



## Unlocking Potential – Inspiring Excellence Latimer Latest Updates: 16 June 2023



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We hope that parents and carers have had a chance to read our [Ofsted Inspection Report](#). We are delighted that it has been recognised that we are continuing to deliver a good education for our students.

We place equal importance on academic and personal development. This has never been more important than now, as we continue to support our students to move forward from their experiences during the pandemic. Therefore, we are particularly pleased that, amongst many other strengths, the strong enrichment opportunities that we offer our students was recognised.

We have always emphasised the importance of partnerships and together, we can ensure that the Latimer experience is an excellent one for our students. And so, we would like to take this opportunity to say a heart-felt thank you to **you**, our parents and carers, for the role that you have played in making The Latimer Arts College such a great school!



### Principal's Post

I am delighted to say that punctuality to school in the morning has improved since the introduction of the 8:20am movement bell. Thank you for your support. Remember that students are expected to be on site at 8:20am, and in their first lesson at 8:25am. The Ready to Learn first 5 minutes of every day are for uniform and equipment checks, and key messages. I have also been impressed with students' compliance with the uniform policy, even in the hot weather.

I look forward to meeting the student council next week to hear their ideas for the future of the school. We will be discussing uniform, the Restaurant and enrichment opportunities.

We welcomed over 200 year 6 students and their parents to Latimer this week as part of their transition process. We look forward to meeting them again on Induction Day and then when they start properly in September.

Mrs Murphy

### Learning and Progress

#### Ace Your Exams: A Trial Run for Years 10 and 12

A reminder that the mock examination season is upon us for Year 10 and Year 12 students. This means that we are now less than a year away from this cohort of students sitting their external exams. These mock exams will provide vital preparation for the real thing. We ask that parents and carers ensure that they have read the information regarding the arrangements for these and that, in preparation for these exams, you encourage your child to access revision material and the [exam support material](#) that the College has provided.

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

- Providing positive and encouraging support over the coming weeks.
- Making sure they arrive for the right exams at the right time.
- 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.

- Making sure they have all the correct equipment:
  - A plea to please make sure that your child has a calculator for the relevant exams. We recommend a Casio fx-83GT.
  - We recommend a clear plastic ruler so that students can see measurements through this.
  - A compass and protractor are also needed.

**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.



We issued an amazing 635 books in Term 5! Well done to Florian Ndanyuzwe who was our top borrower with 14 books, Kealan Green for reading over 2 million words in Accelerated Reader and Jude Roberts and Isaac Perkins for reading 1 million words! We currently have 23 millionaire readers, some of whom are multi-millionaires!

A reminder that all students can access our Learning Resource Centre which has a huge range of fiction and non-fiction books to be enjoyed.

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

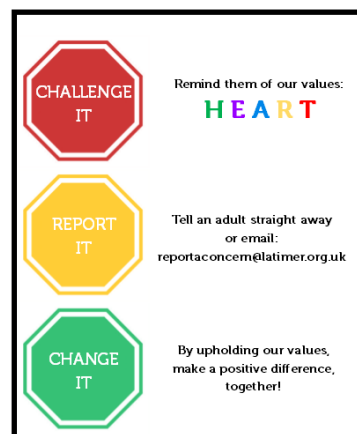
### Being a Listening School

We remind students regularly of our Latimer Values and our Report a Concern e-mail address which the Safeguarding Team monitor.

This supports students who may be reluctant to report a concern in person: [reportaconcern@latimer.org.uk](mailto:reportaconcern@latimer.org.uk)

We also continue to promote our 'Challenge It, Report It, Change It' initiative.

Please do speak to your child about talking to their form tutors if they have any concerns or using the other support systems which we promote.



## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

### Celebrating International Women in Engineering Day (INWED)

This year, **INWED** on **Friday 23 June** is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The day, organised by the Women's Engineering Society (WES), is promoting the amazing work of women engineers across the globe and aims to inspire more women and girls to take up engineering careers. If your daughter enjoys science and maths and likes figuring out how to make things work, engineering could be the career for her! Parents and carers can find out more at <https://www.wes.org.uk/>; students can also access information on their Unifrog accounts.

### Lending a Helping Hand

As the summer approaches, we would like to bring your attention to some valuable volunteering opportunities available for students. Volunteering not only allows students to give back to their communities, but also offers a unique chance to gain valuable skills and experiences that can benefit them both academically and personally.

Here are some fantastic volunteering options for your child to consider:

- Local Charities e.g. working in a charity shop for the Red Cross <https://volunteer.redcross.org.uk/opportunities>

- Environmental Conservation Projects e.g. helping out at Burton Latimer Community Nature Reserve – email [blcnaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:blcnaturereserve@gmail.com) for how you can get involved or <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/country-parks/volunteering-parks>
- Healthcare and Elderly Care Facilities – for older students – find a local care home <https://www.cqc.org.uk/care-services/find-care-home>
- Summer Camps and Youth Programs e.g. run by local schools
- Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Institutions e.g. <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/visiting-library/volunteering-libraries>

We hope your child finds these suggestions helpful and discovers a volunteering opportunity that aligns with their interests and goals. Please contact the [careers@latimer.org.uk](mailto:careers@latimer.org.uk) team if you have any further questions or require any additional information.

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### Celebrating Good Times!

