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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 6 MAY 2022

As we prepare to start our examination season, we wish our new Year 7 cohort every success as they complete their Year 6 SATs. We look forward to you joining us in September for your next educational adventure!

Learning and Progress

The examination countdown clock has reached zero...

As we knew would happen, all too quickly we have now arrived at the start of the examination season! Many practical exams have taken place and written examinations start on Monday 16 May. Students have been provided with all they need and it is now down to them! All staff are on hand to provide support with well-being over the next few weeks, so if there is anything that your child needs, please do ask.

From today, we will be offering a well-being complimentary breakfast each day from 8.00am for Year 11 and 13 students. Any student is welcome to drop into the Sixth Form centre for something to eat. Staff will be on hand at this time, should students want any support or advice.

Timetable Arrangements:

Year 13: Students are expected to attend normal lessons in a subject until their exams have been completed. Should they have an afternoon exam, they are permitted to study at home for that morning.

Year 11: Students have been issued with their Alternative Timetable, with details of where they should be and when. We would ask that all parents and carers look at this schedule. Normal lessons will continue for as long as is practically possible, and then students move to a blend of examinations, compulsory revision sessions and home study. The [Alternative Timetable](#) can be accessed on our website.

Exam Preparation: Please help us to help your child be successful throughout this exam season by:

- Ensuring that they attend all of the revision sessions: these are compulsory!
- Making sure they arrive for the right exams at the right time. Text reminders about exams will be sent to parents and carers the day before. Briefing sessions will run for GCSE exams 30 minutes before the start times and we would expect all students to attend these.
- Making sure they are dressed in full College uniform / according to the Sixth Form dress code.
- Making sure that they bring water to drink in a clear plastic bottle. Historically we have provided water for students but as we are endeavouring to reduce the use of single use plastics, we will not be in a position to do this, this year. However, we can provide a refilling service outside of the Restaurant and in the Sports Hall on a daily basis.
- Making sure they have all the correct equipment. **A plea to please make sure that your child has a calculator for the relevant exams and a compass and protractor for Maths exams! They are putting themselves at a disadvantage should they not have this equipment.**

Please remember that students are not allowed any potential technological or web enabled devices, such as mobile phones or smart watches in any examination venues. We request that students leave these at home on exam days along with their mobile phones. If they need to bring them in to College, they must be turned off/removed before the exam, and placed in their bag. Any breaches of this will be reported to the relevant exam board and it is inevitable that disqualification will be a consequence.

All information for parents and carers is on our [Year 11 and 13 Exam Support](#) website page.

Before Easter we hosted a virtual evening aimed at final preparations and support parents can give – you can find a link to the [video here](#)

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.

And the wheel keeps turning!

As Year 11 and 13 begin their examinations, we have already launched our **Ace Your Exams** programme for our current Year 10 and 12 students. Year 10 students were issued with revision guides in January, and will shortly be given their Maths revision guides. Last week they took part in a Study Skills workshop focussed on both practical advice about revision and the science behind the training of the body to be successful!

To further support, we had our first parent information session to update parents and carers about the exams next year and the ways in which you can start to support your child

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Year 10 “Ace your EXAMS 2023” evening and for those who could not attend, a link to the video of the evening can be [found here](#).

Details will follow shortly about the Year 10 and 12 summer mock examination programme, which will begin at the end of June.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

A Guide to Parental Control Apps

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have created an excellent, informative guide to parental control apps. The blog explores the possible positives and negatives of using them, plus provides an overview of some of the most popular apps on offer. To have a read, visit the [Ineqe Safeguarding Page](#)

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Preparing for Life Beyond School: Year 12 Work Experience

Whilst we appreciate that many Sixth Form students have secured part-time work, these roles are often not in areas that students would choose future careers in. Therefore, as part of our raising aspirations programme, we are passionate about providing all of our Year 12 students with a **careers based** work placement designed to develop their employability skills, increase their appreciation of the commercial world and inspire future career choices. This is particularly important given the restrictions that they have had to endure over the last two years.

We would love to hear from any parents, carers, relatives or friends of friends that may be able to offer a suitable work placement during the week of **Monday 18 to Friday 22 July 2022**. If you feel you work in an environment that might give students an insight into the world of work and an opportunity to expand their learning from the classroom into the work environment, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Sixth Form Centre Manager, Miss Magee, for a further conversation: smagee@latimer.org.uk

Jaguar Land Rover Insight Event

On **Monday 16th May** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** Jaguar Land Rover are hosting their first ever virtual event.

