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Latimer Community Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10 July 2020



Dear All

As we approach the final week of the academic year, once again we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and carers for the support that they have given to their children with their home learning.

We know that at first it was somewhat of a novelty for our students, like having a snow day, but that as time has progressed, it has been increasingly difficult to sustain motivation and engagement. We know that you have done your very best and we are grateful for this.

We now turn our attention to September, when we very much look forward to welcoming our students back.

We know that you will appreciate that this will not be without its challenges. There will be work to do in advance of this to prepare students for what school will be like: it certainly will not be a return to normality, but it will be the first tentative steps towards it.

We also appreciate that you will want to know what the plans are for September. Much time has been dedicated to this over the last week but there is still more to do. To say that there are organisational challenges for us would be an understatement. But, we have to - and we will - find a way.

We want to be in a position where we can publish comprehensive information to you in the hope that it reassures both you and your children and answers all of the questions that you may have.

We just need a few more days to get this in place but we will provide this information before the academic year officially ends next week.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.

Regards
Siobhan Hearne
Principal

Educational Provision

Term 6 Home Learning: Week Commencing 13 July

Firstly, a reminder that whilst the College site will not be open on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July, home learning has been set for all students. This is available from today, in preparation for the start of next week.

Years 7 and 8: Students will be issued with their final set of project activities. We will be asking students to evaluate their learning and to submit as many of these evaluations to teaching staff as possible.

To supplement the booklets, students can also access lessons from the [National Academy](#).

A reminder that students should now be routinely completing Tassomai Science activities. We are delighted with the engagement so far and would like to say well done to all of those who are regularly completing questions.

In total, students have now completed **60,895** questions so far!

Well done to the following students who are top in each year group.

Year 7		
Rank	Name	Questions Attempted
1	Skye Meekins	1591
2	Jacob Akrill	1031
3	Zach Skeggs	914
4	Jacob Jose	730
5	Jacob Smith	567

Year 8		
Rank	Name	Questions Attempted
1	Connor Green	695
2	Grace Helsdown	678
3	Maisie Morris	431
4	Henry Buckby	384
5	William Marshall	376

Year 9		
Rank	Name	Questions Attempted
1	Tom Nixon	813
2	Ella Rogers	757
3	Jessie Bush	392
4	Ruby Stevens	348
5	Sophie Hill	336

Year 10		
Rank	Name	Questions Attempted
1	Euan Warner	836
2	Wiktorija Gawlak	613
3	Nyovi Konidou-Theodoropoulou	457
4	Benny Ruddock	389
5	Ocean Gilboa-Way	378

The instructions can be [accessed here](#) (if students are logged into their school email account) or on our website Home Learning page.

Year 9: Learning will be set through Show My Homework and students should be following the published timetable.

If students have not already done so, we desperately need them to return their Review of Learning: Closing the Gap activity, which has been sent out electronically. This really will help with our planning for September. We ask that the forms are returned electronically to Lucy Shore: lshore@latimer.org.uk

Personal Development: Years 7, 8 and 9 should complete their final week of their 'Motivate Me' scheme.

Year 10: Once again we enjoyed seeing our Year 10 students this week. Students will continue to have lessons set on SMHW for this final week of term and should be using their revision guides to supplement their learning.

Year 12: Students will continue to have lessons set on SMHW and will have their timetabled Microsoft 'Teams' sessions, which will supplement their home learning. Teams sessions **will still take place** on Monday and Tuesday, even though the College site is closed.

Year 10 and Year 12 Summer Revision Planning

In 'ordinary times', Year 10 and Year 12 would have sat end of year exams and be closing the gap in areas that they are insecure in over the summer holiday period. We appreciate that, whilst some of the gaps students may have may be in the learning that they have completed over terms 5 and 6, revision over the summer will still play a vital role in examination success next summer.

Therefore, next week we will be publishing a document to support with revision planning over the summer. We know that things have been tough over the last three months and we do appreciate that students need some time to have a much needed break, but we ask that, for their long term success, all students set aside some time to revisit topics over the summer.

