

LATIMER NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a packed term with trips, Community Games Day, Pride of Latimer and so much more. I particularly want to thank staff for organising trips to Normandy, Battlefields, Bletchley Park and Wimbledon as these were incredible experiences for the students. We also received great feedback about the students' conduct while they were away. Thank you for being with us on the journey this year, we look forward to another exciting academic year 2025/26 but until then enjoy the summer holidays!

Community Games Day

Attenborough House have retained the Community Sports Day trophy in a very tightly fought competition - congratulations to all who took part.

Congratulations also go to Ruby Cameron (8K2) who won the design competition to design a mascot for the Community Games Day - well done Ruby!



Whole School Assembly



This year's final whole school assembly was better than ever, with cups going to Kahlo for attendance, Attenborough for HEART values, Gilbert for ethos, Tull for enrichment. The overall winning House was Kahlo, who celebrated with ice lollies and huge smiles. Congratulations to everyone on a truly successful year.



Pride of Latimer

Another spectacle of celebration at The Castle Theatre saw students receive awards for: excellence, team spirit, creative ambition, enrichment, student leadership and HEART. We also congratulated our Platinum Award winners with the most House Points in the whole school.

This year 703 students achieved Bronze, 369 achieved Silver and 159 Gold.



Mrs K Murphy - Principal

SAFEGUARDING

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date:
Every Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
16th July- 6th August

This course will be run online via
Zoom
Book your place on Ticket Tailor



For more information contact
Hope For Families on
07784333825
or
hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk

Common-sense, jargon-free information
and ideas to help you to engage with your
children and boost your relationship



Kettering Mental Health Support Team Drop Ins & Support
With the summer holidays approaching, do you need some support?

Does this impact daily life?

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Your school is supported by an **NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**. We provide early intervention for low mood and anxiety.

Talk to us from the Mental Health Support Team at your child's school to find out about the support we can offer, including CBT (cognitive behaviour therapy) informed interventions within school.

We are currently offering, once a month drop-in! These will start up again in September 2025. These are for parents and teaching staff.
Please check with your child's school for the date.

To learn more:



www.nhft.nhs.uk/mhst

Please call:
Working Hours: Monday - Friday 0900 - 1700hrs
Kettering Team Email: MHST.Kettering@nhft.nhs.uk
MHST General Enquiries: CYP.MHST@nhft.nhs.uk
MHST Office Number: 03000 270888



Latimer are hoping to develop an on-site alternative provision for some of our students who need alternative projects/curriculum to work on where at the moment we have to send them to other venues. We think we have got a lot of potential to run projects in school given we have extensive green areas, fully equipped kitchens and workshops as well as superb sports facilities etc.

Therefore we are on the look out for volunteers in our community who might be willing to give up one day a week to support a very small group of students in the following areas. Obviously we would organise a volunteer DBS check for anyone who is interested.

If you think you might be able to help, even just 1-2 hours a week, then drop Mr King an email on sking@latimer.org.uk

- Cooking
- Gardening in our Eco Garden
- Basic projects in the workshop with wood/metal/plastic
- Sport and Fitness
- Support with reading and listening to students read
- Creative art or similar work using our art workshops
- Any other practical skill that we could build into our programme

Mr S King - Safeguarding Lead

SIXTH FORM NEWS



Sixth Form Induction Programme

Thank you to all those students who came to visit us during our Summer Induction Programme, we very much hope that you enjoyed your time with us, and gained a real flavour of what our high performing Sixth Form is all about. We hope that you are all now enjoying a well-deserved break after the summer examination season. As GCSE and BTEC Results Day on Thursday 21st August now draws ever nearer, we thought that it we would take this opportunity to confirm the arrangements for the day.

Collection of Results

Year 11 students will be able to collect their results from **8am to 10am in the Sixth Form Centre**. Results can only be issued to the student themselves, unless we have had their prior permission to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult. We are not able to give out results over the telephone, but they can be emailed, as long as students have given us notification of this and provided their email address. Students should email tlevick@latimer.org.uk if they wish to make one of the above arrangements.

In addition to our commitment to supporting students with their next steps, it is a legal requirement to collect destination data. Therefore, all students will be assigned a member of staff to meet with after receiving their results to confirm their future plans.

Our Independent Careers Advisor from Prospects will also be available to offer advice and support. If you need further support Mrs Stanbridge can also be contacted during the summer holidays, via telephone (Prospects): 07842 231647 or email nstanbridge@latimer.org.uk

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Year 12 students have now all returned to school following their week of work experience. Already we have received some fantastic feedback about how well our students settled in and how hardworking and enthusiastic they were throughout the week. We have really enjoyed hearing about their placements and watching the presentations they produced for tutor time.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the businesses and organisations who welcomed our students into their workplaces. Their support has provided invaluable real-world experience, and we are truly grateful.

