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'All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them' Walt Disney

As we end our year of 'dreams', our students have truly embraced the wise words of Walt. They have been bold and brave and really made some magical things happen this year and it has been a privilege to be a part of this.

We know that those of you who attended our **Pride of Latimer Awards** will not fail to have been wowed by our student success, both in relation to our prize winners and those students who kindly gave up their time to entertain us on the evening. It was a dream come true!



We offer our congratulations to all of our winners but offer special mention to Jem Cranston, Lilibet Ellson, Georgia Ives, Jolanta Kirchner, Bethany Oram, Matthew Oram and Dhiren Parmar for winning the coveted Pride of Latimer Award. We look forward to launching next year's theme in September.

'Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is!'

Just like the England Cricket team, so many of our teams and individual students finished on top of the world in their respective competitions over the course of the year so much so that we are celebrating success right to the end. The Year 9 Rounders team recently became District Champions, playing superbly and taking the title comfortably. They scored 29 rounders overall and put on a great fielding display, showing excellent teamwork and tactical awareness. Huge congratulations to all of them!

This was closely followed by the Year 8 Girls' Rounders team and the Year 8 Boys' Softball team also becoming District Champions! Just think of the further sporting success that we can achieve next year with our superb new facilities!



Outside of school, we are delighted to announce that Lucy Parker, Year 7, recently achieved a Gold medal for Swim England 2019 Group C1 Girls National Skills Champion in Diving. To achieve this, she scored a personal best of 50 points. She was 44 points ahead of 2nd place!

This follows success throughout the year including competing at the Essa Diving Championships in December 2018 at the London Olympic Pool where she represented the East Midlands.

Lucy, who dives for Luton Diving Club has qualified to attend the Nationals at Plymouth in July. Move over Tom Daley, there is a new kid on the block!

Well done and thank you to all of those students who have stood out for their contributions this year by having taken part in clubs, represented College teams, supported as volunteers, officials or as young leaders!

We also offer our congratulations to Castle House who are the triumphant winners of this year's House Competition for the first time, just as Mr Wall departs to take up a well-deserved promotion! He is handing over Castle House in a very strong position for Miss Watson to continue his legacy.

'Kindness is spreading sunshine into other people's lives, regardless of the weather'

Our students have brightened the lives of so many others this year. The total raised for our various charities is a staggering **£7408.12** and every single penny of this was contributed with passion and determination to make a difference to others.

'If you are brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello'

As we approach the end of this academic year, we say thank you to those staff who are leaving us at the end of term for the contributions that they have made: Miss Allen, Mr Binder-Pollard, Ms Duguid-Yeomans, Mr Fowler, Mr S Wall and Miss Windridge from our teaching team and Mrs Foster and Mr Littlejohn from our non-teaching team.

Time to move on...Ready for Learning: Ready for Success 2019 to 2020!

This year's success only makes us more determined to be even better next year and we are already preparing for the challenge ahead with preparations for the new academic year well under way.

And firstly, we say hello to some new staff additions to our wonderful Latimer team:

Miss Hings – Teacher of PE (Maternity Cover)

Mrs Holmes – Teacher of History

Mrs Huxley – Teacher of History

Mrs James – Cover Supervisor

Miss King – Teacher of Dance (Maternity Cover)

Being Ready to Learn

In order to be fully prepared for the start of the new academic year, please find attached our updated [College Information Pack for Parents and Carers](#), with a reminder that our policies can also be found on the [Policies](#) page of our website.

Academic Year 2019 – 2020

The College opens to students on Wednesday 4 September.

Years 7-12 should arrive in College before 8.25am ready for a prompt start.

Year 13 should arrive for registration in the Sixth Form Centre at 12.30pm.

PE kits will not be needed on the first day!