Key Information

Consultation on Examinations Summer 2021

A reminder that if you have not already done so, we would urge our current Year 10 and Year 12 parents and carers to read and respond to the Ofqual [consultation](#) on what examinations should be like for students next year.

We do have some concerns about the very limited changes that are being proposed. This consultation ends on 16 July 2020.

A Level and GCSE and Results Publication Day

After much consideration, and taking into account the latest guidance on social distancing, we have decided that we will be offering both an onsite and electronic results publication service on Thursday 13 August for A Level results and Thursday 20 August for GCSE results. Those who wish to receive their results in person will be invited to come into College at an allocated time. All other students will be sent their results electronically.

As students have to decide how they would like to receive their results, we will be writing to them and copying parents and carers into the communication, to establish what their individual preference will be and to outline what the specific arrangements are.

Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers

We are delighted that the Government have agreed to continue with the FSM voucher scheme over the summer holidays. We have made arrangements for a one off voucher code to be issued to parents and carers at the beginning of the summer holiday. We are also pleased to inform you that vouchers can now be redeemed at Iceland and the Company Group.

Uniform Ordering

Please can we remind parents and carers to start to turn their attention to uniform and equipment, in preparation for September.

With regards to uniform, a reminder that blazers, ties and PE kit should be ordered through Karl Sports - either email through their [website](#) or call 01536 601731. Online orders are delivered within 48 hours. Placing orders within the next fortnight would really help.

The shop, located at Unit 7, Trafalgar Road, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8DB, is now fully operational six days a week for parents and carers to visit. Please be aware that with social distancing in place, it will take **much** longer if there is a queue.

With regards to equipment, as part of the Government guidance, sharing of equipment must be minimised and a strict cleaning regime will need to be in place. Therefore, it will be vital that students are fully equipped in September.

Should any parent or carer need financial support with the purchasing of uniform and equipment, we are able to offer this to those who are eligible for the Pupil Premium funding. Please do contact Ms Pankhania should this be the case: jpankhanian@latimer.org.uk

Community Corner



Phoebe Green has been training her puppy throughout lockdown. Stay resilient Phoebe, we are sure you will be an excellent trainer.

Ralph Mahaffey is extremely proud of the Chub he caught. Wow, Ralph, that is amazing!



Henry Young created this very clever moving hand for his DT/Art homework learning activities and has shared with his science teacher how he looks after his bearded dragon – we were so intrigued with this, Henry!



Harry and Ollie Grimster sent us fabulous 'man cave pictures' they have created at home to enjoy.



And our students have been busy displaying their culinary skills again this week.



Last week in the Child Care Provision, Mrs Ashcroft, Mrs Stamer, Mrs Bonas, Miss Strudwick and Mrs Wright supported the students to make octopus pizzas! They looked delicious and tasted even better! Sophie Hill has also been busy baking some delicious goodies.



Bobby Gibson has shared his Lightbox challenge Food Task with Mrs Ashcroft. She fed back: To achieve Excellence in Food in Year 7 you are expected to show confidence and independence - so if you managed to make this quite comfortably without too much help then you are well on your way to the highest grade in Food!

These colourful creations are from Anthony Cooper: Strawberry Sundae and Strawberry Milkshake in his response to the 'Celebrity Supply Teacher' session with Heston Blumenthal



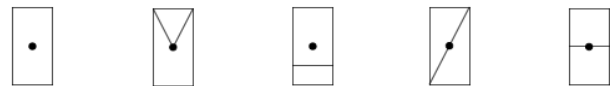
Our congratulations this week go to: Ethan Armour, Kieren Bull, Alyssa Campion, Liam Carter, Mia Coles, Millie Rose Coles, Leaf Feane, Charlie Gilbey, Ellie Jones, Harry Jones, Molly Lee, Millie Lovegrove, Katie Pickering, Beth Riley, Harriet Smith and Zack Stannard.



How many of you feel you can tackle this Maths question?

A couple of weeks ago, selected students took part in a virtual Junior Maths Challenge with questions just like this!

Each of these figures is based on a rectangle whose centre is shown.



How many of the figures have rotational symmetry of order two?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5