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KS4 Pathways 2019-2022: Year 8

Details about [pathways information](#) can be accessed on our website and have been published to students. To support this process, a reminder that the **Year 8 Pathways Evening** is on **Tuesday 5 February** from 6-8pm. Please remember to bring your pathways booklets to this evening.

This will be followed by the **Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE)** on **Tuesday 26 February**.

Completed preference forms need to be returned to Student Services by Monday 4 March. Please contact Mr Matthews kmatthews@latimer.org.uk should you need any further support or advice.

Learning and Progress

A goal without a plan is just a wish!

It is all in the planning! As the exam season countdown continues (**54** school days!), we are working hard with students on planning: planning their revision time; planning their revision notes; planning exam answers. Being organised and having a framework to operate within is as important to success as the actual revision that may be taking place.

We have provided a number of documents to support this, all of which have been emailed to students, parents and carers and appear on our [Exam Support Page](#). We strongly urge you to support your child with their exam planning over these crucial final few weeks.

In addition to this, as Term 4 starts, we will publish invitations to our **Easter Revision Programme** that will be offered during the holiday period. We would ask that you keep this time free, pending the publication of the dates.

Learning and Study Support for All: Home Study through Home Access Plus+

A reminder that **all** students can access their learning from home through Home Access Plus+. This is a web based tool that allows remote access to personal files and shared areas stored on the College IT system. It allows users to work wherever and whenever they choose.

All that is needed is a device with Internet access, then use one of the major web browsers e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Google Chrome and the attached User's Guide.

If students need any support with this, please contact the IT Helpdesk: ithelpdesk@latimer.org.uk



Learning really is fun and our **PiXL Times Table** competition is proof of this. Now in full swing, regionally, The Latimer Arts College is leading the way in the National Competition, where we are consistently at the top.

There are prizes up for grabs and a staggering 510,000 times tables have been completed already this academic year by years 7,8 and 9. But how many tickets has your child earned for the Prize Draw? To earn a ticket for the draw, students must complete a minimum of 10 games correctly on each times table.

All students should download the free app, where they can then check their progress. The closing date is Friday 8 February. Should you need any help or information please contact Mrs Strudwick: cstrudwick@latimer.org.uk

Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Mental Health Week: 'Healthy Inside and Out'

We will be empowering our students to understand how food, exercise, sleep and social activities can all affect our mental health as part of this national awareness week. As a College, we believe that speaking out is the important first step to asking for help, especially given that 50% of mental health issues are established by the age of 14. A list of organisations that provide support and advice for parents and carers on children's mental health is provided by [Place2be](#).

Dangers of The 'Bird Box Challenge'

Netflix has a new series, 'Bird Box', currently trending with young people. With new trends come new challenges - as reported by the [BBC](#), some young people are mimicking the theme of the series and blindfolding themselves to try and complete dangerous challenges whilst being filmed. Please speak to your child about being safe and the possible harmful consequences of replicating social media trends.

In-game Chat: How to keep children safe

Online games like Fortnite and FIFA are evolving into social spaces where children meet with their friends and make new ones. ['Parent Zone'](#) has got new advice for parents on how to keep their children safe when using in-game chat.

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

'Take Your Child to Work' Day: Wednesday 27 February

A reminder for Year 8 parent and carers to please return your information so that we can confirm where the students will be going to work shadow on Wednesday 27 February. If there are any queries please contact Michelle O'Brien: MOBrien@latimer.org.uk so that we can support you in finding a suitable work placement for your child.

Preparing for Future Destinations

We are delighted that we will be providing our Year 12 students with the opportunity of experiencing university life as we visit the University of Loughborough on Friday 15 February 2019. This will be a full day trip with students departing Latimer at 9am and returning for 3.15pm.

Dragons' Den: Full of energy, enterprise and excitement, just as learning should be!

Our enterprising Year 7 students had an exceptionally positive experience, developing so many vital employability skills and making the most of the opportunity to learn from members of the business community, but do not just take our word for it....

"I enjoyed the Dragons Den Event so much! It was fast paced as we had so much to do in a short time! I learned new skills especially team work and communication and I liked the help we got from a variety of staff including the Business Links." Student Year 7

"Really great day and well done to the staff and students. It is always great to see the energy, innovation and passion from the Latimer students during Dragons' Den!" Simon Trott, Managing Director National Accident helpline

"The talent and enthusiasm of our students never ceases to amaze me." Ian Woods, Latimer Governor

"My daughter went to school yesterday dreading the day as she had done it previously at her Primary School quoting "it's so boring"! But she came home really happy, buzzing that she had a great enjoyable day! Thank you to all involved for organising and making it a good day." Year 7 Parent

"Our son has been telling us all the lovely activities he completed on the day, so much so that his team won. He is still smiling and talking about how their team designed a smoothie. Lovely memories and aspirations to keep. It's lovely to see him illuminated by school and we are seeing a young man maturing into a confident, enthusiastic and motivated child enjoying school – thank you to all the companies and staff involved!" Year 7 Parent

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



We are delighted to inform you that we will be sending a cheque to The British Heart Foundation for £220. Thank you to Barton House for organising the event and to all of those who supported us whether it was a donation and/or the buying of a raffle ticket or two!

We would like to give a special mention to Ellie in Year 8 who raised over £50 from her sponsored silence.

A Dance Date for Your Diary!

We are delighted to invite you to attend our annual College Dance Show on Tuesday 12 February from 7pm in the Masque Theatre. Providing an opportunity for our dancers to perform in front of an audience supports their self-confidence and performance skills and therefore we appreciate any support that you can give.

Tickets are available from the Masque Theatre Box Office on 01536 414141 or from the website, www.masquekettering.co.uk. Tickets cost £5.00 and £3.00 concessions. We hope to see you there.

Sporting Success

Well done to Kurtis Dellet who has been selected for district cricket training by his club, Barton Cricket Club. This is a reward for the superb effort that this dedicated student has made.

Congratulations also to the following students who showed superb effort and commitment as they represented North Northants in the County championships:

Under 13 Boys: Charlie Duck 49th
Under 13 Girls: Isabelle Lund 15th
Under 15 Boys: Luke Cole 2nd, Ben Brooker 6th
Under 15 Girls: Charlotte Lund 5th, Chloe Lee 34th
Under 17 Boys: Josh Clutton 12th
Under 19 Girls: Jen Robinson 10th

Other News

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.

Tuesday 5 February	Year 8 Pathways Evening, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 12 February	College Dance Show
Friday 15 February	Year 12 Loughborough University Visit End of Term 3
Monday 25 February	College re-opens to students: start of Term 4 <i>This will be Week 2 on the timetable</i>
Tuesday 26 February	Year 8 Student Progress Review Evening, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 27 February	Year 8 'Take Your Child to Work' Day
Thursday 7 March	Parent Forum 6pm Music Room 1 (Masque Theatre)
Tuesday 12 March	Collaborative Concert, 4pm (Masque Theatre)
Wednesday 13 March	Year 10 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 29 March	Spring Music Concert, 7.30 pm (Masque Theatre)
Thursday 4 April	Year 9 Student Progress Review Evening (SPRE), 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 5 April	Year 7 Castle Visit End of Term 4