



the  
**Latimer Arts**  
College

ADMISSIONS PACK  
2018

ARTS APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE LATIMER ARTS COLLEGE**  
**NO LATER THAN Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 9.00 am**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE**  
**CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**

# The Latimer Arts College

Castle Way, Barton Seagrave, Northants  
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## The Performing and Visual Arts at The Latimer Arts College

The Performing Arts Faculty at Latimer has celebrated another year of outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level across the four discrete arts subjects. All students take fortnightly lessons in Art, Dance, Drama and Music from Year 7 where an exciting range of themes, genres and techniques are explored. Our students are keen and enthusiastic, often taking up the huge range of extra-curricular opportunities offered to them from weekly clubs at the College to performances in the local community. The teaching staff work collaboratively and share the excellent resources in our Masque Theatre and we are looking for more vibrant and creative students to come and join the Latimer family.

We are proud of the work we do at Latimer and we genuinely look forward to sharing this with you so if you share our passion and enthusiasm, we would love you to apply for an Arts place at our College.



# September 2018

## Guidance notes

This application form is linked to the Local Authority admissions criteria that have been agreed with the Governing Body of The Latimer Arts College, for intake at Year 7 for September 2018.

It will be used as the basis for decision making by the Governors' Panel on Admissions which then informs the Local Authority. It is important that parent(s)/carer(s) complete this application form in as much detail as possible.

Contact may be made by the College with the primary school and other external organisations solely for the purposes of verifying information provided by parent(s)/carer(s).

The procedure is as follows.

1. Parent(s)/carer(s) request an **Arts Aptitude Application Form** from the College.
2. Parent(s)/carer(s) complete the Arts Aptitude application form by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Applicants will then be invited to attend workshops on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
3. Parent(s)/carer(s) will be notified by the College if their child has shown an aptitude for the Arts in a letter that will be sent on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This will not be an offer of a place, but an indication as to whether an applicant has an aptitude.
4. Arts Aptitude places are NOT an additional option alongside the preferences which parents/carers may express and therefore parent(s)/carer(s) **must** also indicate on the Local Authority application form that The Latimer Arts College is one of their preferences, otherwise students will be unable to be offered an Arts Aptitude place.
5. 20 successful applicants will be allocated a place; unsuccessful Arts applicants will be fed back into the pool of preferences by the Local Authority and the remaining 183 places at The Latimer Arts College will be allocated according to the admissions criteria of the Governing Body. All students will hear about their allocated school place at the same time on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **FOR ARTS APTITUDE PLACES – FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2018**

Following the allocation of places to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the school as appropriate provision, when there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children).
2. Students who will have an older brother or sister continuing at The Latimer Arts College at the time of admission of the younger child.
3. 10% of students (approximately 20 students) will be selected for their aptitude in Art, Dance, Drama or Music. To be selected through workshops.
4. Students whose family live at a Barton Seagrave address (using Wards as according to Kettering Borough Council), or who live in the linked town / villages of Burton Latimer, Cranford and Isham.
5. Other students.

If there is oversubscription in any of the categories (apart from No. 3 above); preference will be given to those who live closest to the college, (measured on a straight line basis from home address to the closest entrance to the College using NCC GIS).

Operation of the criteria

- **Parent(s)/carer(s) complete Local Authority application form and Arts application form if applying for an ‘Arts Aptitude’ place (20 places).**
- **During October contact will be made with parent(s)/carer(s) of ‘Arts Aptitude applicants’ selected on the basis of their application form. Workshops with these students will then be held. Final selection will occur after these workshops.**

**If selected, your son/daughter will be required to take part in two workshops in the preferred art forms as stated on the application form. These workshops will be held on the morning of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

## The Drama Workshop



This workshop is led by one teacher with another working as an observer. The workshop is designed to examine the students' ability to use Drama techniques and strategies to explore given themes and circumstances. The members of staff are looking for students who are able to work effectively and imaginatively, both alone and within a group. The areas assessed cover: responding to stimuli, developing ideas through drama, and presenting drama to an audience. At times, the information delivered by the teacher concerning each task might be the minimum. The hope is that those students who would flourish within an Arts environment will make the necessary choices to develop this information to suit their own ideas and the ideas of others.

## The Dance Workshop

Two teachers are involved with this workshop – both taking turns to lead and observe. The students are taught two phrases of movement to assess their general physical and technical skills as well as their movement memory. These are a travelling motif and a floor motif which are combined to create one longer phrase. They are then given a choreographic task using and developing the material in the taught phrase. This is to assess their imagination, innovation, and creativity in their response to the task. This task requires students to work with another person to assess their ability to work with others. Lastly they perform the work they have devised and this helps to assess their confidence, character and flair.



## The Music Workshop



The music workshop is divided into three sections, to test rhythmic aural, pitch aural (and performing in an ensemble) and composition skills. Tasks include rhythmic tasks, ensemble singing and creative composition work where students will work in small groups to share and develop their ideas. We also look forward to students using their own instruments during the workshop. In creating their own piece of music on a given theme, students will learn from each other and demonstrate their understanding of the power and artistry of music while showing and understanding of how different musical features could represent different moods and meaning.

## The Art Workshop

This workshop is delivered in two parts, covering two visual arts disciplines – drawing and sculpture. We are looking for participants who show above average flair, confidence and technical ability in their handling of a variety of media. All three tasks set are based on the direct observation of a small three dimensional object and require participants to identify and demonstrate shape, form, tone texture and colour through the use of pencil, oil pastel and clay. The tasks are introduced clearly with the opportunity for participants to clarify their understanding through asking questions, but once the group is on task, little guidance is given. We are keen to observe how participants respond independently, and pace the progression of their work.



**Please complete the application form in as much detail as possible stating how your son or daughter will benefit from teaching in the Arts or how they have demonstrated a capacity to succeed in the Arts.**

**We ask parents not to bring in any portfolios or other evidence as we are trying to assess aptitude, not previously demonstrated ability.**

**Arts Aptitude Places for September 2018  
Application Form**

Name of Student

Gender

Primary School

Home Address

Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Daytime phone number

Evening Phone number

Medical needs

**Please circle 2**

Dance

Drama

Music

Art

*PLEASE STATE HOW YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WILL BENEFIT FROM BEING A MEMBER OF AN ARTS COLLEGE. (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)*

*Parent(s)/Carer(s) Signature:*

**Please return this form to The Latimer Arts College marking it 'Arts Aptitude Application', as soon as possible, but no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.00 am.**