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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 18 OCTOBER 2019

An Invitation to our Sixth Form Open Evening 2019

As a result of such strong GCSE results, our Sixth Form is thriving! We would like to invite the parents and carers of students in Year 11 to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 6 November 2019** at **5.30pm** to find out about the fantastic range of opportunities that are on offer at The Latimer Arts College for Post-16 students. More details of our offer and our prospectus can be accessed on our [website](#) from Monday 4 November.

Learning and Progress

Ace Your Exams: “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”

The clock is ticking, with only 4 school weeks left until the start of the mock exam season for Years 11 and 13. Time spent on revision over half term will be essential. All details of the Year 11 and 13 schedule will be published to students shortly.

We have also provided the following to support with preparations:

[Year 11 and 13 Exam Support](#): This website page contains a range of useful information and tips for exam success including:

GCSE Topics for Revision: This booklet contains all of the topics for all of the GCSE subjects that students will need to revise in preparation for their final examinations. Teachers will indicate which topics need to be revised for mock exams.

Revision Planning Template: This excel workbook maps out all of the days until the summer exams. Students can use it to plan lesson time, revision slots and rest slots. They can plan out their time between now and the mock examinations as a practice for the final exam countdown.

Revision Sessions: Individual subjects are offering a range of revision sessions, including ‘Maths Mondays’ on a Monday lunchtime. All details can be found on the [Year 11 and 13 Exam Support](#) website page.

Ace Your Exams Booklet: This outlines a range of study skills and revision techniques that students can select to support with their revision.

Revision Guides: Year 11 have been provided with a set of revision guides and Year 13 students can access revision guides in the Sixth Form Centre. Our examinations students tell us that these revision guides were invaluable last year so please encourage your child to use them.

Year 11 students can also access our online resources:



Students can sign up for FREE at www.gcsepod.com using their College email account. Podcasts can be streamed or downloaded on PC, Android or IOS. Email ithelpdesk@latimer.org.uk if you require any assistance when using GCSEPod.



Tassomai makes learning and revising for GCSE Science effective and straightforward. Simply log in regularly and complete the assignments at the top of the list. The mission is simple - keep the pace of progress up to the speed prescribed - a task that requires a few minutes of attention each day. Website: <https://www.tassomai.com>



Students have access to the PiXL Maths, Geography, History and English Lit apps to help with their studies.



Vocab Express is an online vocab learning application that has been set up to support students with learning their French vocabulary, which is vital to examination success. Students should access this daily.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Harvey, Vice Principal sharvey@latimer.org.uk if you would like printed copies of any of the above resources or additional help and support with revision planning for your child.

Safeguarding

Money Muling: Signs to Look Out For

Northamptonshire Police Force have asked for our help in warning young people about the dangers and consequences of becoming a money mule.

What is a money mule? A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so. Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams – and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing and people trafficking.

Being a money mule is illegal: When someone is caught, their bank account will be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face arrest for money laundering which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

What to look out for: Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear under stress.

You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting www.moneymules.co.uk together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be caught up in money muling, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Staying Safe Online: Password and Email checkers

Over three billion fake emails are sent out each day and many of them are phishing emails aiming to trick people into giving out their passwords and other data, especially for their bank accounts. We continue to empower students to be in control of their digital use. One way to find out whether their email address has ever been comprised is to go to the website '**Have I Been Pwnd**' <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> and enter the relevant email address.

Another great resource is - '**How secure is my password**'. This is a website where you can check how quickly 'hackers' would take to guess your password. <https://howsecureismypassword.net/>. Experts indicate that rather than making passwords longer, have phrases: '*I use Sainsburys to shop*', which using the password strength tester would take 230 septillion years to crack!

During the war, spies used lines out of learnt poems in order to create phrases to use with cyphers, so dig out your school poetry books!

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Aspiring Medics!

As part of our Raising Aspirations Programme we aim to support students to achieve their dreams. We were delighted to be able to offer two of our Year 10 students the opportunity to attend an "Into Medics Insight Day" at Whittington Hospital, London:

'When my grandfather fell foul to a disease which has no cure, I felt enraged that I could do nothing but sit by his side and watch him in pain and confusion. His team of doctors and nurses tried their best yet could not offer any treatment for the cancer of the colon, with metastases spread across the body and dementia, except kind words and paracetamol. This is exactly why I want to pursue a career in medicine, to be the lifeline to a patient and family that has lost hope, the reassuring and listening ear but also a man fighting in the corner of life that will not relent until fighting becomes futile and inhumane. I want to be the person on the battle ground, fighting tooth and nail to prolong life, a cardio-thoracic surgeon.

