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Latimer Latest Updates: 21 October 2022

We now have the following social media accounts and we would be delighted if you could follow us to catch up with our latest news as it happens



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An Invitation to our Sixth Form Open Evening 2022

We would like to invite the parents and carers of students in Year 11 to join us at our Sixth Form Pathways Evening on **Wednesday 9 November**.

As a result of such strong GCSE results, our Sixth Form is thriving! We are now starting to make plans for those students who will be joining us next year. Over the coming weeks, we will update our [Sixth Form Curriculum and Admissions](#) website page with more information, so please do keep an eye on this.

Learning and Progress

Attendance Matters!

From September 2022, the Department for Education published attendance guidance, '[Working together to improve school attendance](#)', stresses the importance of us all working collaboratively to ensure that students attend school regularly. Good attendance has to be a high priority: when students are absent, they develop gaps in their learning, which may be difficult to catch up on.

With this in mind, we urge all parents and carers to support our [Student Attendance Policy](#), which is designed in the best interests of our students. If your child is having difficulties attending school, we urge you to work with us so that we can identify and remove any barriers.

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams: Preparing for Success

The mock exams season is fast approaching! We have written separately to students and their parents and carers outlining the plan for the mock exams and we would urge parents and carers to support their child to revise over half term for this important stage of their educational journey.

Our [Study Support for Students](#) website page lists the websites and apps which students may find useful, whilst our [Ace Your Exams](#) page includes lots of hints and tips, as well as a booklet with revision templates which can be used to help students organise their revision.

We also understand that exams can be seen as stressful and one of the best ways to beat that stress is for students to be properly prepared. However, should parents and carers need advice about how their child can deal with exam stress, please visit the [Young Minds](#) website or the [NHS website](#).

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)

As a College, we are committed to supporting our students to grow as people through a strong Personal Development Programme (PDP) centred around PSHE and RSE. Our programme has been specifically designed to meet the statutory requirements, in compliance with the PSHE Association framework, with age appropriate learning.

Our aim is to communicate to parents and carers the topics that each year group will study for any given term so that you can explore these with your child. Please see below the topics for Term 2:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Careers and Enterprise	PSHE	PSHE	Careers and Enterprise	
Life Beyond School	Rights, Responsibilities and British Values	Staying Safe On and Offline	Life Beyond School	Staying Safe On and Offline
Managing Change	Law, Crime and Society	Legal and Illegal Drugs	Rights and Responsibilities	Staying Safe – Party Drugs

PE Conceptual Curriculum: Term 2 Motivating and Influencing Others

Our PE Conceptual Curriculum was a great success in Term 1, where there were strong examples of students demonstrating their collaboration skills and showing teamwork in achieving their sporting goals. In Term 2, we turn our attention to **motivating and influencing others**.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

‘United Against Bullying’: Taking a College Stance, Together



As part of our continued efforts to promote an Anti-Bullying culture, we are inviting all students to complete a questionnaire during Personal Development Time over the course of Anti-Bullying Week 2022 from Monday 14 - Friday 18 November. The letter included with this newsletter explains this in more detail. If you do not wish your child to be invited to complete this questionnaire, please email: mail@latimer.org.uk by **Friday 4 November**.

Cycle Safety: A Reminder

It is particularly busy in the mornings and after school with traffic, therefore we want to ensure that students stay safe and continue developing road and traffic awareness during their journeys to and from school:

- It can be hard for motorists to see cyclists and pedestrians, therefore students should find a safe place to cross, using a pedestrian crossing if possible.
- Please remind your child that they need to consider pedestrians and other traffic, particularly families with young children heading to and from school.
- We strongly recommend that all students who cycle to school wear helmets and ensure that they have lights for the forthcoming darker mornings and evenings.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Free Half Term Virtual Work Experience!

There are some great opportunities for your child to engage with employers from some big brands over half-term. The daily, interactive sessions run from 10am - 3pm and they can help young people get a feel for an industry and the roles available within them. After the event, students can then also access valuable apprenticeship application support from the Pathway team, students can sign up here: <https://pathwayctm.com/events/> or they can scan the QR code for the session they are interested in.



Life After Sixth Form: Considering Alternative Post-18 routes

RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk invites our students to a FREE virtual careers event on Tuesday 22 November, from 5pm. This virtual event is perfect for Year 11-13 students and their parents and carers who want to learn more about options outside of university. By joining, you will hear from current apprentices about alternative routes to university and potential career prospects.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Well done to Harrison Campion who is our first reading millionaire of the year. Harrison has read over 2 million words! We look forward to celebrating more reading success with our students as the year continues.



