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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 7 April 2022

As we end Term 4, we wish everyone a relaxing Easter break. The College re-opens to students on **Monday 25 April – this will be week 1 on the timetable**. Students should arrive promptly by 8.25am before the College gates close. We thank you in advance for ensuring that your child is Ready to Learn in relation to uniform and equipment.

### Living with Covid 19

You may be aware that the government published its guidance for [Living with Covid-19](#) on 1 April. The guidance states ***that it is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.***

If your child does take a test and it is positive, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days** after the day they took the test, if they can. After **3 days**, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. At this point, they should, return to school.

Given that the period of time that a student now needs to stay at home has been shortened, we will no longer be providing remote education, unless there are individual exceptional circumstances. However, should students be well enough, then they can access Satchel:one, where homework activities will be posted or the [Oak National Academy](#), where learning resources can be accessed.

### Learning and Progress

#### Year 11 and 13 Summer Exams: The final countdown...

Thank you to those parents and carers who plan to attend the virtual exam support evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. A recorded version of this event will be placed on our [school website](#), where a range of other useful information, including [revision templates](#), a guide to useful planning and [revision apps](#), and a [parent top tips guide](#) can be accessed.

When we return after Easter, there will be 15 school days until the start of the 'formal' exam series, but less for many practical subjects! Students need to use the Easter period wisely: balancing the load of relaxing ready for these exams, with revision and preparation to ensure they can 'spring' into them fully prepared.

#### Young Minds: Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As we start to move towards exam season, ['Young Minds'](#) have launched advice for parents and carers. Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them, no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.

#### Year 10 Virtual 'Ace Your Exams' Parent/Carer Session: Thursday 28 April 7:00 pm-7:30 pm (via TEAMS)

We would like to invite parents and carers of students in Year 10 to their first **'Ace Your Exams'** information evening. We have already launched the programme to our students and written to you about the support we will offer over the coming year in the countdown to GCSE examinations (yes, they are not far away!).

This event will provide an opportunity for us to outline the '**Ace Your Exams**' programme and explain what we know currently about the 2023 exams. The event will last around 30 minutes and will also provide you with hints and tips about supporting your child's study habits as we approach the Year 10 mock exams at the end of June.

A virtual invite link will be sent out to you at the start of next term.

### **Year 8 Pathways: Deadline for Preferences**

We would like to thank the parents and carers of Year 8 students for attending the Pathways Evening, where 91% of families attended. It was such a pleasure to be able to meet you face to face and we do hope that you found the evening informative.

A reminder that the **Year 8 SPRE** is on **Tuesday 26 April from 4.30pm - 7.45pm** and this will provide a further opportunity for you to discuss with subject teachers the suitability of preferences that your child may wish to make as they prepare to move into Year 9.

Following this evening, the deadline for the Microsoft Form to be submitted is **Wednesday 27 April**.

## **Safeguarding**

### **Prevent Strategy: Protecting Your Child from Extremism and Radicalisation**

As a parent or carer, you may be worried about how extremism and radicalisation might affect your child. Any idea can be taken to an extreme, but the type of **extremism** that we are concerned about in schools is when ideas and opinions lead on to violence. **Radicalisation** is the process of someone developing extremist views.

As a staff body, we routinely undertake Prevent training so that we maintain a high awareness of the risks.

Whilst it is highly unlikely that your child would become involved in such activities, if you do have concerns, you can receive support and advice from your local police by telephoning 101. They will treat the matter with total confidence and will do all they can to help to prevent your child turning to behaviour that breaks the law. You can also contact Prevent on 01600 891 548 for free, confidential advice.

## **Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations**

### **Apprenticeship and Traineeship Support (ASK)**

We would like to draw your attention to the following webinar that can be accessed this weekend, Saturday 9 April at 9.30am – this will provide information and support for those who are considering an apprenticeship:

[Helping my child with an Apprenticeship: A seminar for Parents & Carers Registration, Sat 9 Apr 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

## **Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success**

### **Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference**

We would like to thank all of those in our community for their contributions to '*Move It March*', in aid of Comic Relief. In total everyone at the college managed a phenomenal 26,530 miles across the month of March, with runners, walkers, cyclists, dancers and even horse riders to name just a few of the activities that took place. We will announce the final total raised next term.



