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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 11 JUNE 2021

Moving Up: Welcome to our New Year 7 Families

We are delighted to officially welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to team Latimer! We wish each and every one of you success over the coming years.

In order to support with a smooth transition to secondary school life, we look forward to 'seeing' you all at our live event on Wednesday 16 June and then to meeting with you individually at our Moving Up 1:1 sessions on Thursday 1 July.

COVID-19 Protocols Reminders

LFD Home Testing Programme: Please continue with twice weekly testing

Please can we remind you of the importance of these tests being carried out routinely on a **Monday** and **Thursday** morning. With 21 June rapidly approaching, it is so important that we all continue with twice weekly testing in order to minimise the risk of community transmission. In addition, as a College community, it greatly supports our contact tracing process if the testing is carried out on these consistent days.

The data provided by the Department for Education shows that we have a declining trend amongst our students in terms of reporting test results.

We have also been asked once again to remind you of the importance of reporting a test. The government's reasons for this can be accessed [here](#). This is very much linked to the monitoring of data on a local and national level in order to minimise the risks of increased community transmission.

Learning and Progress

Year 11 Transition Support Programme: Until Friday 25 June

Year 11 students should now be following their [Transition Support Programme](#) which offers them a range of activities and events to support their transition to post-16 learning destinations and offers a package of careers based workshops.

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly: As part of this programme, students are invited to attend a Year 11 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 18 June at 10.00am. We are committed to hosting an event that celebrates students' time at the College and provides an opportunity to say farewell to those who are moving on. As we are not able to host our annual Pride of Latimer Awards this year, we will use this ceremony to recognise student achievement and very much look forward to doing so.

We very much want students to enjoy the occasion, but it remains a school event and a school event during a pandemic, so it is vitally important that students who wish to attend this ceremony should:

- Ensure that they have confirmed their attendance by completing the following [form](#) by 3.00pm on Monday 14 June.
- Undertake a LFD Test on Thursday 17 June and provide confirmation of a negative test on arrival on Friday 18 June, by showing their confirmatory NHS text message or email.
- Attend the Leavers' Assembly in full school uniform, following the expectations in relation to footwear, make-up and jewellery.

Sixth Form Induction Programme: We will be delighted to welcome all of those students who have applied to join our Sixth Form in September to attend their Induction Programme from Monday 21 June - Friday 25 June. We have planned this programme to give our students a taster of all aspects of Sixth Form life. In order to prepare for this onsite week, students should currently be completing the pre-induction activities that can be accessed [here](#). To provide additional support, given the missed learning due to school closures, we have enhanced the programme by adding in extra sample lessons this year.

We would like to remind those students who will be attending the Sixth Form Induction Programme that they should be continuing with their twice weekly LFD Testing until at least 25 June.

Year 7 Virtual Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

The booking system for the Year 7 SPRE on Wednesday 23 June between 4.00pm and 7.00pm will be live from Tuesday 15 June at 6.00pm and will close on Tuesday 22 June at 6.00pm. This will be hosted using a web-based video call system, School Cloud, where parents and carers will be able to book appointments in advance of the evening. All details have now been published.

Year 10 Virtual Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)

Our Year 10 SPRE will be hosted on Tuesday 6 July and will provide an opportunity for staff to feed back on the trial exams and signpost key topics for each individual student to revisit over the summer in preparation for the final year of GCSE studies. All details will be published shortly.

Year 9 and 10 Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Programme

This term, we will be delivering a unit on Intimate Relationships to our Year 9 and Year 10 students. This unit forms part of the statutory requirements of Sex Education and will be taught through our Personal Development Programme during Tutor Time. The following content will be covered:

Week	Content	Students will learn about
3	What is a healthy intimate relationship?	Readiness for sexual activity, the choice to delay sex, or enjoying intimacy without sex
4	Good communication within intimate relationships	
5	Sexually transmitted infections	STIs, effective use of condoms and negotiating safer sex
6	Contraception and Safer Sex	STIs, effective use of condoms and negotiating safer sex and the consequences of unprotected sex, including pregnancy
Assembly	Sexual pressure and consent	Myths and misconceptions relating to consent and the continuous right to withdraw consent and capacity to consent
Assembly	Sexting	How to assess and manage risks of sending, sharing or passing on sexual images

As parents/carers you have the right to request that your child be withdrawn from some or all of Sex Education delivered as part of statutory RSE. If you wish to request that your child is withdrawn from Sex Education please put this in writing and send to Mrs Shore, Pastoral Administrative Assistant: Lshore@latimer.org.uk. Please note that the Relationship Education or Health Education element is statutory and you do not have the right to withdraw your child from this. For further information on the RSE curriculum and your rights as parents and carers please read more by pasting the following link into your browser:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

Safeguarding

'TALK': Online Grooming New Campaign

A new safety campaign by the Internet Watch Foundation aims to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about keeping their 'door' closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a booklet explaining the risks, outlining why children are vulnerable and suggests practical steps that parents and carers can take.

The mnemonic used in the campaign is '**TALK**':

TALK to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.

