

# Enjoy Sixth Form Life at Latimer



We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in The Latimer Arts College Sixth Form and there are many reasons why this is an exciting time to be part of our high-performing and vibrant learning institution.

## **Wide Pathway Choices**

We are proud that we are able to deliver a high quality, broad Level 3 curriculum that offers academic A Level routes, as well as vocational qualifications - something for all Level 3 learners!

## **Unrivalled Care and Support**

Our key aim is to support our Sixth Form students to become well-rounded, highly skilled and well-qualified young adults, in an environment where they are encouraged to become increasingly self-reliant and independent.

We pride ourselves on supporting our students in making the right choices on their journey to success. Each student is nurtured and mentored by a form tutor on a regular basis. Consequently, students in the Sixth Form make good progress.

## **'Raising Aspirations' Programme**

This programme is designed to encourage students to aim high. In order to achieve their goals, we support our students with guidance about a full range of future career opportunities, entrance to University and Colleges of Further and Higher Education, Apprenticeships and gap year opportunities. Our Raising Aspirations programme includes themed assemblies, work experience, university visits, post-18 conferences, mock interviews, CV writing programme and our annual Pride of Latimer Awards.

## **Higher Education Guidance: The Oxbridge Mentoring Scheme (OMS)**

Students who have achieved five or more Grade 7-9 at GCSE will be encouraged to apply for The Oxbridge mentoring scheme (OMS) where they will be matched with a past or current student from Oxford/Cambridge as a Mentor. This mentor will provide personalised support, advice and preparation throughout the admissions process and they will be academically challenged by their Mentor to apply their A level knowledge creatively: [www.insightoutreach.org](http://www.insightoutreach.org)

This year our students gained places at a range of Russell Group universities including Nottingham, Sheffield, York and Queen Mary University, London.

## **Leadership Development:**

Learning in the Sixth Form is also about becoming the person that you want to be: leadership and enrichment opportunities are exciting, diverse and offer personal challenge! They may wish to apply to become one of our very own Sixth Form Leaders where they will be instrumental in implementing new initiatives in our ever evolving Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form students are also encouraged to be excellent role models for our younger students, providing support through mentoring and contributing to the College and wider community.

## **Dedicated Learning Resources**

Learning is supported through dedicated facilities in our purpose built and recently renovated Sixth Form Centre, with its own ICT suite; group study zone; and refreshments area. Students are able to access additional ICT facilities across the College, including the Learning Resource Centre. Where Sixth Form students wish to use their own devices, wireless access is provided.

# Pathways and Admission Criteria

The Latimer Arts College Sixth Form offers a broad range of subjects that students can study to Level 3. Students can choose to study a pathway that is made up of 'Academic' qualifications (A levels) or 'Vocational' qualifications (BTECs.)

Please be aware that **all** qualifications are only awarded on completion of the second year and students who commence these qualifications in Year 12 must continue them in Year 13. They will not be permitted to withdraw from these subjects at the end of Year 12.

## **Pathway 1: Three A Level courses**

Students selecting this pathway will have achieved a minimum of grade 5 in English and Maths and meet entry requirements for subjects they wish to study on an individual basis.

We will consider applications for 4 A levels for students with exceptional academic ability on an individual basis.

## **Pathway 2: Three Vocational courses**

Students selecting this pathway will have achieved a minimum of grade 4 in English and Maths and meet entry requirements for subjects they wish to study on an individual basis.

## **Additional Admission Criteria**

In order to study in the Sixth Form at The Latimer Arts College students must fulfil the requirements for their chosen pathway and:

- For internal applicants, students must have a positive behaviour record, as well as good attendance.
- For external candidates, information on behaviour and attendance may be requested from the student's current school.

## **Additional Admission Information**

The proposed curriculum is provisional. Where numbers are low for any given course, a decision may be taken not to run this course.

Some Universities consider certain subjects more favourably. These are called 'facilitating' subjects because it is felt that by choosing them at A level, it leaves open a wide range of options for university study. The facilitating subjects that we offer are: Mathematics and Further Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Modern Languages (French) and English Literature.

Students in the Sixth Form attend college full time with two sessions of Home Study allocated per fortnight. Additional Home Study may be awarded to students who are exceeding their targets and making outstanding progress from Term 2 of Year 12.

Entry to the Sixth Form is subject to the agreement by both the student and their parents/carers to follow the Learning Contract and the Sixth Form Dress Code.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, students are not permitted to reduce their studies below the above stated requirements.

Once admitted to The Latimer Arts College, Sixth Form students will be closely monitored and supported to ensure that everything possible is done to enable students to meet their full potential. Students who do not meet the College's expectations or who, following support, are not on track to succeed may be required to leave before the completion of their studies.