A reminder that the timetabled College day will end at 3.00pm from September

To help us at the start of the year, please can you support with the following, which, if not adhered to, create a distraction to learning:

- **Safe Cycling:** Only students who are wearing cycle helmets are permitted to bring their bike to College. Where a student is found to not be in possession of a helmet or, is on possession of one but not wearing it, their bike will be impounded and a parent or carer will need to come and collect it. We only enforce this rule to do all that we can to ensure that our students are safe.
- **Haircuts:** Lines cut into the hair are not permitted.
- **Chewing Gum:** This causes so much damage and costs the College a disproportionate amount of money to address – money that would be better spent on learning! Please do not allow your child to bring any chewing gum in to College.
- **Jewellery:** Students are permitted to wear two studs in each lobe of the ear and a watch. The following items are **not permitted:** nose, tongue, eye-brow or lip piercings, including clear bars; any earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear (such as cartilage or helix piercings); tapers and bars; rings, necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets.
- **Mobile Phones:** We have a 'Gate to Gate' policy that means that mobile phones should be switched off and placed in bags on arrival at school. Students are not permitted to store phones in blazer or trouser pockets and phones should only be accessed if they are part of a planned learning activity in lessons. Any devices brought into College are done so at the owner's risk.

We must also insist that parents and carers do not try to make contact via their child's mobile phone during the day. This places a student in a difficult position. Any contact should be made through our Student Services reception.

- **Trousers:** Students should be wearing full length school trousers. The reason for this is that, by its very nature, a 'uniform' means that students should be dressed in the same way, with a lack of variation. Therefore, the following variations on this are **not permitted:** canvas trousers, jeans, chinos, leggings or legging style trousers, skin tight trousers and three-quarter length or ankle grazer trousers.
- **Shoes:** Students should be wearing school shoes. The following variations on this are **not permitted:** canvas shoes and plimsolls; boots and any 'trainer' style shoes, including Vans.
- **Fizzy Drinks and Sweets:** We would also like to remind parents and carers that students should not be bringing fizzy drinks, energy drinks or sweets into College. We are not sure if students are purchasing bags of sweets on the way to school, but we are seeing an increasing number of large bags of sweets being consumed during the school day.

Please note our policies are clear on all of the above: please do NOT allow your child to tell you otherwise.

Important Notice: School Gateway Payments

As we are welcoming a new catering company, abm Catering Solutions, in September, please note that the payment facility for adding money to your child's lunch account on the School Gateway will not be available from Saturday 20 July until w/c Monday 26 August. However, funds can be added to accounts again from w/c Monday 26th August.

Parent/Carer Support Evenings: A Student's Life at Latimer

And as the wheel turns and we prepare the move up for a new academic year, we would like to remind parents and carers to save the following dates in September:



Ready Set Go Evening: For parents and carers of our new Year 7 students on Tuesday 10 September

Ace Level 3 Evening: For those students who will be in Year 12 and their parents and carers on Wednesday 11 September (letters to be issued on Sixth Form Registration Day in August)

Ace Your Exams Evening: For those students who will be in Year 11 and their parents and carers on Tuesday 24 September

Through a carousel of fast-paced and interactive sessions we aim to equip parents and carers with vital information and strategies that can be used to support their child's learning and progress at these vital stages of their academic journey. More detailed information on each evening was included in the letter issued with the last newsletter and attached again now. If you have not yet replied to confirm your attendance, please do so to Mrs Shore: lshore@latimer.org.uk

Thank you to you, as parents and carers, for all of your loyal support this year. It is truly appreciated.

We wish your child a restful and safe summer break.

Ms Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Mrs Sue Wood
Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary

GCSE and A Level Results Days

A reminder that results will be available to students from Picasso's on:

Year 13: Thursday 15 August from 8.00am

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Registration: Thursday 22 August from 8.00am

External candidate registration 12-2pm

Please note that in both cases, results will only be given to **students** unless we have had prior permission from them to allow their results to be collected by an appropriate adult.

No results can be given out over the telephone.

Please take the time to view our [calendar](#) and ensure that you are aware of all of the key dates for the year.

Friday 19 July	End of Term 6 2.30pm
Monday 2 September	Training Day (College closed to students)
Tuesday 3 September	Training Day (College closed to students)
Wednesday 4 September	Start of Term 1: College re-opens to students
Tuesday 10 September	Year 7 Ready Set Go Evening for Parents and Carers
Wednesday 11 September	Year 12 Ace Level 3 Evening for students and parents and carers
Tuesday 24 September	Year 11 Ace Your Exams Evening for students and parents and carers
Thursday 3 October	Year 6 Open Evening, 5.30pm
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