We look forward to celebrating with those students who have been invited to attend our forthcoming celebration events for Year 11 and 13, including:

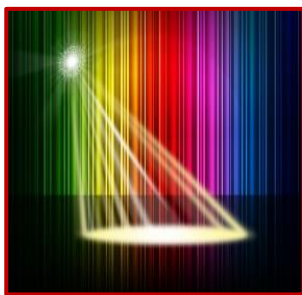
- The Year 13 Celebration Assembly on Thursday 22 June from 10:45am.
- The Year 11 Celebration Assembly on Friday 23 June. Our invited Year 11 students should arrive at College at 9.30am via the front gate for a prompt start at 9.45am. Students must be in full school uniform, adhering to the jewellery and footwear rules. Students not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to take part.
- The Prom for both year groups at The Ritz, Desborough, on Friday 23 June from 6pm for Year 13 and 7pm for Year 11.

### Pride of Latimer 2023: 'Stars'

We are delighted to have been able to issue invitations to our Pride of Latimer award winners to attend our ceremony on Tuesday 11 July at The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough. This will be a spectacular evening of celebration and entertainment.

Please can we ask that confirmation of attendance is confirmed with Mrs Love, Student Services Manager: [jlove@latimer.org.uk](mailto:jlove@latimer.org.uk) so that the final preparations for the evening can be made.

### Spotlight on Enrichment



Welcome to our regular update on enrichment activities across the College. This week we would like to promote our: **Musical Theatre Showcase.**

Performers from our Musical Theatre Clubs and Senior Dance Company have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming showcase on **Tuesday 4 July** at **7pm**. It will be an evening of toe-tapping group and solo numbers from a range of musicals, such as classics like 'Oliver!', 'Chicago' and 'Sweeney Todd', to more modern shows like 'Matilda', 'Dear Evan Hansen' and 'SIX'. We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together!

It is the first show of its kind and we expect it to sell out quickly: secure your ticket by booking online at [www.masquekettering.co.uk](http://www.masquekettering.co.uk)

## Rock for Heroes

Oscar Nitsch and Max Parsons have been given an exciting opportunity! Their band [‘The Distraction’](#) has been asked to be a support act, playing a 30 minute set, for the Rock For Heroes band, who tour UK wide, raising money and awareness for the great cause “Help For Heroes”.

The band will be playing at the New Theatre in Peterborough on Friday (16 June) and will be treated to the whole show experience, supported by the ‘Rock for Heroes’ band members and production team, as well as being professionally filmed! We are really excited that the boys will have the opportunity to experience this incredible event!

## Sporting Superstars!

We are delighted that our Year 7 and 8 girls have won the ‘Chance to Shine’ County Cricket Tournament, winning all of their games. This is an outstanding achievement!

## Other News and Information

### National ‘Thank a Teacher Day’

It is National Thank a Teacher Day on **Wednesday 21 June** and this year is all about gratitude, recognising the long-lasting impact that education has on individuals and throughout society.

So, if you would like to thank any of the staff at The Latimer Arts College, both teaching and non-teaching, and really make their day, particularly following the publication of our Ofsted Inspection Report, we ask that you consider sending a [free e-card](#). This year, a limited-edition e-card has been illustrated by much loved author and artist Charlie Mackesy.

There are also several competitions including baking, drawing, writing and sports that students can enter. Visit the [website](#) for details on how to enter, and your entry could be shared by celebrity judges including Nadiya Hussain and Sir Michael Morpurgo.

### ‘Moving Up’: Welcoming you to the Latimer Family

It was lovely to meet so many of our new Latimer family at our Year 6 Moving Up evenings this week. Our new Year 7 students will have their opportunity to find out all about the College on their **‘Moving Up Day’** on **Monday 3 July**.

### English Revision Bookmarks

A group of our enterprising Sixth Form students have produced some English revision bookmarks that can help students remember important facts in preparation for their exams. Please see the poster accompanying this newsletter for further details on how to purchase the bookmarks. All proceeds will go to the Cransley Hospice.

### Every ‘Hot Dog’ has its day!

We look forward to celebrating National Hot Dog Day on Wednesday 19 July when abm Catering are offering a special menu: Jumbo Hot Dog/Quorn Hot Dog served with Wedges (option of side salad) plus a free ketchup sachet with every purchase!

### 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 19 June	Year 10 Mocks exams commence
Tuesday 20 June	Year 7 Science Trip: Woburn
Wednesday 21 June	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition

Thursday 22 June	Year 13 Celebration Assembly
Friday 23 June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly and Year 11 and 13 Prom
Monday 26 June	Sixth Form Induction (ends Wednesday 28 June)
Thursday 29 June	Summer Music Concert
Friday 30 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 3 July	Year 6 Move Up Day
Tuesday 4 July	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (ends Wednesday 5 July)
	Musical Theatre Showcase
Wednesday 5 July	Year 10 Wimbledon Trip (ends Thursday 6 July)
Thursday 6 July	Year 8 Coast Trip: Hunstanton
Friday 7 July	Community Sports Day
Tuesday 11 July	Pride of Latimer Awards Evening
Thursday 13 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1
Friday 14 July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2
Monday 17 July	Year 12 Work Experience (ends Friday 21 July)
Friday 21 July	End of Term 6