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A welcome from our new Principal: Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 5.45pm

Mrs Murphy, who will take up post as Principal of The Latimer Arts College at the start of Term 5, would like to invite parents and carers to join her on **Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 5.45pm** in the **Masque Theatre** for a meet and greet session. More details will follow shortly, so please save this date!

Learning and Progress

GCSE students: Mocks and Easter Revision

With just **27** school days until the start of the examination season (and even before these 27 school days are up, there will be practical exams in Art, NEAs to complete and French mock orals), students have been given advice and guidance on how to revise - planning sheets to organise themselves and a Topics for Revision booklet to focus their minds. Now is the time to seize the moment!

We have written to students, inviting them to attend targeted Easter Revision workshops to support them in these last few weeks. In addition to this, all students should be planning their revision time for the Easter holidays so that they can relax and enjoy their extended summer holidays after the exams, knowing that they have done all that they can to secure success.

Lots of help and advice can be [found here](#).

Working in Partnership: Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening - Tuesday 21 March

A reminder to parents and carers of Year 8 students that we will be hosting our Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening on Tuesday 21 March. Details about this have been sent home in a letter and by email.

This evening will be followed up with information and taster sessions for students in lessons during our Pathways Fortnight, which starts on Monday 20 March. Year 8 students have already had an assembly about the Pathways process and there will also be a Personal Development Time session to support them.

An electronic form for students to express their subject preferences will be emailed out by Friday 31 March. The deadline for returns is Thursday 27 April. This is the day after the Year 8 SPRE on Wednesday 26 April, which will run from 4.30pm – 7.45pm and which will provide an additional opportunity for a 1:1 conversation with subject staff.

Working in Partnership: Responding to Your Feedback

Thank you to all Year 7 parents and carers who attended the Year 7 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE). We value the opportunity for staff to provide feedback to you on your child's progress. We also value your feedback on ways in which we can improve the College further. Therefore, please can we ask that you complete the survey that has been issued. The link can be found [here](#).

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day

It was fantastic hearing about all of the careers and skills students had the opportunity to find out about during their 'Take your child to work day'. We do hope that parents and carers enjoyed the experience too! We look forward to reading the students' reports.

Volunteering Opportunity: Boughton House

Students aged 16+ by the end of August have a chance to be part of a festival, which first began way back in 1974, and which is almost on our doorstep! Greenbelt Festival takes place from the 24-27 August in the grounds of Boughton House. It is put together by a community of volunteers who do an amazing range of different roles, both before and during the festival. This year, they are particularly looking for young artists and designers who would like to get real-life experience of planning and building decor for the festival site. Students could get together with a group of friends or family and sign up. If this particular role does not appeal, there are lots more on their website. Volunteers get free entry to the festival. Visit www.greenbelt.org.uk/volunteer for more information.

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Wow - we have a multi, multi-millionaire. A huge well done to Kyra Owen for reading over 4 million words in Accelerated Reader! She is the first student this year to break the 4 million word mark. Following hot on her heels are Ruby Milson, who has now read over 2 million words and Thomas Elliot over 1 million. A great effort from all of them.

A Sporting Effort!

There are lots more congratulations to be offered following more superb sporting participation:

- Our Year 9 Boys won the District Futsal Tournament where they remained unbeaten in the whole tournament.
- Our Year 8/9 Girls won the semi-final of the County Cup, winning 2-1 vs Northampton School for Girls. We wish them luck as they progress to the final.
- Our Year 10 Boys' Futsal Team secured a team bronze medal at the County Futsal finals.

Join us for a great night of entertainment!

We very much look forward to hosting our Spring Music Concert on Thursday 23 March at 7pm in the Masque Theatre. There may be a few tickets left, which can be purchased from [The Masque Theatre \(masquekettering.co.uk\)](http://TheMasqueTheatre.com). Alternatively, they can be bought in person from The Masque Theatre Box Office or via phone on 01536 737737 (evenings only).

Other News

Timetable Change - 276 Bus to Burton Latimer

Stagecoach have issued a slightly altered 276 bus timetable for journeys to and from the College commencing when students return from the Easter break on Tuesday 18 April – please find updated timetable [here](#).

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 20 March	Year 8 Taster Sessions Fortnight (ends Friday 31 March)
Tuesday 21 March	Year 8 Pathways Evening
Wednesday 22 March	Year 10 Inspector Calls Visit
Thursday 23 March	Spring Music Concert
Tuesday 28 March	Year 12 Geography Coast Field Trip
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	New Principal Meet and Greet Session, 5.45pm
Friday 5 May	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 8 May	Coronation 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