still a lot of learning to be done in this academic year and it is vital that our learning climate remains focused and purposeful. Maintaining high standards of uniform is one of the key ingredients of our success.

With this in mind, we need to remind parents and carers that students must wear black school shoes. Trainers or trainer style/sports style footwear is not acceptable. If you are about to purchase shoes and are at all unsure, please do contact us at the College first: we will be happy to confirm what is suitable.

Your support with this is much appreciated.

Learning and Progress

Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run!

After half term Year 10 and Year 12 embark upon their trial exams. We have encouraged both to ensure they take this opportunity to help us help them, by preparing fully for the exams. This is so that we have an understanding of the progress they have made so far, as well as highlighting any areas that we need to work with them on.

For Year 10, exams will run from Wednesday 20 until Thursday 28 June. Students will have no more than 2 exams a day and will be provided with sessions in College to help them prepare. However, we need them to be revising out of school NOW! Please support us by asking them about their use of Tassomai Science and PiXL Maths apps or simply make sure they know where the revision guides we gave them are and that they are using them!

For Year 12, exams will mainly run from Monday 25 until Thursday 28 June (with some small changes for students who study Geography due to their field trip).

Full details will be issued to all students at the start of Term 6.

'Moving Up': Welcome to Latimer

It was wonderful to officially welcome the parents and carers of our new Year 7 intake to the College last week. Establishing strong working partnerships is very important to us and we really appreciate all of your support.

The next step for students is '**Moving Up Day**' on Monday 9 July!

Safeguarding

Summer Sun Safety

Now that we may finally see some sunshine, a reminder about the support that you can give us to ensure that your child is safe in the summer sun whilst in College:

- Please remind your child that we were all at school once and survived warm summers! The warm weather cannot be an excuse to stop learning!
- Provide your child with sun cream to wear during PE lessons and at lunchtimes.
- Ensure that your child has a refillable drinks bottle and encourage them to refill at the water fountains at break and lunchtime so that they can remain hydrated in lessons. Students will not be permitted to refill bottles during lesson times. Please remember that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted and if seen these will be confiscated and disposed of.

- We all know how changeable the weather is and decisions will be made on a daily basis about the wearing of blazers and ties. Daily text messages will be sent about uniform arrangements if we experience exceptionally hot weather.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

#Money Matters Year 8 £1 Challenge

We really do have some exceptionally creative and innovative Year 8 students, who have been working hard to turn their £1 into much, much more for Cransley Hospice. A reminder that the final deadline for handing the money in is 7 June – this can be done via School Gateway or brought in and given to Mrs Turner or Mrs Allen in the Sixth Form Centre. Please can you clearly label an envelope with your child's name and the amount raised.

Please note that, at the very least, students are required to hand back the £1 that was originally given to them.

Making the World of Work a Reality!

Ensuring that our students experience the world of work throughout their education is an important feature of our Raising Aspirations programme. This year, our Year 12 will undertake a week of Work Experience from 2 July until the 6 July.

If you or your son/daughter would like further support or guidance on this process, or if you would like careers information for your child of any sort, please contact Mrs Allen, our independent Careers Advisor: KAllen@latimer.org.uk. Kate Allen attends many of our evening events where appointments can be made.

We have attached a Parent Guide for 'Win that Job' which we hope you will find a useful resource to assist you in supporting your child with their future!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Caught ... Reading! Winners!

Well done to Sarah Evans who is this year's student winner – or at least her dog, Star, is. He was caught reading!

Congratulations to Mrs Hammond-Stark, our staff winner! She was caught reading on the top of the Rock of Gibraltar!

A big thank you to the school governors and members of SLT for taking the time to judge the very creative entries.



Shine Bright Like a Diamond

Save the date for our prestigious Pride of Latimer Awards Evening where our shining stars will be celebrated. The event takes place at the Lighthouse Theatre on 5 July at 6.00pm. Invitations will be sent out in Term 6.

How our Heroes are Helping Others

What a success! Latimer House came together to hold one of our most successful charity events ever, in aid of Help for Heroes. The stalls were brimming with an array of delectable treats, from homemade cookies and impressive towering chocolate cakes (that would give even Mary Berry a run for her money!) to sweet stalls and raffles.

Students and staff from across the College came in droves to support those involved and an incredible £774.29 was raised (almost double last year's total!). We would like to thank all of Latimer House for their fundraising efforts, particularly those who worked hard to raise money before the day, as well as those who supported this brilliant event.

Marvellous Medieval Moments

Our Year 7 took part in an excellent enrichment opportunity when they visited Warwick Castle last week and experienced medieval times brought to life!

In a day packed with different learning experiences, lots of fun was had by all. Students watched as an expert bowman shot arrows at the castle; they gazed as enormous birds of prey scaled the castle walls; and cheered as the mighty trebuchet threw enormous rocks over 100 feet into the far distance.

Students could confidently identify a vast range of developments at each stage of the castle's life and were able to fully understand how and when each defensive feature of the castle was completed.

Our very own Latimer Princess!

Congratulations to Charlotte Larmour in Year 10 who has been chosen to be Kettering's Carnival Princess for 2018/2019. She will be crowned on 16 August and will represent Kettering in the town's carnival and other local carnivals. She will also travel to Lahnstein, Germany, which is Kettering's twin town, to take part in their carnival.

Latimer's Got Talent

Congratulations to Anna Kelly in Year 10 who has made it through to the Grand Final of Teenstar, which is a National singing competition for teenagers. To get this far she has competed with over 10,000 applicants and has already sung her own original songs for both the Regional Final in Bedford and the Area Final in London. The final is taking place at the Beck Theatre, Hayes, London on 14 July. Good Luck, Anna!

Streets Ahead of the Rest!

We were privileged to have Danyul Fullard, a professional dancer based in Northamptonshire, visit the College to run a street dance workshop with a group of our male dancers. Our boys really stepped up to the occasion, showing creativity, commitment and focus.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 9 Boys' athletics team who are this year's District Champions. Following their winning performances, Charlie Cross, Reuben Birch and Brandon Raulia have been selected for the County Athletics team in 200m, Hurdles and 800m. We wish them success as they compete over the summer.

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.

Friday 25 May	End of Term 5
Monday 4 June	College re-opens: Term 6
Wednesday 20 June	Year 10 Mock Exams commence (until Thursday 28 June)
Monday 25 June	Year 12 Exams commence (until Thursday 28 June) Year 12 Geography Field Trip (until Thursday 28 June)
Thursday 28 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.30pm (Masque Theatre)
Friday 29 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Prom
Monday 2 July	Sixth Form Induction Week Year 12 Work Experience Book Week
Friday 6 July	Year 13 Leavers Event Wimbledon Trip (and Saturday 7 July)
Monday 9 July	Year 6 Moving Up Day
Tuesday 17 July	Sports Day
Friday 20 July	End of Term 6