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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 20 DECEMBER 2019

### A Premier Moment for our Premier School!



We were delighted that Mr Sean Dyche, manager of Premier League Burnley FC, officially cut the ribbon to open our brand new sporting facilities. We were deeply grateful to Mr Dyche for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us. As someone who is originally from the Kettering area, he is a wonderful role model for our students, who were truly excited and inspired by his presence.

They were also incredibly excited when they saw their new sports hall! Following the completion of our recent building programme, our students also now have the 4G pitch and outdoor cricket nets.

As you are well aware, a regular feature of our newsletters is the strong success in sports, which so many of our students achieve. We are thrilled that our students are now going to have these wonderful facilities to support this. We are sure that this is going to lead to even more sporting great achievements in the future.

Not only this, but those in our local community will also be able to enjoy these facilities. We very much hope that they will make a positive contribution to the health and well-being of all.



In addition to these sporting facilities, a brand new Science Learning Centre is currently being built and will be completed in June 2020. These are very exciting times for The Latimer Arts College!

### Sports Facilities Hiring



We have already had a lot of enquiries about hiring our sporting facilities and can confirm that they will be available to hire from 1 February 2020. A company called Schools Plus will manage bookings and for those who are interested the contact details are:

For any enquiries up to 31 January 2019 please contact Krista Torrens [Sales@schoolsplus.co.uk](mailto:Sales@schoolsplus.co.uk) or call 07732 689 300.

From 1 February please contact the Schools Plus Customer Contact Centre on 0345 222 2323 or email [enquiries@schoolsplus.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@schoolsplus.co.uk) (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm)

### Term 3: Being Ready to Learn

As we turn our attention to Term 3, we will welcome our students back on **Monday 6 January** at 8.25am (a reminder that our gates close at this time). This will be Week 2 on the timetable.

We would ask that you remind your child that we have reorganised the day so that tutor time will be at the start of the day. Students should head straight for their tutor base on arrival. This is to allow time for tutors to support students to be ready to learn for the start of Term 3. It would be of great help if you could pay particular attention to ensuring that your child:

- Arrives at school by 8.25am each day, before the College gates close. Please note that students who do not arrive by 8.25am will be deemed as late and will be placed in a lunchtime detention;
- Removes any gel or acrylic nails that they may have had done for Christmas ready for the start of the new term, along with any nail varnish;
- Only has up to two pairs of studs in the lobes of their ears. No other piercings are permitted. Please do not allow your child to tell you otherwise and agree to piercings over the Christmas period that will not be acceptable for school!
- Refrains from having lines cut into their hair. These are not permitted. Please do not allow your child to tell you otherwise!
- Switches off their phone and places this in their bag when they arrive at College. If seen out of bags around the College site, phones will be confiscated and a detention will be issued.

### **January BTEC Examination Season**

As we see an end to the recent mock examinations in Years 11 and 13, January sees the Level 3 BTEC exams begin in earnest. BTEC students in Year 13 will be participating in these exams in the first 3 weeks of Term 3 and several of our Level 2 BTEC students will be involved in examinations in Week 5. We wish them every success.

### **Post LAC, Adopted and Special Guardianship Families**

Schools can receive a sum of money each year for a statutory school aged child who has ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.

The DfE estimate that only around 60% of adoptive parents at primary level inform schools of their child's adoptive status. At secondary level, it is believed even fewer parents inform schools. This means it is quite likely that schools are missing out on funding to which they are entitled.

We are therefore hoping to encourage adoptive parents and guardians to come forward, as there may be support we can offer at school.

The PP Plus Post-LAC funding will be spent on meeting the educational needs of the Post-LAC students and is not a personal budget.

If you believe your family status fits this criteria, please contact Mrs Heidi Angel: [hangel@latimer.org.uk](mailto:hangel@latimer.org.uk)

### **And finally...**

Finally, we would like to end 2019 with a period of reflection. Our community was so saddened by news of Alfie Stone's sudden death and, as we close the year, our thoughts are very much focused on his family and friends, especially as we enter the Christmas period. We have been deeply moved by the compassion, resilience and strength of character that our students and staff have shown: they are determined that Alfie will remain in our thoughts and in the new year, as a community, we will agree a befitting memorial.

What is most important now is that we take the time to be grateful and thankful for the opportunities that we have ahead of us. 2020 will be about making sure that our students recognise this and make the most of every moment!

And so it just remains to say, have a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

**Ms Siobhan Hearne**  
Principal

**Mrs Sue Wood**  
Chair of Governors

## 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.

As we enter 2020, we would like to highlight to you that the national May Day Bank Holiday **has been moved from a Monday to Friday 8 May for this year only**. This is so that there can be national ceremonies over the weekend to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

In relation to the next academic year, although it seems like such a long time away, we would just like to highlight that, in a change to what has been accustomed, we have a **Training Day planned for Friday 4 December 2020**.

Friday 20 December	End of Term 2
Friday 3 January	Training Day (College closed to students)
Monday 6 January	Start of Term 3: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Friday 10 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Thursday 16 January	Year 11 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.00pm
Friday 17 January	Year 7 Dragons' Den Event
Wednesday 29 January	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.00pm
Monday 3 February	Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight for Year 8 (until Friday 14 February)
Tuesday 4 February	Year 8 Pathways Showcase, 5.00pm
Tuesday 11 February	Year 12 Loughborough University Visit
Friday 14 February	End of Term 3
Monday 24 February	Start of Term 4: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Tuesday 25 February	Parent Forum, 6.00pm
Wednesday 26 February	College Dance Show, 7.00pm
Monday 2 March	Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day
Tuesday 3 March	Year 11 / 13 Photos
Thursday 5 March	Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 March	Collaborative Concert, 4.00pm
Thursday 19 March	Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 4.30pm
Friday 20 March	Careers Fair: Sixth Form and Year 9
Thursday 26 March	Spring Music Concert, 7.30pm
Wednesday 1 April	Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.00pm
Thursday 2 April	End of Term 4
Friday 3 April	Training Day (College closed to students)