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A Warm Welcome to our Future Year 7 Students!

Last Friday saw the confirmation of secondary school places for September 2019 and we are delighted at the prospect of welcoming 203 new students to our College. Our only sadness is that we are not able to accommodate all 537 applications!

Those that are joining us are coming at such an exciting time. We returned after half term to see the sudden appearance of the steel frame for our new sports hall and the arrival of the diggers for the 3G pitch. It really is happening – and the commencement of the building of the new Science Learning Centre will not be far behind.

Learning and Progress

Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

We would like to invite Year 10 students and their parents and carers to the SPRE on **Wednesday 13 March** from **5.30 – 8.30pm**. Letters and appointment cards have been given to students.

We are keen to ensure that we work in partnership to secure the very best progress for your child: with this in mind, we would be grateful if your child could attend the evening with you so that in each subject there is a clear understanding of current progress and priority areas for improvement.

GCSEs and A Levels: Easter Revision Programme

As we approach **34** school days until the start of the examination season, Year 11 students are in the process of undertaking a further round of mock examinations. Following these, they will have a clear understanding of their areas of strength and the priority areas for improvement.

One of the additional ways in which we will be supporting your child is by delivering an Easter Revision Programme for both Year 11 and 13 students. Details have been published and we urge parents and carers to make the necessary arrangements so that their child can attend the sessions allocated.



We issued **1007** books from the Learning Resource Centre in Term 3: **718** fiction and **289** non-fiction.

Very well done to **Olivia Jack** (Botolph 6) who borrowed an amazing **25** books! This was closely followed by **Kayleigh Jarvis** (Castle 2) with **18** and **Jake Neyland** (Latimer 2) with **13**.

Year 7 students have read **34,260,547** words this year so far and passed **1036** Accelerated Reader quizzes!
Year 8 students have read **31,790,396** words this year so far and passed **786** Accelerated Reader quizzes!

Therefore, collectively, they have read a staggering **66,050,943** words this year and passed **1,822** quizzes! All of this will be contributing towards their future success and improving their ability to access exam paper questions.

And we love numeracy too!



We congratulate all students who took part in the PiXL Times Table competition. Everyone is a winner because they will have done so much to improve their mathematical skills. However, those that won the £20 prize draw vouchers were Jamie Cooper, Year 7; Rebecca Amos, Year 8; and Harley Laughton Year 9.

And our Maths-magicians are at it again! Huge congratulations go to Daniel Andrews, Dhiren Parmar and Abigail Edwards who have excelled in this year's Maths Challenge. All three have Gold certificates and have qualified for the European Kangaroo competition.

Safeguarding

Beware Fake News: it can still be damaging!

In the news recently, you may have heard of 'Momo'. It has been 'reported' that this is a 'suicide game' played on WhatsApp that begins with a disturbing face appearing. Apparently this character then encourages young people to add contacts on the messaging service and then replies with threats of violence, and encourages self-harm and suicide. It is suggested that those responsible for 'Momo' are hackers looking for information.

Whilst this is fake news, it does serve as a timely reminder for us all to monitor carefully what our children are accessing on line. We also need to be aware that, even though not true, this type of news can be upsetting to young people and they may be anxious about it.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Drop Everything and Careers!

As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme during Term 4, in each subject, students will 'Drop Everything' and pause on their normal curriculum and take part in a lesson that focuses on career opportunities linked to that subject. The aim is to further raise awareness of different jobs and to continue to develop each student's employability skills. Please ask your child about these lessons as the term goes on.

Year 8 'Take Your Child to Work Day 2019'

We say a huge thank you to all parents, carers, relatives and friends who were able to support Year 8 to enter the world of work for a day in support of this national event.

Students were provided with a great opportunity and the feedback has been exceptionally positive. We do not know who was more excited: the students about their experience or staff who loved hearing about all that they have learnt!

Please ensure that your child completes their unique diary of events and returns it to Student Services as soon as possible.

Students who stayed at College took part in the 'Young Apprentice Challenge' – which was an incredible day full of outstanding concepts, innovations and magic moments!

Careers Fair 2019: Years 9 and Sixth Form



As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, preparations are well underway for our Careers Fair for Year 9 and Sixth Form students, to be held at Wicksteed Park on **Tuesday 19 March**. This is an exciting opportunity for students to engage with employers and find out about future careers and pathways.

Following the success of last year, we already have some great employers signed up for the students to engage with: it is looking like this year will be even bigger and better! If you have a business that would like to have a stall at our Careers Fair, please contact MOBrien@latimer.org.uk as soon as possible.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

'Red Nose Day' 2019: Doing our bit!

A host of fundraising activities will be taking place on Friday 15 March and we are really keen for students to take part and join in the spirit of the day. We invite students to contribute £1 in return for wearing non-uniform on this day and would be delighted if this could include wearing something red. And of course, 'Red Noses' will be on sale in the run up!

Please note: We ask you to make sure that your child adheres to the non-uniform day expectations as outlined in the attached letter.

Enriching Your Child's Learning Through the Performing Arts

There are multiple benefits to learning a musical instrument. Research shows it can increase IQ, memory and attention span as well as being very enjoyable and satisfying. Therefore, we are excited about the prospect of being able to offer a **drum and a guitar lesson** that have become available at the College. Lessons are 20 minutes long during the school day. The times of the lessons rotate so that students don't miss the same subject each week. The lessons are £143 per term and each term is 11 weeks long. Lessons for the current term are already underway so parents/carers would only be charged for the lessons left in this term.

Please contact Ms C Eyley Progress Leader: Performing Arts ceyley@latimer.org.uk if you are interested in this opportunity.

Sporting Success



We have seen some fabulous Futsal success with our Year 7 Boys' Futsal Team becoming County Futsal Champions. They now qualify for the National Youth Finals in Birmingham.

Our Year 9 Boys' Futsal Team also competed at the same competition, having won the district competition. Despite playing some super futsal they did not qualify for the finals.



Well done to our two Year 7/8 girls' basketball teams who took part in the Kettering and Corby District Tournament. They finished 1st and 4th.

Other News

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 12 March	Collaborative Concert, 4pm (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 13 March	Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 29 March	Spring Music Concert, 7.30 pm (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 4 April	Year 9 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 5 April	Year 7 Warwick Castle Visit End of Term 4
Tuesday 23 April	College re-opens to students: start of Term 5 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Wednesday 1 May	Year 8 Money Matters Event
Thursday 2 May	Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday: College closed
Wednesday 8 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2018 <i>(Invitations will be issued for specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Thursday 9 May	Induction Evening 5.30-8.30pm for new Year 7 students joining in September 2018 <i>(Invitations will be issued for specific evening and time beforehand)</i>
Monday 13 May	Exam Season starts (until end June)
Wednesday 22 May	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 2 (Masque Theatre)
Friday 24 May	End of Term 5