

## Parent/Carers Forum Terms of Reference



There is an open invitation to all parents and carers to participate in The Latimer Arts College parent/carer forum. The forum will discuss items linked to College improvement priorities and have an opportunity for feedback from parents/carers on other matters.

Although not a decision making body, the forum has the opportunity to influence decisions through an open dialogue.

The forum will be held once a term and agenda items will be suggested by parents and carers as well as the College.

It is a genuine attempt to seek the views of parents and carers and to develop a stronger partnership, by improving understanding through communication.

The forum will be an opportunity to raise College standards and reach its goal to gain outstanding outcomes for all students.

### Terms of reference:

Members will work collaboratively together to:

- Promote a strong partnership and positive relationships between the College, students and its parents/carers.
- Support the College in consulting with the wider parent/carer body on College matters.
- Identify and represent the views of parents/carers on the education provided by the College and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the students.
- Highlight ways in which parents/carers can be involved in their children's learning to improve achievement.
- Provide positive and constructive help and feedback to improve College outcomes.
- Provide formal and informal channels for communication about College events and how parents/carers can become involved.

In being part of the Parent/Carer Forum, members will:

- Avoid mentioning their own or others' children or name individuals at the meetings.
- Maintain confidentiality.

**Research clearly states that students do better academically when parents are involved in their education. In fact most studies have shown that even if a parent is involved in the school itself, the child performs better.**