

Trowbridge Area Board

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Arc Theatre Update from Wiltshire College

I am writing to you as a follow up to our presentation to the Trowbridge Area Board in November 2011.

Following an extended period of consultation, I am able to inform you that the Senior Management Team of Wiltshire College has now reached a decision.

After a considered and extensive review of the Arc Theatre and its role, both within the College and the wider arts community in Wiltshire, the following decision has been made by the Senior Management Team of Wiltshire College

In the future the Arc Theatre's role will be first and foremost as a College resource for its performing arts curriculum and other curriculum areas. It will be managed by a curriculum team and allow students to develop their entrepreneurship skills by playing a greater role in developing and managing the venue.

The Arc will also continue to work as a community venue that supports the development of community arts, including local drama societies, music, schools and youth groups.

We are keen to continue to make the Theatre available to as many people as possible. However in the future we will need to reflect the true costs of running this space in its hire charges.

The College would like to express its thanks for the considerable support and the input it has received from the arts and wider community in Trowbridge and beyond as it considered the future running of the Arc.

It has been important for us to find a sustainable way of maintaining and developing the Arc Theatre and we believe that this is the best way forward in these financially challenging times.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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