

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 approximately 3 times per year 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 and carers 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.