The "Into Medics Insight Day" allowed me to meet with likeminded people with whom I shared a common goal of a career in medicine. The day included x-ray reading; patient communication and bedside manner; suturing techniques; cannula insertion; a mock 'patient' interview and diagnosis, whom I correctly diagnosed with pneumonia; life beyond medical school and possible career pathways. I can honestly say it was one of the best experiences of my life and I cannot thank the college enough for allowing this to happen.' **Euan Warner Year 10**

'I aspire to one day go into the Medical Industry and become a doctor! The "Into Medics Insight Day" involved many exciting activities that you will do if you become a doctor and informed us about many things that we should know! It also made me realise how much I want to become a doctor! During the course of the day, we learnt how to suture (stitch) a patient's wound; how to insert a cannula into a patient's arm to give them the correct medications and how to diagnose a patient; and what to do in specific medical situations. We also learnt about life as a Junior Doctor and how to get to that stage!

This was all EXTREMELY exciting and all this just shows how The Latimer Arts College is a fantastic place to attend and will support you no matter what your dreams are, and will do all they can to get you there!' **George Chisholm Year 10**



Preparing for the Future: Northampton University Visit and World Skills UK Live

Indeed, all Year 10 students are being provided with two exciting opportunities! This week they visited the 'UK University and Apprenticeship Search' event at the University of Northampton. Students enjoyed meeting representatives from a wide range of universities and apprenticeship providers, all exhibiting at the beautiful new campus. They were also able to listen to seminars and take a tour of the university.

A student said 'Being at the university has opened my eyes to what I could be doing in the future. I've learnt about the qualifications I'd need to study a course that interests me and got to look at the student accommodation and different study areas.'

On Thursday 21 November we are taking them to the UK's largest interactive apprenticeships, skills and careers event. This exciting event is divided into four industry sectors, with the opportunity to 'have a go' at hands-on, job-related skills across a huge range of careers. Students will experience a wide range of activities, such as TV production, demolition simulation, virtual welding, floristry and 3D modelling and much more! Students will be able to get expert careers advice and meet over 130 employers from across the UK, including BAE Systems, BMW, Coca Cola, HS2, IBM, Muller, NHS Careers, Royal Mail, Toyota and the Armed Forces, many of whom offer jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

We advise that students start to plan their day now to ensure they get the most out of the event by visiting [World Skills UK](#).

Parent/Carer information letters have already been issued. If there are any questions please contact Mrs O'Brien MOBrien@latimer.org.uk



Did you know that the University of Buckingham now offers a **two-year degree** with honours course?

It has the exact same content as a three year course but they are able to offer it over two years by students not having as many holidays, allowing the degree to be completed a year quicker than traditional degrees!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Déjà vu! No you are not imagining things, Vocab Express does indeed get two mentions in our newsletter! It a fabulous learning tool and we are delighted to announce that we have just completed the annual Global Challenge, which involved all the schools worldwide that are signed up for Vocab Express.

We are delighted to say that we came second in the Genius Cup. This is the overall score for the top 25 students in each school. There were some amazing performances with 3 of our students being in the top 12 in the world! Huge congratulations to Jessica Dunham (3rd), Mia Wood (5th) and Ben Krotowski (12th).

It was a fabulous team effort that saw Latimer finish 4th in the world overall! Well done to all who supported with this – students will have learnt an awful lot of French vocabulary that will support them with progress in this subject!

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We got ready, set and we baked!



Wicksteed House students put on a taste sensation and raised an amazing £804 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A special thanks goes to Anna Morrison in W4 and MJ Stephenson-Glynn in W5 for their individual sponsorship ideas and contributions.

During the event Wicksteed House collaborated with the Science department for a special bake

off and a huge well done goes to our winners: Bobby Gibson, Kyan Hilaire and Jacob Riley. All cakes were beautifully decorated and delightfully delicious!



Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Year 10 Boys' Football team who won their District league last week. They won all of their games scoring 26 goals and conceding only 2. They will represent Kettering in the District Cup on 7 November and we wish them every success with this.

Not to be outdone, our Under 16 Girls' Football team were undefeated in last week's District Football Tournament. Very well done to all who took part.

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.

Friday 25 October	End of Term 1
Monday 4 November	Training Day (College closed to students)
Tuesday 5 November	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 1 on the timetable</i>
Wednesday 6 November	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30pm
Thursday 21 November	Year 10 World Skills UK Live
Monday 25 November	Year 11 Mock Exams (until Friday 6 December)
Wednesday 27 November	Parent Forum 6.00pm
Monday 2 December	Year 13 Mock Exams (until Friday 6 December)
Friday 13 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2