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## LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 6 DECEMBER 2019

### Good things really do come to those who wait!

Exactly one year ago, we announced that we had the green light to start our sports facility upgrade programme. Today we are delighted to be making preparations for the official opening of our Sports Hall and 3G pitch on Wednesday 18 December. We are incredibly excited that **Mr Sean Dyche, manager of Premier League side Burnley FC**, will cut the ribbon for us. It will then be such a pleasure to see our students enjoying their brand new and much improved facilities!

## Learning and Progress

### Planning for the Future



Our Careers and Raising Aspirations programme is carefully designed to support our students to make well-chosen pathway choices. It is with this in mind that we have a really exciting and busy Term 3 and 4 planned for Year 8, details of which we are delighted to share with you in this newsletter so that both you and your child are prepared:

We are offering a number of opportunities to support Year 8 students and their parents and carers to make informed decisions about pathway preferences for KS4.

Monday 9 December

#### **Subject Preferences**

Year 8 will take part in a process in school where we will ask them to rank subjects in preference order, indicating which ones they might most like to study from Year 9 onwards. Students will not be making decisions at this time. This is a process purely designed to help us to make sure that we can put together the best combination of subjects for them.

Tuesday 14 January

#### **Shadow Preference Process**

Students will take part in a shadow process in school where they will be asked to express preferences for the subjects that they might like to study from Year 9 onwards. Again, students will not be making final decisions at this time, but this will allow us to determine if we have got our curriculum organised in the best way.

Monday 3 February

#### **Year 8 Pathways Assembly**

Students will be briefed about the pathways process.

Monday 3 February-  
Friday 14 February

#### **Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight**

Class teachers will deliver GCSE sample lessons to students.

Tuesday 4 February

#### **Year 8 Pathways Evening, 6-8 pm**

An opportunity for students and their parents and carers to visit subject showcases to find out about the content of each GCSE and BTEC subject that we offer.

Monday 2 March

#### **Take Your Child to Work Day**

Thursday 5 March

#### **Year 8 SPRE 4.30pm – 7.30pm**

## Safeguarding

### Childnet: Parent and Carer Online Toolkit

[Childnet](#) have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help you have conversations about online safety. Their booklet '*Let's talk about life online*' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

### The Children's Society: Tackling Criminal Exploitation

Firstly, [County Lines - Explainer Video](#) will support parents and carers to understand the background to county lines, an issue that is very much relevant to our context in Northamptonshire. Sadly, we cannot confidently say that this will not affect our children, because for many children in Northamptonshire, it already is.

The Children's Society, along with many other organisations, are working to disrupt the activity of criminal gangs and keep young people safer. They work with the police to stop county lines activity and recognise the young people who have been exploited by criminal gangs as victims, not criminals.

[Criminal exploitation: A guide for parents](#) has been developed by The Children's Society as a resource for parents and carers if they are worried a young person is involved in county lines.

### Traffic Calming Plea

We appreciate that parking around schools is an ever challenging issue – in the majority of cases schools are located in the heart of the community and were designed to be accessed on foot.

Our Castle Way and Grosvenor Way residents have always been supportive of the College and have worked positively with us, particularly in relation to issues around parking and we would like to help them as much as we can.

Please can we ask that you give careful consideration as to whether your child really needs to be driven to College and indeed driven right up to the College entrances. Avoiding congestion around the closest streets to the College will not only support our neighbours, it will also make the access to College much safer for all of our students.

We ask you to take a fresh look and put yourself in the shoes of our neighbours: what would you want if this was where you lived?

## Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations



The accounting and auditing professions go back 5,000 years or more! Legend has it that wealthy folks, wanting to keep track of their possessions (cattle, stores of grain, gold ornaments, etc), hired scribes to keep records of their lists of possessions as they bought, sold, or traded them. The systems and demands for accountancy have become more sophisticated, but the need for reliable accountants and auditors has not changed.

When starting the most successful athletic shoe company of all time, Nike co-founder Phil Knight looked to his expertise as an experienced accountant to get the company up and running efficiently. When hiring his first employees, Knight said: "There's no school, no University of Footwear which we could recruit from". Instead, Knight looked to those like himself, people with "sharp minds". There are many avenues you could take as a qualified accountant!