Sixth Form Leadership – Community Sports Day

All of our Year 12 students stepped up to take on a range of important leadership roles in our Community Sports Day, including officiating and scoring events throughout the day. The activities they helped run include: Halo (a team invasion game), Volleyball, Bat and Dash (a game based on cricket and rounders), and Relay Races.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to our Year 12 students. Their support is invaluable, and without their dedication and enthusiasm, the organisation and delivery of our Whole School Community Sports Day would not have been possible.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Guest Speaker Presentation - Why do I need a Personal Statement?

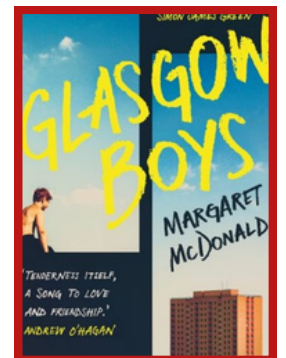
On Friday 18th July, our Year 12 students attended a presentation by Anna Gilbert from the University of Leicester about Personal Statements and why every student should have one regardless of intending to go to University or not.

A personal statement is important for sixth formers because it allows them to showcase their strengths, interests, and goals when applying for university, apprenticeships, or jobs. It helps admissions tutors or employers understand who they are beyond grades and qualifications. Personal statements can be used to highlight achievements, explain motivations for a chosen course or career path, and demonstrate skills like communication, leadership, or resilience. A strong personal statement can make a big difference in competitive applications.

LITERACY NEWS

We have had an exciting final few weeks of Literacy across the school.

Our Year 9 and 10 Carnegie Shadowing group went to Prince William School on 19th June to take part in the selection process for the Carnegie Medal Winner for Writing. This went to 'Glasgow Boys' by Margaret McDonald, described as an "honest" and "hopeful" story that explores mental health, trauma, inequality and identity through the friendship between two boys who have grown up in foster care. Well done to all of our students who represented Latimer so well throughout this process.



This week we have held our annual 'books and bubbles' event to celebrate our 'Millionaire Readers'. This is an impressive achievement and we are proud of each and every student for their dedication to reading which we know has benefits far beyond the library.

Our Year 7 and 8 cohort have completed a full first year of SPARX Reader and we have held weekly inter-class competitions for % completion, accuracy and SRP and would like to say a huge well done to: Cassidy Norris, Matipa Hlubanyana and Amelia Hotten (Year 7s) and Ajla Aliaj, Gideon Oyejobi and Radoslaw Radomyski (Year 8s) who are our top SRP achievers. Collectively, Year 7 and 8 students have read over 3000 books this year, equating to 6,517 hours of reading over 47,896,000 words!



We of course encourage students to read over the summer holiday! SPARX books remain available online and your local library offers a quiet space throughout the break.

CAREERS



Year 8 – Take Your Child to Work – Friday 21st November

Advance notice to all Year 7s and families of our Year 8 Take Your Child to Work event happening on Friday 21st November. On this day we invite our parents/carers to take their child to work to experience what it is like to work for a day. Students can go to work with parents/carers, family members or trusted friends of the family. Closer to the time we will send out more details. The placement process takes a while to finalise so we encourage our current Year 7 families to start thinking now about where they can go on this day and approaching employers.

Latimer Business Breakfast – Friday 5th December

On Friday 5th December, we are inviting businesses and alumni to Latimer to network with our staff to forge new relationships over breakfast. Do you and your company want to get more involved with Latimer to expand our students' knowledge of employers and workplaces? Or do you know someone who might be interested?

If so, please complete this link <https://forms.office.com/e/R7rKEHZpag>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Harry Smith (9G1) on his athletics achievements in the 300m Sprint Group for Kettering Harriers. Harry has made a tremendous improvement this season improving his time from 39.5 in 2024 to 37.6 when he set the English Schools Qualification time at the Corby Open meeting in May. Harry won a Silver medal at the prestigious Mason Trophy, again setting an English Schools standard time with 37.94. Harry is ranked 19th in the UK - well done Harry!



These Year 7 students were selected to represent the District Athletics in the County Athletic Championships. A superb effort from all in a range of events. Well done to all for competing at this high level.

It's official! We have made history with Jamie Oliver by breaking the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the largest cookery lesson (multiple venues), ever! Well done Year 8!



SPORTS TOUR 2025

The Year 9 Sports Tour to Barcelona was an unforgettable week of sport, culture, and fun in the sun. From the moment we landed, the students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and a great sense of team spirit.

One of the highlights was our visit to two iconic sporting landmarks – the Nou Camp and the Olympic Stadium. The sheer scale and history of these venues left a lasting impression.



The tour was packed with exciting fixtures. We enjoyed mixed football matches with The Rural School, where our students not only showed skill and sportsmanship but also practiced their Spanish while sharing lunch with the local students – a lovely cultural exchange that many described as a personal highlight.

The sporting action continued with competitive girls' volleyball and boys' football matches at the American International School, where we were welcomed warmly. The intensity and spirit of the games showed just how much effort both sides put in.

Later in the week, we headed to Calafell Basketball Club for boys' and girls' basketball fixtures. The hospitality shown by the club was incredible. Their welcoming atmosphere and strong sense of community made the experience particularly special and added a meaningful dimension to the competition.

