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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 29 JUNE 2018

Learning and Progress

Breaking News: Latimer Hat-Trick in National PiXL Times Table Competitions!



With 3 days to go, as it stands, we are currently in first place in overall points earned in the main PiXL Times table competition and two supplementary games: Bounce and Survival!

Our students have been amazing: showing passionate determination to be the best! And, given our numeracy focus, here are some numbers for you:

- Over 500,000 times tables questions have been answered so far, with over 160,000 in the past 3 weeks alone!
- There have been 250 prize draw tickets already earned, with each ticket being earned by completing 240 questions from each times tables set at over 90% accuracy.
- Castle House has just edged into first place today, but the top form is Botolph 8.
- Ethan Armour (Y7) has completed all 144 times tables and is the first student so far to get the bonus 15 tickets into the draw! He has given up a huge amount of time to this, spending time before school and in breaks to up his score.
- Evie Keech (Y9) has answered over 16,000 questions this year!
- Mia Wood (Y7) has answered over 6000 this term alone!

Students need to keep up their fantastic efforts over the weekend – the competition closes Monday 2 July!

We are delighted by the commitment students in all years are showing towards improving their numeracy and maths skills. The buzz and positivity has been a joy to experience. We hope that you are all proud of your children who are having such fun – and learning along the way!

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Did you know that analysis shows that in the new GCSEs the word count has increased significantly!

This means that in a test paper of 105 minutes, with a consistent reading rate of 90 words per minute, 47% of the allocated time could be spent just decoding the text within the paper!

This is why promoting the value of strong literacy skills is so important to us at the College – and reading really is a fun thing to do! It is an action packed time for literacy this term with a range of fantastic activities taking place: all designed to foster a love of reading.

Latimer Book Week Monday 2 July – Friday 6 July 2018: Manga artist **Anna Fitzpatrick** will be visiting the College on Tuesday 3 July 2018 to deliver workshops throughout the day. Colourful and expressive, using both digital and traditional media, such as pen, ink, watercolours and paint, Anna's work really captures the imagination.

All week there will be a book swap operating throughout the day! Students can bring any books that they have finished reading and no longer want to keep to the LRC and swap with others.

During the week there will be various games and activities occurring in the Learning Resource Centre including Boggle and Scrabble and book related word searches and quizzes.

Carnegie Award 2018: We were delighted to welcome students from Bishop Stopford School, Kettering Buccleuch Academy and Montsaye Academy who all congregated at Latimer to discuss the shortlist for the Carnegie award. Students had read the 8 books on the shortlist and voted for which books they thought were the best.



The winner was then officially announced as ***Where the World Ends*** by Geraldine McCaughrean, The Amnesty Honour went to ***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas and the Kate Greenaway (the award for illustration) winner for 2018 was ***Town is by the Sea*** by Sydney Smith!

All of these publications are available from the College LRC.

Burton Library has so much to offer!

Every Thursday between 3.30pm and 4.45pm a study/homework club, with an experienced teacher, is provided and this service is also offered every other Saturday from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Parent/Carer 'have a go at English' and 'have a go at Maths' workshops are also on offer aimed at adults struggling to support their children. Further information can be found on the Library events [webpage](#): search for Burton Latimer Library. The date for the Maths workshop is on 10 September, 10.30am-12.30pm, and the English workshop is on 24 September, 10.30am-12.30pm.

For those students who are 14 years old or over, who wish to gain experience to add to their CV, Burton Library have numerous volunteering posts, with one most specifically aimed at teens being the [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

Finally, on Sundays from 11.30am-2.30pm, there is a role playing game group that is open to all aged 14+. There is a small charge of £2.50 each week. Primarily, young people play Dungeons and Dragons but they also play a range of other RPG games such as White Wolf's: Changelings, Vampire and Werewolf, Aliens and Star Wars.

Celebrating the Good Times!

As this newsletter arrives we will be celebrating with our Year 11 students on their Celebration Assembly and Prom Day – and the sun will be shining!

Year 13 will have their Celebration Assembly on Friday 6 July. Students should arrive at 1.00pm in the Sixth Form Centre, where a light lunch will be provided for them, prior to the formal ceremony starting at 1.45pm

These events will be a fitting end to what has been an amazing examination season. All of our Year 11 and 13 students have conducted themselves in a truly exemplary manner throughout their exam season and set the bar incredibly high for the cohorts to follow. We hope that our current Year 10 and 12 rise to the challenge as they move into their examination years in September!

September Curriculum Information Evenings: A Student's Life at Latimer



And as the wheel turns, there is no time for sitting back, with preparations for the new academic year well underway! To support parents and carers we will be hosting the following events in September:

- KS3 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 7 on Tuesday 18 September
- KS5 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 12 on Wednesday 19 September
- Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 11 on Tuesday 25 September
- KS4 Curriculum Information Evening: For parents and carers of students in Year 9 on Wednesday 26 September

The aim is, through a carousel of fast-paced and interactive sessions, to better equip parents and carers to support their child's learning and progress by providing an insight into areas such as the Curriculum, Study Skills, Assessment and Reporting and UCAS. Through this, you will also be able to gain a better understanding of what life for students at Latimer is like.

