



## **PERFORMING ARTS APTITUDE APPLICATION PACK**

**Please return to The Latimer Arts College**  
**no later than 9.00 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Applications received after this date cannot be accepted**



# Welcome to our Performing Arts Curriculum

Students enjoy an outstanding performing arts curriculum at The Latimer Arts College delivered by specialist staff who are passionate about the value that the performing arts adds to a child's personal development. Through the performing arts, our students grow into confident and creative young adults, with strong and effective communication and collaborative skills.



In Years 7 and 8, all students have weekly lessons in Drama and Music and fortnightly lessons in Dance, where an exciting range of themes, genres and techniques are explored. This is enhanced by vibrant extra-curricular opportunities offered through weekly clubs to performances and shows. In Year 9 there is an entitlement for all students to experience Dance and Drama within a rotation, as we believe the skills gained are key for employability and embedding our core values.

At Key Stages 4 and 5, students can choose to specialise in one discipline or study for qualifications in a range of performing arts subjects. We offer Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts in the sixth form which combines drama, dance and/or musical theatre skills.

Our students have the advantage of being able to study and perform in our impressive Masque Theatre, where they also learn about the technical aspects of delivering a performance in our Dance and Drama studios.

We are proud of our performing arts curriculum and the outstanding reputation that we have.

If your child shares our passion and commitment, we would love to consider them for one of our specialist performing arts aptitude places.

## Applications for September 2026

### 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 2026.

It will be used as the basis for decision making by The Latimer Arts College which then informs the Local Authority.

Contact may be made by us 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) download a Performing Arts Aptitude Application Pack.
2. Parent(s)/carer(s) complete the Performing Arts Aptitude application form and submit it to the school by **9.00 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.
3. Successful applicants will then be invited to attend workshops on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.
4. Parent(s)/carer(s) will be notified by the school if their child has shown an aptitude for the performing arts in a letter that will be sent on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. This will not be an offer of a place, but an indication as to whether an applicant has an aptitude.

## Operation of the admission criteria for Performing Arts Places – September 2026 entry

Following the allocation of places to students who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, 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) or previously looked after.
2. Students who will have a sibling continuing at The Latimer Arts College at the time of admission of the younger child.
3. Children of staff where that member of staff is employed by the school at the time the application for admission to the school is made and who have been employed at the school on a permanent contract for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage in the area.
4. 10 students will be selected for their aptitude in Dance, Drama or Music. They will be selected through workshops.
5. Students living in the villages of Barton Seagrave or Burton Latimer as determined by the local authority map and list of postcodes.
6. Other students. Priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

## Operation of the Arts Aptitude Places Criteria

Parent(s)/carer(s) should complete both the Local Authority application form and the Performing Arts Aptitude application form, if applying for an 'Arts Aptitude' place (10 places).

During October contact will be made with parent(s)/carer(s) of Performing Arts Aptitude applicants selected on the basis of their application form. Workshops with these students will then be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

If selected, your son/daughter will be required to take part in a workshop in their preferred performing arts form, as selected on the application form. Final selection and ranking will occur after these workshops.

## **The Drama Workshop**



The workshop is designed to examine the students' ability to use Drama techniques and strategies to explore given themes and circumstances. We 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 a performing arts environment will make the necessary choices to develop this information to suit their own ideas and the ideas of others.

## **The Dance Workshop**

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 an understanding of how different musical features could represent different moods and meaning.

**Please complete the application form outlining how your son or daughter has demonstrated an aptitude in the Performing Arts and the ways in which they would contribute to life at Latimer.**

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

## Performing Arts Aptitude Places for September 2026 Application Form

Name of Student		Gender
Primary School		
Home Address		
Parent(s)/Carer(s) name		
<b>E-mail for contact about workshops</b>		
Home tel number	Mobile tel number	
Medical needs		
<b>Performing Arts Aptitude Workshops</b>		
<p>Students will be required to participate in <b>one workshop</b> as part of the selection process. We would like you to indicate the main discipline that they have an aptitude in.</p> <p>Workshop: Please tick your preference</p> <p>Dance <input type="checkbox"/>      Drama <input type="checkbox"/>      Music <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p><b>Please outline how your son or daughter has demonstrated an aptitude in the Performing Arts and the ways in which they would contribute to life at Latimer.</b></p>		
Parent(s)/Carer(s) Signature:		

Please return this form to The Latimer Arts College marking it 'Performing Arts Aptitude Application', or e-mail it to [tlevick@latimer.org.uk](mailto:tlevick@latimer.org.uk) as soon as possible, but no later than 9.00 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025