Of course, no trip would be complete without some fun, and we had plenty of it at the PortAventura theme parks. These moments gave the students a chance to relax, bond, and make memories that will last far beyond the final whistle of any match.

Overall, it was a wonderful week spent with an amazing group of students, who represented the school with pride, passion, and positivity. Barcelona, with its blend of sport, culture, and excitement, proved to be the perfect setting for a tour full of growth, friendship, and fun.



VALUES DAYS JULY 2025

Out and About – Living Our Values Beyond the Classroom

As part of our Values Days, students stepped beyond the classroom into meaningful and memorable experiences that brought our core values to life. Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit the iconic Bletchley Park. They discovered the power of teamwork and the excellence it can unlock, delving into the secret world of wartime codebreakers and realising how collaboration can change the course of history. Year 8 students had the opportunity to embrace new cultures and languages on a vibrant trip to Normandy. Those that attended showed both excellence and respect as they immersed themselves in French heritage and explored the region's rich past. Year 9 and 10 students had the chance to embark on a moving tour of the battlefields in France and Belgium, they demonstrated deep honesty and respect as they reflected on the sacrifices of others and connected powerfully with our shared history. Meanwhile, a lucky group of students had the opportunity to attend Wimbledon, where they experienced world-class excellence in action and considered the drive and ambition it takes to perform at the highest level. These unforgettable trips weren't just educational, they were inspiring, each one a living example of our school values in action.



In-School Adventures

Turning Learning Into Something Remarkable

Back in school, the atmosphere was no less exciting. Students took part in a diverse range of hands-on workshops and creative challenges designed to bring out the very HEART of who they are. In Art and Design, students turned the ordinary into something extraordinary, showing how imagination and ambition can transform simple materials. Performing Arts groups built mini stages and puppets, using creativity and teamwork to bring stories to life. In English, students raced to “save Shakespeare” in a fast-paced escape room challenge, discovering the importance of teamwork, the power of words, and the value of perseverance under pressure. Maths and Computing projects stretched their problem-solving skills and encouraged collaboration, ambition, and excellence. Science sessions focused on survival, infection control, and ethical decision-making, asking students to think critically and work together to protect their communities. Meanwhile, in PSHE, students planned dream holidays, practising planning skills, ambition, and respect for different cultures and ideas.

A huge thank you goes to all the trip leaders, those who planned and supported the in-school activities, and everyone who helped make the two days a success. We are also incredibly grateful to parents and carers for their continued support and, most of all, to our students, who embraced every opportunity with HEART.



OTHER NEWS

The Channel 5 hit series 'Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly' is coming back for its eighth series. For those of you who haven't seen the series it follows Master Dog Trainer, Graeme Hall, as he travels the country helping desperate dog owners solve their pet's behavioural problems.



For the new series, and for the first time in the show's history, Graeme will be taking a group of puppy owners through his brand-new Puppy Boot Camp. The training sessions will cover all the major milestones puppies, and their owners need to master to develop an adorable pup into a well behaved and happy adult dog.

Programme makers Avalon Factual are currently looking for new owners who have recently taken on a puppy to take part! The filming and training will take place once a month across a 5–6-month period starting in August. There is no fee for the training, but you will have to be comfortable appearing on camera.

We welcome puppies of all breeds that'll be between 3 and 6 months old in August. People from all over the UK can apply, although filming is likely to take place somewhere around the Midlands.

If you feel you or anyone you know could benefit from Graeme's help or you would just simply like to know more about the show, then please contact the team on puppy@avalonuk.com

MHST are running this excellent workshop to help parents who have a lot of arguments or conflict with their child.

Visit the North Northants website for information about activities running during the summer holiday.

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Managing Escalations Workshop



The workshop is for parents and caregivers, who find that they get caught up in **escalating conflict** with their young person, or for those who find that they 'give in' to **avoid** conflict.

This workshop will share techniques to help you to **respond** rather than **react**. It will be an opportunity to **connect** with others who are in the 'same boat', as you.

[Details of workshops](#)

- 7th August 2-4pm at Sudborough House, Kettering
- 14th August 10-12 Online Microsoft Teams
- 21st Aug 10-12 at Sudborough House, Kettering
- 27th August 2-4 Online Microsoft Teams



Scan QR code or email MHST.Kettering@nhft.nhs.uk if you are interested in taking part

North Northamptonshire Council



SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN ACTIVITIES

SPORTS SWIMMING EXPLORING

Holiday activities available across North Northamptonshire during the school summer holidays

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE and A Level Results Days

A reminder that results will be available to students from the **Sixth Form Centre**:

Year 13 Results Day: Thursday 14 August from 8.00 – 10.00am

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 21 August 8.00 – 10.00am

External candidate registration: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Please note, results can only be given to parents and carers where we have had prior permission from their child to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult. Results cannot be given over the telephone. Results can be emailed if the student contacts us in advance: tlevick@latimer.org.uk

Our Careers Adviser, Nicola Stanbridge, will be present on the Year 11 Results Day on 21 August. If your child needs support after gaining their results, she can help with impartial advice regarding their next steps.