

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The Latimer Arts College: Year 7 September 2022 Admissions

At The Latimer Arts College, we are aware that you are entering a time when you have to make some very important decisions about secondary school choices for your child. In support of this, ordinarily, we would be delighted to extend an invitation to you to join us at our annual Open Evening so that you can come and see our wonderful school in person.

However, the governing body at The Latimer Arts College places the safety and well-being of its students and staff at the heart of all that it does. With rising infection rates locally, we have a moral duty to minimise risk for all in our community. Therefore, it would be remiss of us to have high numbers of members of the public on site all at the same time.

It is for this reason that a decision has been taken to **not** host an onsite Open Evening. Nevertheless, we are keen to support parents and carers with the decision making process for school places for Year 7 in 2022. We have a thriving learning community and are a 'Good' school where 'the strengths and talents of students are truly valued' (Ofsted 2018). We are very proud of the successes that our students achieve and we are keen to showcase these to you so that we can support you to make an informed choice.

This letter sets out a range of alternative opportunities that we hope you will find of interest. To help you find out more about us we have set up a dedicated [Admissions and Prospectus](#) page on our College website. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, you will be able to access:

- Our Prospectus
- Details of our Arts Aptitude application process. Please note the deadlines for applications to be submitted to the College is 9.00 am on Monday 11 October 2021
- Details of the Northamptonshire County Council Admission process
- Information about how to join a live presentation by the Principal on the original Open Evening date of Thursday 7 October at 6.00pm.
- A video tour of the College
- Year 7 and 8 student feedback about why they ❤️ Latimer

College Tours: An Invitation to Join Us Onsite

Whilst we are unable to host an Open Evening, we do feel that we can provide a safe opportunity for those who wish to visit the College through a carefully controlled tour during the school day, conducted by one of the College's Senior Leaders. We are sure that you will understand that there will need to be some strict criteria for this and we do ask for your support with adhering to this and appreciating that the tour process has been planned with the well-being of all of those in our community in mind.

The tours will be offered on **Monday 11 October until Friday 15 October** on the following basis:

- We ask that a tour slot is booked **only if you feel that it is essential for you to visit the College** even after you have accessed all of the information provided above. Tours will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- We need to ask that only one adult accompanies a child on a tour and it would be of great help if one adult was able to bring several children, by perhaps relatives and friends joining together.
- We will require evidence that adults have taken a Lateral Flow Device Test on the day of the tour and that it is negative and we require all adults to wear a mask whilst on the tour, unless they are exempt.
- Tours will be limited to groups of approximately 10 (5 adults and 5 children) and, as far as is possible, we will be grouping those attending the tours by the primary school that a child attends. Please be aware that this will place restrictions on the day and time that a tour may be offered to you.
- Tours will last for 40 minutes and there will be a strict arrival and departure time allocated. We will not be able to admit access to the College until the allotted arrival window. This is so that we can avoid tour groups overlapping and so that we can avoid tour parties mixing with our students and staff during lesson changeovers.

We kindly ask that when arriving for a tour, you wait outside our Castle Way gated entrance until your arrival slot. We have built in a 10-minute window for arrivals and departures to accommodate all of this so that visitors do not have to feel rushed.

- The tour will cover limited aspects of the College site but in order for you to get a flavour of the school, we will visit a general classroom area, some specialist facilities such as our Science Learning Centre, our Sports Centre and our Masque Theatre and some communal areas such as our Learning Resource Centre and our restaurant.
- Whilst we will be unable to enter classrooms, as we would have done in 'normal' times, we will make sure that you can see learning in action, from a distance, so that you are able to experience our positive and engaging learning environment.

Whilst we do not want to deter you, we also want to make sure that only essential visits take place. If you feel that this is necessary, then we would ask you to contact the College on 01536 720300 to book a slot.

Arts Aptitude Admissions September 2022

Applications for an Arts College place should be made both to the College on the relevant application form, which can be downloaded from our [Admissions and Prospectus](#) page as well as via the Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Admission process.

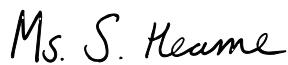
The deadline for submitting an Arts Application to the College is 9.00 am on Monday 11 October 2021.

Students who are shortlisted will then be invited to submit a short video (or photo in the case of Art) for consideration in the discipline they have expressed an interest in (Dance, Drama, Music or Art).

Parents and carers will be notified by the College if their child has shown an aptitude for the Arts in a letter that will be sent out on Monday 25 October. Please note, this will not be confirmation that a place has been offered at The Latimer Arts College, as only the NCC Admission Team can allocate school places and they will notify parents and carers of this on 1 March 2022. However, it will give you a strong indication as to whether your child meets our criteria.

We are sorry that we may be unable to meet you all in person this year. However, please do not hesitate to contact the College should you wish to find out more information about us.

Yours sincerely



Siobhan Hearne
Principal



Sue Wood
Chair of Governors