Electing Student Council Representatives

We are delighted with the number of students who have submitted an application to be a representative on our Student Council. Successful candidates will be revealed at the beginning of Term 2 and Student Council meetings will begin.

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our new regular update on enrichment activities across the College. All of the extra-curricular activities on offer can be viewed [here](#). This week we would like to introduce you to...

Curtains up on KS3 Drama Club: runs every Thursday lunchtime in the Masque Theatre.

*'Every Thursday lunchtime we run a **KS3 Drama Club** where we play theatre games and build skills in improvisation, physical theatre and devising. It is a great way for the students to use their creativity and enjoy themselves. When asked what their favourite part about **Drama Club** is, students said that it is "fun all the time", they learn to have "confidence" and it's a "great way to make friends". We encourage students to come along and join us in building their theatre skillset.'*

Mary-Jane Stephenson-Glynn: A Level Drama and Theatre Studies student.

Celebrating Sporting Participation and Success

We are starting this year where we left off from the last, with a range of sporting successes to celebrate. In our recent County Cup Football matches:

Our Year 8 and 9 Girls beat Duston School 4-0; our Year 9 Boys beat DSLV School 5-2 and our Year 11 Boys beat Malcolm Arnold Academy 10-1. We look forward to their next round matches.

Making Friends and Having Fun: Year 7 Disco

It was wonderful to see the return of our Year 7 Disco, where students had a spectacular time!

It was great to see that the 'party section' featuring 'Macarena', 'Saturday Night' and of course 'Cha-Cha Slide' were still popular dance songs! We are really grateful to our Student Leaders who came along to support.

Look out for details of our Year 7 Movie Session in Term 2!

Other News and Information

PE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Term 2

In line with the Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA) guidance, we **strongly advise** that the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn by students when undertaking the following sports in their PE lessons in Term 2, as contact may take place:

Rugby: Years 7-11 Boys – gumshields

Hockey: year 7 and 8 Girls – shin guards

In line with this guidance, should you wish your child to wear PPE, it is **parental responsibility** to provide it. Whilst we may have a small supply of spare PPE for any given sport, we are not in a position to guarantee its availability each lesson.

We would recommend that parents and carers ensure that any PPE that is purchased meets the British Standards Institute (BSI) and European (EN) standards.

Uniform: Reminder of our Expectations

We do need to ask for your support in reminding students that hooped earrings, bracelets and ankle bracelets are not permitted. We are seeing an increase in students 'forgetting' to remove these before arriving in College.

In addition to this, please can we remind parents and carers that hoodies, sports tops and jackets are not permitted as coats.



A Firework Feast!

Abm catering are offering a special 'Bonfire Night' themed menu on Thursday 3 November. We hope that students will come along to the Restaurant and enjoy something different.

Half Term Activity Idea: Free Swimming Sessions

Do you need some ideas for activities over half term? Anyone under 18 can access free swimming at a number of local pools. A great way for students to take part in a healthy and fun day.

Come and Join Team Latimer

We have some vacancies within our non-teaching team that offer wonderful opportunities to join our fabulous team and really make a positive difference to the lives of our students. Please see our [website](#) for details of:

Student Services Receptionist

Administrative Assistant

Learning Support Assistant

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are also seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors from January 2023.

Waendel Leisure Centre	Kettering Swimming Pool	The Nene Centre
from 1.35pm - 2.55pm Call to book: 01933 221822	from 11am - 12.30pm Call to book: 01536 234409	from 11am - 12.30pm Call to book: 01532 734999
SPLASH Leisure Pool	Corby International Swimming Pool	Or scan this QR code
from 11am - 12.30pm Call to book: 01933 410505	from 11am - 12.30pm Call to book: 01536 464643	

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.

Monday 31 October	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 2 on the timetable)</i> Key Stage 5 Pathways Fortnight (ends Friday 11 November)
Tuesday 1 November	Year 7/9/10 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening
Thursday 3 November	Year 8/11/12/13 Wellbeing and Personal Development Feedback Evening
Wednesday 9 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 15 November	Parent Forum, 6.00 pm
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Charity Event
Monday 21 November	Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations (ends Thursday 1 December)
Friday 2 December	Training Day – College closed to students
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.00 pm
Monday 12 December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 7-9)
Friday 16 December	Term Ends