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LATIMER LATEST NEWS – 4 OCTOBER 2019

Open Evening: Thank you to our wonderful students

We would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to over 200 of our students who supported us with Open Evening last night. Our theme was 'Dreams' and our students were a dream to work alongside, as always. We truly appreciate their time, commitment and loyalty to the College: they make it what it is – a fantastic place to learn!

Learning and Progress

Breaking News: Our students are flying high once again!

We are delighted to be able to share with you some fantastic news about our GCSE Results in August 2019, following the recent release of provisional national data by the Department for Education.

Our Progress 8 Score is provisionally +0.25 and this indicates that our students' progress was above average and places us approximately in the top 30% of schools nationally once again this year.

Well done to our very hard working and committed Class of 2019, who between them secured 60 Grade 9 and 28 Distinction* grades. Of course, our ambition is to improve even more this year! Year 11, are you up to the challenge?

Year 11 Ace Your Exams and Future Destinations Evening

Thank you to all of those parents and carers who attended our Year 11 "Ace Your Exams and Future Destinations" evening. We hope that you found the information useful and that the resources provided will help you to help your child in not only the countdown to their exams, but also in their preparations for the next stage of their educational journey, which we very much hope will be at The Latimer Arts College.

Should you wish for further information about the exam countdown, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Harvey, Vice Principal: sharvey@latimer.org.uk or for advice about future destinations, Kate Allen, Careers Advisor: kallen@latimer.org.uk

As a reminder, it is only **29 school days** to the start of the mock examination season!

Sixth Form Open Evening 2019

As a result of such strong GCSE results, our Sixth Form is thriving! We would like to invite Year 11 and their parents and carers to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 6 November 2019**, to find out about the fantastic range of opportunities that are on offer at The Latimer Arts College for post-16 students. More details of our offer and our prospectus can be accessed on our website from Monday 4 November.

Supporting You to Support Your Child

- **Show My Homework (SMHW):** A reminder that homework is now being set for all year groups. Year 7 should now be able to access SMHW. Should you need any homework support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Matthews, Assistant Principal: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk
- **'Aspire':** our homework support session runs daily in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) from 3.00pm to 4.30pm and is supervised by two members of staff. All students are welcome to attend on any or all days. A drink and a snack are provided.

- **Accessing the Shared Area:** To access College files at home and to share resources that teachers have created, students can use the Home Access Plus website <https://hap.latimer.org.uk/HAP/myfiles/>
- **Accessing Office 365 for Free!** All students can acquire the suite of Office applications, including Access, for free. Details on how to install this on a home device are included with this newsletter.

Safeguarding

Educating our Students to Keep Themselves Safe

Last week all of our students took part in Safeguarding assemblies where they had the opportunity to learn about key safeguarding issues, how to keep safe and where to get help. Students were exceptionally receptive and mature with this very serious content. During the assembly we covered key themes including County Lines, Child Sexual Exploitation and Digital Safety.

We seek to ensure that students are always kept up to date with the most current news: this year the new Voyeurism Act came into force and alleged offences will be put before the courts with a maximum 2-year prison sentence:

“The Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019 creates 2 new offences criminalising someone who operates equipment or records an image under another person’s clothing (without that person’s consent or a reasonable belief in their consent) with the intention of viewing, or enabling another person to view, their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear), where the purpose is to obtain sexual gratification or to cause humiliation, distress or alarm.”

We would like to signpost parents and carers to the following websites that you may find useful:

Digital Safety and Well Being: www.parentzone.org.uk

Stop and Prevent Adolescent Criminal Exploitation: www.bespaceaware.co.uk

CEOP and Think You Know: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Aiming High: Raising Aspirations and Expectations

Future Planning: Raising Awareness of Future Destinations

Year 10 UK University and Apprenticeship Search Day: Our Year 10s are looking forward to the UK University and Apprenticeship Search at the University of Northampton on Tuesday 15 October. The event, part of our Raising Aspirations Programme, will showcase a very wide array of university, apprenticeship and college exhibitors; including Russell Group universities, redbrick universities and other modern institutions. In addition to this, some of the biggest apprenticeship companies will be present, including those who are locally based. It will provide a great platform for students to collect really useful advice and guidance so they can make informed decisions about their future.