Continuation to Year 13 will be dependent on a student's performance throughout Year 12. Students who are performing significantly below their target grades and who are at risk of not successfully completing their qualifications, may be advised to consider an alternative route.

# Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students should present themselves in smart office / business wear style attire and adhere to the dress code. In addition to this, in order to support with our safeguarding responsibilities, lanyards must be worn at all times whilst in College.

## Trousers:

- ✓ Smart office style trousers, tailored just above the ankle or full length.
- ✗ No Jeans, leggings, chinos, corduroy or shorts. No bold patterns.

## Shirts:

- ✓ Smart plain or pin stripe with collar, (ties are optional). Smart plain polo shirt.
- ✗ No bold patterns.

## Skirts:

- ✓ Smart office style, no shorter than just above the knee.
- ✗ No short/mini-skirts or body-con tight fitting skirts.

## Dresses:

- ✓ Smart office style, no shorter than just above the knee.
- ✗ No body-con tight fitting dresses, or beachwear / sun dresses.

## Blouses:

- ✓ Formal tops / blouses, where relevant, must have wide fitting shoulder straps.
- ✗ No low-cut, thin or spaghetti straps, crop tops, off the shoulder (Bardot style) or transparent.
- ✗ No T-shirt style vest tops or beachwear.

## Knitwear/Jackets:

- ✓ Plain smart cardigans or jumpers.
- ✗ No hoodies or sweatshirts/casual style sportswear, no slogans.

## Footwear:

- ✓ Formal / smart office style shoes. Formal sandals.
- ✗ No casual footwear such as flip flops, trainers, canvas shoes, beachwear or boots.

## Outerwear:

- ✓ Smart office / business wear style. Outerwear should be removed once in Study Areas.
- ✗ No casual jackets, denim or leather jackets, hoodies or tracksuit tops.

## Additional Information

### Jewellery/piercings:

- ✓ A maximum of two earrings per ear are permitted.
- ✗ Ear Stretchers are not permitted.
- ✓ Nose studs, if worn, should be discreet, minimal and transparent.

Other jewellery is permitted, but should be kept to a minimum in line with the office style dress code.

### Hair:

- ✓ Must be cut in a style suitable for college, hair colour should look natural.
- ✗ Unnatural colours such as green or pink etc. are not permitted.

Tattoos are discouraged. They should be covered at all times whilst in College and must not be offensive. Prior to a student considering having a tattoo, they must speak to the Director of Sixth Form.

### Valuables:

Please note that for Sixth Form, student's mobile devices are permitted in college but should be accessed only in the Sixth Form Centre. Personal property brought into the college is done so at the owner's risk. We do encourage our students to respect each other's property and we do take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of such items. However, if things become lost or damaged, we cannot accept liability for this.

Where there are breaches of the Sixth Form Dress Code, sanctions, in line with the College's Behaviour for Learning Policy, will be applied accordingly. This may mean that students are sent home to get changed or placed in internal exclusion and not permitted to attend timetabled lessons.

## Sixth Form Learning Contract

On entering the Sixth Form at The Latimer Arts College, students must agree to adhere to the Sixth Form Learning contract.

The purpose of this contract is to help you achieve the best possible results in the Sixth Form.

To ensure that you maximise your achievements, we have the following expectations:

You need to ensure that you:

### **Attend College between the hours of 8:25am and 3:15pm (except when on time-tabled Home Study).**

- Attend all lessons.
- Be punctual.
- Attend all revision classes.
- Complete independent study in your private study periods.

### **Work to the best of your ability in every lesson, study period and with homework.**

- By reaching or exceeding target grades in assessments.
- By completing homework and handing it in on time.
- By meeting assessment deadlines.

### **Behave in a way that is responsible and set an example to other students.**

- Be a positive role model to all in College.
- Adhere to College policies, including the ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

### **Bring correct equipment and be ready to learn.**

### **Demonstrate commitment to the life of the Sixth Form, including weekly contributions.**

Failure to meet the expectations may result in the use of the College's Behaviour for Learning Policy sanctions.

# Our Support for You



## Support Stage 1 - Term 2:

- Information assembly for internal students
- Prospectus published with all relevant information provided. All subject information can be accessed on our website.
- Sixth Form Pathways Evening: **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018** 6pm.
- An invitation to visit the College (for external applicants).
- Application submitted by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**. Applications may be accepted after this date but students might find that some subject choices are no longer available.