For further information about roles and routes into accountancy and linked jobs:  
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/search-results?searchTerm=accountancy>

## Careers Fair

We will be holding our annual Careers Fair at the College on 20 March 2020. This event is run as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, a scheme developed to inspire our young people. This event aims to ensure students have access to plenty of impartial advice to enable them to feel empowered to make informed choices about their future. For students, the careers fair is the chance for them to hear about industries and jobs that they may not know exist, to engage with local and national employers and develop an understanding of routes into the world of work. If you own or work for a company that would like to be involved, either by having a stand or delivering a workshop, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact [KAllen@latimer.org.uk](mailto:KAllen@latimer.org.uk)

## Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success

### Bringing LORIC to Life: Developing Leaders of the Future

We are truly committed to ensuring that our LORIC (Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative, Communication) programme supports our students to develop essential employability skills. One of the opportunities that we have provided is for students to become part of a House Student Leadership Team. We are delighted to announce that the following students will undertake this role:

Latimer – George Chisholm  
Barton – Zara Diamond  
Castle – Harry Leverett  
Botolph – Isabel Isaac  
Wicksteed – Euan Warner

These students will help to improve our students' knowledge and skills across the curriculum. They will work with teams of form reps in their own houses and help make positive improvements. We wish them all every success in this new leadership role.

### Eyes on the Prize!

With just over a week to go until our Christmas Grand Prize Draw, there is still time for students to enter! Students and parents and carers can access the Prize Draw by logging on to [www.epraise.co.uk](http://www.epraise.co.uk) and visiting the rewards section, where students can select which draw to enter. From as little as 10 epraise points, students can enter the raffles as many times as they would like – so the more points they have earned, the more chance they have to win!

Please encourage your child to enter and be in with a chance to get an early Christmas present on Monday 16 December.

### Sporting Success

We are delighted to announce that an incredibly large number of our students finished in the top 20 of the North Northants District Cross Country Championships and will now go on to represent North Northants at the County Cross Country in January. A very well done to them all.

U13 Girls: Evie Brooker, Tori Moisey, Kelsey Thompson, Maikethia Touray  
U13 Boys: Archie Latham  
U15 Girls: Isabelle Lund, Imogen Smith  
U15 boys: Alfie Davidson  
Y17 Girls: Charlotte Lund  
U17 Boys: Ben Brooker, Luke Cole, Josh Clutton, Ocean Gilboa-Way  
U19 Girls: Jen Robinson

We are delighted that our Year 10 Boys' Basketball team won the District League and our football team are still in line to win the County Cup, having beaten Wootton Park 4-0.

Our Year 7 boys have qualified for the Finals Night of the 7-side football tournament.

We would also like to recognise and congratulate Dawud Forbes, who runs with the Kettering Harriers and who won two awards recently at their annual event. The first was for being the best sprinter in the Under 15 group and the second was for having the second highest points in the Under 15 group. This is quite an achievement considering he has only been running with the club for a year.

## Other News

### Countdown to Christmas: a feast of activities

- **Christmas Music Concert:** This is all sold out now and those who are lucky enough to have a ticket will be treated to an amazing night of entertainment on Friday 13 December.
- **Christmas Dinner:** This will be served in College by abm Catering Solutions on Wednesday 18 December, with a vegetarian option available. The cost of the dinner will be £2.35 and students should pre-book in Picasso's and collect a ticket if they would like a dinner on this day. Payment will then be made on the day via the cashless catering system. Students in receipt of free school meals should also book if they require a Christmas dinner and their allowance will cover the cost.

We are also delighted to confirm that abm catering have recently sustained the top 5-star rating for Food Hygiene from the Food Standards Authority.

- **Christmas Jumper Day:** On the final day of term, Friday 20 December, students will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper. Students who wish to participate in this will still need to wear their school trousers or skirts but will not need to wear school shirts, ties or blazers. For those who do not wish to participate, normal uniform should be worn.

Please be aware that with the following exceptions, normal lessons will take place on this final day. Year 7 will visit St Botolph's Church for a Christmas service with carols and Key Stage 5 students will take part in a team building event at Beckworth Emporium.

Apart from this, we will no longer be collapsing lessons for extended tutor time activities. However, we will be re-organising the day, holding tutor time as the final session so that a short Christmas celebration can take place, and shortening break and lunchtime so that students can finish at 2.15pm.

We expect all students to attend on this day and absence will not be authorised. We will also send out our 'truancy patrol' to collect students who are not in 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.

Friday 13 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2
Friday 3 January	Training Day (College closed to students)
Monday 6 January	Start of Term 3: College re-opens to students <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Friday 10 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Thursday 16 January	Year 11 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.00pm
Friday 17 January	Year 7 Dragons' Den Event
Wednesday 29 January	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.00pm
Monday 3 February	Key Stage 4 Pathways Fortnight for Year 8 (until Friday 14 February)
Tuesday 4 February	Year 8 Pathways Showcase, 5.00pm
Tuesday 11 February	Year 12 Loughborough University Visit
Friday 14 February	End of Term 3