

POLICY TITLE: Admissions for 2020/21

STATUS: Statutory

DATE of REVIEW: January 2019



School Status and Provision

The Latimer Arts College is a Foundation School for students aged 11-18, with Specialist Performing Arts College status.

The College also has staff with expertise in meeting the needs of students with general and specific learning difficulties. Support is offered to students within ordinary classes, in small withdrawal groups or individually. Access to the College has been enhanced for those who have a physical difficulty and we have an acoustically treated room for students with a hearing impairment.

Numbers on Roll

At the start of the academic year 2018 / 2019, there are 1089 male and female students on the roll aged 11 to 18.

Number of Places

Our admission number for Year 7 in 2020 is 203 places.

Admissions Criteria

Following the allocation of places to students who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, which names the school as appropriate provision, when there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or previously looked after. *
2. Students who will have an older brother or sister continuing at The Latimer Arts College at the time of admission of the younger child.**
3. Children of staff where that member of staff has been employed at the college for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the college is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage in the area.
4. 20 students will be selected for their aptitude in art, dance, drama or music. To be selected through workshops.

5. Those students who live with their parents or carers at an address in Barton Seagrave or the linked town/villages of Burton Latimer, Cranford and Isham (using wards as according to Kettering Borough Council).***
6. Other students.

Distance tiebreaker

If there is oversubscription in any of the categories (apart from 4), preference will be given to those who live closest to the College, measured on a straight line basis from home address to the closest entrance to the College using NCC GIS.

Notes on Admissions Criteria

*** Looked after Children (LAC)**

A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). All LAC and previously LAC are given the highest priority for school admissions.

**** Siblings**

A brother or sister living at the same address (within a family unit) including adopted children, step-brothers, step-sisters and children in foster care.

The sibling must be in the school at the time of application and be likely to remain in the school at the proposed date of admission.

Some schools give priority to children whose brother(s) or sister(s) are already on roll at a preferred school – this is called a sibling link.

Note: checks may be made with the school to see if there is a realistic possibility of a sibling in Year 11 continuing into the sixth form.

For the sibling link to apply, a brother or sister must live at the same address when the application is made. If siblings live between two addresses, applicants must provide proof to show that the main address is the same for both children.

***** Proof of Residence**

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residence at the property concerned. Places cannot be allocated on the basis of intended future changes of address unless house moves have been confirmed through the exchange of contracts or the signing of a formal lease agreement. The College reserves the right to seek further documentary evidence to support your claim to residence. The College will withdraw any place allocated if the address is found to be false.

Operation of the Arts Places Criteria

Parents and carers complete both the Local Authority application form and the Arts College application form if applying for an 'Arts College' place (20 places). Completed Arts College application forms should be returned to the College by Tuesday 8 October 2019 at 9.00 am.

During October, contact will be made with parents and carers of Arts College applicants selected on the basis of their application form. Workshops with these students will then be held week commencing Monday 14 October 2019. The students will be required to take part in two workshops in their preferred art forms, as selected on the application form. Final selection will occur after these workshops.