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Term 5 Arrangements

The College closes to students at 3.00pm on Friday 31 March. We wish all those in our community a peaceful – and hopefully sunny – Easter break!

We will re-open on **Tuesday 18 April**. This will be **Week 1** on the timetable. Please can parents and carers ensure that students are Ready to Learn, with all their equipment and uniform; that jewellery is left at home; nail polish removed; and that students are on site before 8.25am when the gates close.

We request that parents and carers remind students that **bracelets are not permitted**. From Term 5, if a student is wearing a bracelet, this will be confiscated and a parent or carer will need to collect this from the College. It will not be returned to a student. In order to avoid this, bracelets should be left at home!

Learning and Progress

Easter Revision Programme

A reminder that invitations have been issued to students in Year 11 and 13 to join revision workshops over the Easter break. Help and advice with exam preparations can be [found here](#).

On student return to College at the start of Term 5, there will only be **18** school days until the first GCSE exam and **20** school days until the first A Level exam!

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 5:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Citizenship	PSHE	PSHE	PSHE	PSHE
Rights, Responsibilities and British Values	Health and Wellbeing	Relationships and Sex Education	Relationships and Sex Education	Health and Wellbeing
Politics, Parliament and me	Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing	Sex, the law and consent	Exploring relationships and sex education	Exam Survival Series

Working in Partnership: Year 8 Pathways Process

It was an absolute pleasure to meet with parents and carers at the Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening. We really do appreciate the support that you are giving to your child as they approach this important crossroad in their educational journey. We said that time will fly and it really is!

The next step in the process is the Year 8 SPRE on Wednesday 26 April. This will run from 4.30pm – 7.45pm and will provide an additional opportunity for a 1:1 conversation with subject staff.

An electronic form for students to express their subject preferences has been emailed out. The deadline for returns is **Thursday 27 April**.

Should you need any support, please contact Mrs Stanyon, Careers Administrator: ystanyon@latimer.org.uk

Safeguarding and Well-Being

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.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Careers Education: For Parent and Carers!

We recognise that parents/carers can have a huge influence on a young person's next steps. When asked by your child '*What should I do next?*' many parents and carers can feel overwhelmed. So much has changed since we left school! This is why we are passionate about supporting you by signposting careers information so that you feel able to support your child: whether they would like to go to University, do an Apprenticeship, Work Experience or T Levels:

- [CareerMag](#) is a national interactive magazine that provides a variety of pathways information, with great features on local market information.
- The South East Midlands Career Hub (SEMCH) also provides an insightful newsletter at the end of every half term to enhance parents' and carers' knowledge of local carers and opportunities available for students. We have included this with this newsletter for you.

Unifrog: A Universal Destinations Platform

We are delighted that we are able to provide access to Unifrog for all of our students. This is a versatile application that provides all sorts of information about future pathway options.



Students from Year 7 to Year 10 have been using Unifrog in their Personal Development Time (PDT) lessons to find out more about themselves and potential careers. They have completed quizzes, explored their skills and investigated the Libraries on the careers platform. Year 8 have also been creating a CV for their favourite superhero!

Unifrog also allows staff to set careers-related tasks for students. Examples of tasks set this term include: Step into the NHS competition details; Year 8 Pathways Factsheet; local apprenticeship vacancies; and the 'CareerMag for School Leavers'.

Parents and carers can explore Unifrog for themselves by signing up for a parent account here: <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> then use the code 'LASWparents' as a sign up code.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Well done to our following millionaires: Luca Lupici for reading over 3 million words and Hattie Thomas, Ryley Allen and Bradley Jones for reading over 1 million words!

Year 7 Black Country Museum: Tuesday 18 April

A reminder that Year 7 will be taking part in this enrichment activity on the **first day** back after Easter, which will be a **Tuesday**. All details have been issued to parents and carers.

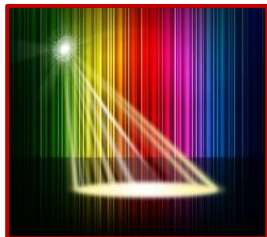
Good Sports!

Our Year 7 Boys' Basketball Team have won the Kettering District Basketball tournament.

Our Year 9 Boys' Badminton Team have won the Kettering District Badminton tournament.

Our Year 8/9 girls lost on penalties in the Football County Cup Final in what was an enthralling game: 1-0 up; 3-1 down; 3-3 with the last kick of the game! Extra time could not separate the teams and a close 5-4 penalty shootout saw the girls as runners up. An amazing achievement and sporting performance.

Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote: The **National Citizen Service (Year 11 and 12 students only)**.

You may have already heard about the National Citizen Service (NCS) – over 750,000 young people have taken part. This year, NCS is better than ever, with three brand new away-from-home experiences to choose from.

Open to all Year 11 and 12 students, this is a student's chance to get out into the world, get some new skills, make friends AND have fun. NCS away-from-home experiences will help students to **Live It, Boss It, or Change It** over five-days and four-nights.

What are the benefits of NCS away from home experiences?

- It is only £95 for the entire experience, including accommodation, transport and food (bursaries for Pupil Premium students are available).
- NCS enhances CVs and college applications and is recognised by UCAS. This will benefit personal statements.
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work.
- NCS allows students a chance to stay away from home and develop independence.

For more information, visit wearencs.com.

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 31 March

End of Term 4

Monday 17 April

Training Day: College closed to students

Tuesday 18 April	Start of Term 5: College re-opens to students <i>(This will be Week 1 on the timetable)</i> Year 7 Black Country Museum Trip
Thursday 20 April	Year 12 Politics Seminar
Wednesday 26 April	Junior Maths Challenge Year 8 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday – College Closed
Wednesday 3 May	Parent Forum, 6.00pm
Friday 5 May	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday – College Closed
Monday 15 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Wednesday 17 May	Year 9 SPRE, 4.30-7.45pm
Friday 26 May	End of Term 5