Save the dates in your diary now: we do hope that you will attend, join in and offer us honest feedback on these sessions! More detailed information on each evening will be provided over the coming weeks.

Each of these evenings will run from 6.00–8.00pm and are aimed at parents and carers only. **Please note, due to limited space, we will not be able to accommodate students at these evenings.**

‘Moving Up’: Year 7 September 2017

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students (and our new staff!) on their moving up day on Monday 9 July. It will be fun-filled and action-packed – just a typical day in the busy life of a Latimer Learner!

Safeguarding

Live streaming: responding to the risks (National Crime Agency/CEOP)

Live streaming is a popular feature of lots of apps and platforms. By understanding the risks of live streaming we can help children stay safe when they are online. [ThinkUKnow](#) has produced a guide to help parents/carers understand why live streaming is so popular, and how to keep children safe.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Rising to the Challenge – and beyond!

Our Year 8 students have truly excelled themselves in this year’s annual £1 Challenge raising a whopping **£1808.48** for Cransley Hospice! This is exceptional and we want to say a heartfelt well done to all students who took part!

We had lots of brilliant new ideas for fundraising this year along with the tried and tested favourites and we are so pleased with each and every student who made a huge effort. This activity has also raised students’ confidence, developed negotiation and leadership skills and encouraged friendly competition! Cransley Hospice representatives will be joining us in College for a special assembly to talk about what a difference this money will make to the lives of the people who are brought into Cransley, and their families, followed by a presentation of the cheque.

Special mention to our top earners:

- Dylan Jackson raised £167.25 by making curry and selling to staff and students.
- Cherry Cooke and Molly Woodward raised £218.50 (joint effort so £109.25 each) by doing a cake sale – they even managed to convince a business to donate to their cause so not a big outlay in ingredients. Very entrepreneurial!
- Mary-Jane Stephenson-Glynn raised £88.20 by making pompoms and woolly snakes from remnant wool - thrifty and creative!
- The most creative entry goes to Lacey Crane who bought 5 books from charity shop at 20p each and made them into hedgehogs, selling them for £2 each.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

Not to be outdone: Junior Maths Challenge Success

We have seen some fabulous results in this year’s Junior Maths Challenge. Congratulations to all of the following:

Bronze: Katie Adams, Austin Evans, Sophie Ayre, Jade Cousins-Donno, Eliza Flint, Nathan Gates, Habib Hussain, Cory Ives, Scarlett Maxwell-Munn, Luke Morrison, Finlay Norton, Harley Perkins, Riley Spencer, Euan Warner, Mia Wood

Silver: Imarnie Begum-Buckley, Liam Bodsworth, Georgia Burns, Tegan Chapman, Rivan Corbett, Anika Dodd, Brandon Duggan, Jake Evans, Wiktorija Gawlak, Harry Leverett, Libby Quinlivan, Kara Robinson-Evans, George Walker

And how proud are we of our Sporting Superstars as well!

Something quite special has happened...

This week, our Year 8 Girls won the overall District Championships athletics trophy, beating 10 other schools and our Year 8 Boys won too and they are now double winners, having won two years in a row. That is also a clean sweep for the Boys team with Year 7, 8 and 9 all winning this year. Wow!



A huge well done to Joe Pringle, Cameron Sears, Crispin Pashler and Millie Painter (pictured) and Connor Quinlivan who were all part of the Weekley Rovers Titan U12 team that won Weetabix League Team of the Year!

Well done to Lucas Giles, Year 7, who was 7th in the Karate **WORLD** Championships held in June in Dundee! An exceptional achievement.

Tom Chapman, Year 8, recently competed in a Junior Regional Sailing competition at Hollowell along with other Junior Cransley Team members.

The competition consisted of morning Race Training Techniques by an RYA Coaching Team and then 3 races in the afternoon each lasting over an hour. Tom did fantastically well:

- Race 1: 4th place
- Race 2: 3rd place
- Race 3: 1st place



After the overall marks and timings were added up Tom came second in the Topper Fleet. This is a fantastic achievement.

The photograph shows Tom (43004) coming around the last mark to finish first place in the last race – with (48349) in hot pursuit.

Don't forget! We need all of your help to win a school PE lesson with Dylan Hartley!

Northampton Saints are running a competition – and we want to win! The prize is for England Rugby captain Dylan Hartley to visit the College for a PE lesson. All we need to do is to each fill in a form ([click here](#)) and the school with the most votes wins!

You can only vote once so get all your friends and family involved too so that The Latimer Arts College get to the top! *Entries close at 10am on 31 August 2018 – we will remind you again!

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.

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| Monday 2 July | Sixth Form Work Experience (current Year 12) Sixth Form Induction Week (prospective Year 12) Book Week |
| Friday 6 July | Year 13 Leavers' Event |
| Saturday 7 July | Wimbledon Trip (and Sunday 8 July) |
| Monday 9 July | Year 6 Moving Up Day |
| Tuesday 17 July | Sports Day |
| Friday 20 July | End of Term 6 |

Other key dates:

Year 13 Results Day:
Thursday 16 August

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration:
Thursday 23 August