Jaguar Land Rover is the UK's largest investor in automotive research, development and engineering. They use world class processes to create innovative British craftsmanship and engineering excellence in over 170 markets worldwide. With exciting new products, cutting-edge facilities and continued growth into new markets, it is an exciting time to be part of the company.

The event will explain how the company has become what it is today and their visions for the future with revolutionary new sustainable technologies particularly in the electric car space. With a wide variety of school-leaver opportunities in a number of engineering fields, data analytics, supply chain and logistics and finance, could a career at Jaguar Land Rover be for your child?

To find out about the fascinating world of the ever evolving motor industry and learn from some of the world's leading engineering minds in the industry, click the following link to register yourself for the **online** event: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JLR-Event>

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Congratulations to our new millionaire readers: William Abrams, George Carr, Karolina Jarzemska, Lorilee Seymour, Harrison Warner, Isaac Willis and Samuel Wright. We also give a big shout out to Amelia Platt who borrowed 13 books from the Learning Resource Centre last term!

In total, Year 7 students have read **55,459,905** words this year so far and Year 8 students have read **40,506,235!** This is an amazing total!



A big well done to our Epraise Top 10 earners so far this term. These students have certainly hit the ground running: Kieren Bull, Isaac Dellet, Zachary Dodd, Kealan Green, Jacob Jose, Roshni Kumari, Joel Lodder, Levi Nelson, Ruby Stevens and Ava Wood.

Our attention now turns to our Summer Prize Draw, as the final weeks of the academic year will really fly by. Students have until Friday 13 May to provide feedback on previous prize draws to help us with choosing the most appropriate prizes. Students have been emailed the link, which we are including here again so that you can encourage them to provide their feedback: <https://forms.office.com/r/uB7y7rPZZ1>

Sporting Success

Our students have achieved some spectacular sporting success over the last couple of weeks. We would like to offer huge congratulations to both Joe Pringle and Dylan Jackson who each have recently made the Cricket Honours Board for taking 5 wickets each for their cricket teams! Congratulations also goes to Wallace Oakes who won the British Judo Council national championships for his category at an event at KLV last week.

Well done also to our Boys' Year 8 Football B Team who finished runners-up in the District Tournament.

Performing Arts Updates

Our Year 11 Drama students have been working tirelessly to prepare for their final performance exam. Well done to all involved - we are so proud of the hard work you have put in! The spotlight is now on our Year 10 Drama students, who are fast approaching their devised performance exam (Wed 25 May). Rehearsals are in full flow and we cannot wait to see what they create over the next three weeks.

Exciting news! In the spring and summer terms there will be the opportunity for students in all year groups to audition and rehearse for a student led and directed production of Romeo and Juliet. Auditions will be held in the Masque on Tuesday 17 May from 3.15-4.15pm. If students are interested, they need to email it7380@latimer.org.uk to book in an audition. Students will gain fantastic experience of rehearsing and creating drama with other like-minded students.

Other News

Come and Join our Team: Check out our current vacancies

Are you, or someone you know, interested in working at Latimer? We currently have [vacancies](#) that may be of interest to you. If you are interested in any of the advertised roles, we would love to hear from you!

Two for the Price of One Tickets at The Lighthouse Theatre

The Lighthouse Theatre are offering two tickets for the price of one to see the Celebration of Opera on Thursday 26 May 2022. Tickets are usually £23.50 for children (under 16s) and £25 for adults (16+) but two can be bought for the price of one. If you would like to make use of this offer, please book via phone or in person and state The Latimer Arts College.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Weds 11 May	Year 9 HPV2 Vaccinations
Monday 16 May	Summer Examination Season commences
Friday 27 May	End of Term 5
Monday 6 June	Start of Term 6: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Tuesday 14 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 1
Wednesday 15 June	Year 6 Move Up Evening 2
Tuesday 21 June	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
Thursday 23 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations (ends Friday 1 July)
Friday 24 June	Year 11 and Year 13 Prom
Monday 27 June	Sixth Form Induction Programme (ends Friday 1 July)
Thursday 30 June	Summer Music Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 7 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1
Friday 8 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2
Monday 11 July	Year 6 Moving Up Day
Tuesday 19 July	End of Term 6
Wednesday 20 July	Training Day: College closed to students