

The Latimer Arts College Young Carers

Aims:

- To provide a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our students so they can learn in a supportive and secure atmosphere.
- The whole school is committed to meeting the needs of young carers so that they can attend and enjoy school in the same way as other pupils/students and achieve their potential.
- The school has a designated Young Carers' School Lead with responsibility for young carers and their families. Pupils and families will be made aware of the identity of this lead and how to contact them to access support.
- The school only shares information with professionals and agencies on a need to know basis in order to support pupils and their families.

What is a young carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

What can we do?

- Identify Young Carers in College.
- Support with emotional and academic needs.
- Liaise with parents and outside agencies (if appropriate)
- Support parents who have difficulty accessing the college for Student Progress Review Evenings or other college/parent activities
- Liaise with school staff on behalf of the young person

All of the information for support for our Young Carers is available in different areas around the college site.

We are pleased to announce that The Latimer Arts College is working towards the Bronze accreditation, in partnership with The Carers Trust, for our commitment to Supporting Young Carers in School.