LEARN about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.

KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

For further details and to view their brilliant and thought provoking video click [here](#).

Virtual Health and Wellbeing Festival 14 – 20 June

North Northamptonshire Council are hosting a [Virtual Wellbeing Festival](#) from Monday 14 – Sunday 20 June. This will include lots of signposting of information about services and opportunities relating to both physical and mental wellbeing. There is also a timetable of live sessions such as mindfulness, yoga, online safety and much more. These sessions cover a wide range of ages, with most applicable to all and almost all sessions are FREE.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



We pass on our congratulations to Emily Bodsworth in Year 8 who has joined our millionaire club! Emily has read over 1 million words in Accelerated Reader and joins 25 other students in the club.

In total, Year 7 students have read **80,846,451** words this year and Year 8 students **65,325,602**.



Congratulations to our Year 11 students, Liberty Currall, Harry Leverett, Euan Warner, Rihana Parmar and Jolanta Kirchner in Year 13 on being the winners of our Epraise Leavers' Draw.

Further congratulations got to Wiktoria Gawlak, Imarnie Begum-Buckley and Chloe Lee who were our top Epraise earners in Year 11 and Jolanta Kirchner (again), Rashe Chiteka and Beth Oram as our top earners in Year 13.

Finally, huge congratulations to Bethany-Shanice Ashworth, Ryland Cooke and Gemma Cox who were our top points earners in the whole school during Term 5 – well done and keep up the hard work!

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?

There are such a wide range of benefits to learning a musical instrument, including developing patience and discipline, building confidence, exercising the brain and developing IQ, improving memory and developing social skills and emotional wellbeing. That is why at the College we are passionate about offering lessons in as many different musical instruments as we can, taught by the fantastic visiting teachers from NMPAT.

We offer lessons for woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon), brass (trumpet/cornet, tenor horn, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba), strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass), piano/keyboard, drum kit and guitar/bass guitar.

These lessons cost £154 a term (11 weeks of individual lessons, 20 minutes each).

If you are interested in your child accessing these, please contact Ms Winfield: bwinfield@latimer.org.uk with the name of the student and the instrument they would like to learn. We will then contact you directly with details of the payment information and NMPAT terms and conditions.

Please note that we can offer financial support to eligible students so if you are interested, please do not let cost be a barrier. Please contact Ms Pankhania, Assistant Principal, who will be happy to discuss the matter with you: jpankhanian@latimer.org.uk

Enrichment Activities: After-School PE Clubs

We are delighted that we are able to resume a significant programme of after-school PE clubs. The sessions are open for everyone by year group and are free! Students should meet outside the Sports Centre at 3.05pm with their P.E kit. The sessions will end at 4.30pm.

Year 7: Monday	Girls	Boys
Monday 14 th June	Athletics	Athletics
Monday 21 st June	Volleyball	Cricket
Monday 28 th June	Football	Softball
Monday 5 th July	Tennis	Football

Year 8: Tuesday in Week 1 and Thursday in Week 2	Girls	Boys
Tuesday 15 th June	Volleyball	Volleyball
Thursday 24 th June	Football	Softball
Tuesday 29 th June	Tennis	Football
Thursday 8 th July	Rounders	Cricket

Year 9: Thursday in Week 1 and Wednesday in Week 2	Girls	Boys
Thursday 17 th June	Volleyball	Cricket
Wednesday 23 rd June	SPRE – No club	SPRE – No club
Thursday 1 st July	Tennis	Football
Wednesday 7 th July	Rounders	Basketball

Year 10: Wednesday in Week 1 and Tuesday in Week 2	Girls	Boys
Tuesday 22 nd June	Athletics	Athletics
Wednesday 30 th June	Volleyball	Football
Tuesday 6 th July	Badminton	Badminton

Other News



Thank a 'Teacher' Day

We would be delighted if parents and carers could take a few moments to celebrate the contributions of staff in the College on Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday 23 June 2021. The Thank a Teacher national campaign recognises **ALL** staff working in UK schools and colleges: school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. Anyone can send a card by clicking this [link](#).

Managing Student Catering Accounts

Whilst most students manage their catering accounts well, some students do overspend. As accounts do not show a negative figure, but will show a £0.00 balance, we will call or send a text message to inform parents and carers of arrears. We would be really grateful if you could then address this as soon as possible by topping up your student's lunch account through School Gateway.

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.

Wednesday 16 June	Moving Up Evening: Live Event 6 pm
Monday 21 June - Friday 25 June	Sixth Form Induction Week
Wednesday 23 June	Year 7 SPRE, 4-7 pm
Thursday 1 July	Moving Up Evening: 1:1 Sessions 4-7 pm
Tuesday 6 July	Year 10 SPRE, 4-7 pm
Friday 16 July	End of Term 6
Monday 19 July	Training Day: College closed to students
Tuesday 20 July	Training Day: College closed to students

Summer Results Days

The results for A Level and Level 3 BTEC qualifications will be published on Tuesday 10 August.

The results for GCSE and Level 2 BTEC qualifications will be published on Thursday 12 August.