Please remember that Year 10 will need to arrive at the Sports Hall for 8.15am so that we can register them, board the coaches and leave on time. If you have any queries about the day, please contact Michelle O'Brien on 01536 720300 or mobrien@latimer.org.uk

Preparing for Oxbridge: Our Year 13 students who will be applying to Oxford or Cambridge University participated in an Oxbridge Interview Seminar held by academics from the two Universities on Tuesday 1 October. This was great preparation for our own interviews that we hold as part of our **‘Sixth Form Ace Level 3’** programme.

Year 13 Mock Interviews: A reminder that we will be conducting interviews on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October from 6pm to prepare our young Sixth Form students for life after Latimer.



Did you know that McDonalds once created bubble gum flavoured broccoli?

It was, unsurprisingly, a complete failure. But behind that crazy idea was someone doing their job in order to make that happen.

Careers in the food and drink industry, particularly in the East Midlands, are plentiful and varied. If we speak about jobs in this sector, you may think about serving staff, chefs or bar staff. However, do you know what a Molecular Gastronomist does? Let me tell you...

Cocktails in ice spheres. Caviar made of olive oil. Disappearing transparent raviolis. Sound cool? Well these are all examples of Molecular Gastronomy! Molecular Gastronomy blends physics and chemistry to transform the tastes and textures of food. The result? New and innovative dining experiences.

So, we know the bubble gum broccoli didn't work, but who knows, your child could be the next Gastronomist creating chocolate carrots or pizza pears!

Enriching the Educational Experience and Celebrating Success



Celebrating Success: How many Epraise point does your child have?

We are now a month into our new rewards system and the countdown to our first prize draw in December is well underway! This week we held our first double praise point week.

A reminder that as parents and carers, you are able to create an account in order to encourage and support your child by following this [link](#). You just need to put in the email the College holds for you and then the site will allow you to set a password. Whilst on Epraise it is a fantastic opportunity to check:

- **Get involved activities:** Your child can sign up to clubs, activities and revision sessions to let staff know they are attending and earn praise points for being there.
- **Milestones:** Keep a track on how your child is working towards their milestones for the number of praise points awarded and see if they will be first to reach the gold milestone?
- **Achievements:** See which achievements your child has unlocked - are they a great communicator, a centurion or a shooting star?

Should you need any help or support, please contact Mr Tamkin, Achievement Leader: stamkin@latimer.org.uk

Sporting Success



Our Year 7 Boys' Football Team celebrated their first match with a resounding win over Corby Business Academy by 12-1. It is all about team effort but we must mention Nathan Milczarek who scored 7 goals!

Our U16 Girls' Football Team were unbeaten in the local fixture against four Corby and Kettering schools.

Year 8 netball matches: there were 3 Year 8 Netball Teams entered into a local tournament. Special mention to Team 'Reds' who won all of their matches.

We are also delighted to share with you that Tyler Hollyman recently secured gold with his swimming team in the County Short Course Championships. He swam in the freestyle relay team.

This week we were very excited to visit the new Sports Hall with some of our Sports Captains, to see how the build is progressing. Everything is on schedule for the work to be completed in early November and it was amazing to see just how big the facility will be. Our students will be truly impressed!



Other News

Do you work for Oxford University Press (OUP)?

We would be really grateful if you could let the College know if you work for OUP. We would then be able to secure great discounts from the company for resources for our students.

Respecting Our Community

At The Latimer Arts College, we pride ourselves on being a harmonious community. This extends beyond the College gates, where we expect our students to show respect for our neighbours. We are therefore disappointed to have to share with you that there have been a number of reported incidents of students on their way home to Burton Latimer behaving inappropriately as they pass Acorn Day Nursery. We would ask that students who use the alleyway on Polwell Lane, which runs from the Football Club past the Acorn Day Nursery, be respectful and considerate of the young toddlers, and staff at the nursery as they walk past.

Staff from the College will visit these areas over the next two weeks to ensure that our students are behaving in an appropriate way. We would ask for the support of all parents and carers of students who walk this way home to reinforce the message to their children that it is important to be respectful.

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 15 October	Year 10 Northampton University Visit
Wednesday 16 October	Sixth Form Mock Interviews from 6.00pm
Thursday 17 October	Sixth Form Mock Interviews from 6.00pm
Friday 25 October	End of Term 1
Monday 4 November	Training Day (College closed to students)
Tuesday 5 November	Start of Term 2: College re-opens to students
Wednesday 6 November	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30pm
Thursday 21 November	Year 10 World Skills UK Live
Wednesday 27 November	Parent Forum 6.00pm
Friday 13 December	Christmas Music Concert, 7.30pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2