## Support Stage 2 - Terms 3 and 4:

- Confirmation of receipt of application and provisional offer of a Latimer Sixth Form place.
- Individual meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss suitability of provisional preferences. In some case a meeting with our independent Careers Advisor will be arranged to provide specific support for some applicants.
- Opportunities for students to carry out independent study in the Sixth Form Centre.
- Invitation to attend an evening to find out more about the University admissions process (UCAS) and Higher Level Apprenticeships.
- Individual subject support to ensure students meet or exceed their target grades.
- Offer confirmed to students by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

## Support Stage 3 - Term 6:

- Students are expected to attend Sixth Form Induction sessions, which will give students a taste of Sixth Form studies in general with some specific subject taster sessions (and yes, some learning to do over the summer will be provided!)

## Support Stage 4 - August 2019:

- GCSE Results Day / Sixth Form Registration Day **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019**: a personalised face to face registration event for students to be issued with their results, register for the Sixth Form and confirm the courses that they will study.
- There will be an opportunity to reselect courses or choose an alternative in the light of results should this be necessary but some subjects may no longer be accessible.

## Support Stage 5 - September 2019:

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019** Year 12 Induction Day.
- Following commencement of post-16 studies there will be a Sixth Form Induction process that will run over the course of the first couple of weeks to provide students with every opportunity to make a flying start to post-16 studies.

# Following Your Dreams

In September 2018, Year 13 students applied and gained entry at universities in the UK ranging from Russell group universities such as: Nottingham, Sheffield, York and Queen Mary University, London, as well as 'New' modern universities such as Nottingham Trent, Bedfordshire and Portsmouth.

The Latimer Arts College students gained entry at a range of courses offered by these universities such as Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Social Policy, Theoretical Physics, Psychology, International Law, Construction Management and Health & Social Care to name a few!

Our '**Unifrog**' platform, available for all in the Sixth Form, supported our students to choose the best Universities and Apprenticeships for them, and for the teachers to track their progress and offer them help and guidance along the way.

The Class of 2018 boasted a wealth of excellent results, including:

Student 1	A A A	Aerospace Engineering with a Year in Industry	Sheffield University
Student 2	A* A B	Biological Sciences	Leicester University
Student 3	A A B B	Theoretical Physics	Queen Mary University London
Student 4	A A B B	Computer Science	Portsmouth University
Student 5	A B B	Aerospace Engineering with a Year in Industry	Sheffield University
Student 6	A B B	Mechanical Engineering including an Industrial Year	University of Nottingham
Student 7	A B B	Film and Television Production	University of Greenwich
Student 8	A B B	Psychology	Sheffield University

The university route is not for everyone but through high quality guidance those students who wished to follow alternative pathways found equal success; some previous students opted to continue their learning journey via the apprenticeship route with students applying for positions with companies such as Google and one student attaining a finance apprenticeship at a local Accountancy firm.

Previous students opted to apply for Conservatoires such as Birmingham Conservatoire to study Opera and Drama Institutions such as The Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts.

There truly is a destination for everyone, with the guidance and support that The Latimer Arts College can offer, all students will be supported to realise their aspirations and dreams.

# Curriculum Offer 2019



- Students are required to choose 3 subjects, that follow **Pathway 1** or **Pathway 2** (See details on Page 3)
- All subject preferences and courses are provisional. Courses will only run where student numbers are sufficient.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Maths
Computer Science	English Language	Psychology	English Literature
History	Sociology	Philosophy and Ethics	Geography
French	Psychology	Music	Art
	Product Design	PE	
		Drama	
BTEC Creative and Media	BTEC Business	BTEC Sport	BTEC IT

**Further Maths may be available as an additional option for students achieving Grade 8 at GCSE Maths.**

Wherever possible we will try to accommodate subject requests but cannot guarantee this. If you desire a subject combination that is not possible above, please indicate this on your application form. We may be able to offer you the combination that you would like pending option block changes.

# Application Form



Please return the completed application form to **Miss Magee, Sixth Form Centre Manager** by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**.

Please select the **three** subjects that you would prefer to study in the grid below. Remember that only one subject can be selected from each column.

*NB. For some candidates, the College will support the studying of 4 qualifications. The requirement for consideration to study 4 subjects is an average grade of 7 per GCSE subject or above.*

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D

If there is a combination of subjects that you would like to study but it is not possible due to the structure of the option blocks, please detail it in the box below:

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If there is any other relevant information that you feel we need to know, please detail it in the box below:

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<b>Student Name</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Current School</b>	
<b>Preferred Contact No</b>			<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Home Address</b>					
<b>Student Signature</b>			<b>Parent/Carer Signature</b>		