We would like to give huge congratulations to our Top 5 Epraise earners from this term: Ted Coles, Isaac Dellet, Kealan Green, Gabrielle Hodgett and Sam Toseland, who between them have earned over 1,000 points since the February half-term.

We wish them luck in the prize draw. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

## Our Math-magicians Shine Once Again!

We are very proud to have some extremely talented mathematicians in the College, some of whom have performed exceptionally well in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) challenges. This trust was founded in 1996 with the aim of advancing the education of young people in mathematics and to open young people's minds to the breadth and depth of mathematics by organising competitions, promoting problem solving and team work and other mathematical enrichment activities.

Each year we enter students into the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Mathematical Challenges, which have over 700 000 entries. We would like to congratulate the students below for their exceptional results:

### Year 10

**Gold:** Joel Lodder, who achieved the best result in the year and now qualifies for the next round!

**Silver:** Harry Macgregor

**Bronze:** Maisie Ashall, Polly Butler, Lucas Farren, Emily Greaves, Toby Keech, Monique Lin, Maisie Morris and Daisy Webster

### Year 9

**Gold:** Zach Skeggs, who achieved the best in the year

**Silver:** James Clutton and Jacob Jarvis

All three qualified for the next round, with Jacob and Zach coming within 3 marks of achieving a merit award!!

**Bronze:** Jack Baish, Sean Cafferty, Charlie Hewitt and Tori Moisey.

## Spring Music Spectacular!

It was wonderful seeing the wide range of musicians at our Spring Music Concert. Concert Band kicked off the show with a powerful performance of Michael Jackson's 'Beat It'. There was a performance from the Boys Vocal Group with the classic Back Streets Boys Song, 'I Want It That Way', and the College rock band had a number of performances (as the group has many new members) ranging from classic rock to a Guardians of the Galaxy song; Blue Swede's 'Hooked on a Feeling'. Vocal Ensemble and Wings sang a number of beautiful performances in wonderful arrangements. We even had a surprise percussion piece which mesmerised the audience and finished with a collective 'wow' from them! The concert ended on a fun and energetic performance of Shake Your Tail Feather involving all the musicians and every one of them was grinning from ear to ear! There was a real mix of styles, pieces and ensembles with some sensational individual performances throughout the evening.

The younger musicians had to overcome their nerves to perform (after 2 years of the pandemic not allowing them to perform in public) and it was obvious to see their delight at the end of their pieces. Our older students were excellent role models, leading the way and inspiring the younger students musically, while also demonstrating the confidence and performance skills they have acquired over the years. There was such a feeling of 'family' amongst the musicians, with all students so involved with and pleased for each other's success.



Thank you to all the performers and student leaders who worked so hard every week, rehearsing and polishing the pieces for the concert. The Summer Leavers' Concert will be on Thursday 30 June, so book the date in your diary.

## Celebrating Sporting Success and Lots of It!

Many congratulations to Evie Brooker in Year 9 who came 226th out of 340 under 15 girls and was 6th through the finish line for Northants at the English Schools XC race on weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> March at Hop Farm in Kent.

Well done to our Year 9 and 10 Girls' Football Team who won the Kettering and Corby District Tournament. All of the girls worked extremely hard and should be very proud of what was a hard fought win. The top two teams were equal on points but Latimer came out on top after scoring more goals and not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament!



Our Year 7 Boys' Basketball Team won the Kettering District tournament. They now are in the Kettering and Corby Finals and have made it to through to the County Finals!

Our Year 9 Boys' Football B Team beat Bishop Stopford 5-0.

Our Year 8 Boys' Rugby Team came third in the County Rugby event, missing out on the finals by one try.

Our Year 7 boys won the district basketball tournament in Week 1 and finished runners up in Week 2.

## 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.

Thursday 7 April	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Parent and Carers Session 2, 6.00pm (Virtual) End of Term 4
Friday 8 April	Training Day: College closed to students
Monday 25 April	Start of Term 5: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 1 on the timetable</i>
Tuesday 26 April	Year 8 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Thursday 28 April	Year 10 Ace Your Exams Parent and Carers Presentation, 6.00pm (Virtual)
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday: College closed
Wednesday 4 May	Year 9 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Weds 11 May	Year 9 HPV2 Vaccinations
Monday 16 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Friday 27 May	End of Term 5