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Dear Prospective Students,

Thank you for your interest in the Conservation of Wall Painting Department at The Courtauld.

The MA in the Conservation of Wall Painting is the leading programme of its kind in the world. It was established in 1982 by Professors Sharon Cather and David Park who have built up its international reputation and led teaching and research across the world, including projects in China, Bhutan, India, Malta, Cyprus, Georgia and England. Both Professors Park and Cather have announced that they will be retiring at the end of July 2018 and we wish them all the best for the future, and thank them for their enormous contribution to The Courtauld and conservation studies over more than three decades.

The Department of the Conservation of Wall Painting is a core component of The Courtauld, and I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we continue to invest in the department, its staff and students and that its activities will continue. This is thanks to the legacy David and Sharon have built so effectively and creatively, and to the broad network of colleagues and organisations that they have developed. We are confident of a great future for the department.

All conservation activities within the department will continue, and we plan to recruit for the next cohort of MA students to start in 2020/21. We will open the application process with all further information in autumn 2019.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions please contact [pgadmissions@courtauld.ac.uk](mailto:pgadmissions@courtauld.ac.uk). Please also use this email address if you wish to register your interest in the degree programme, and we will contact you again as more information is published.

We hope that you choose to apply to us, and look forward to hearing from you.

With my best wishes,



Professor Deborah Swallow  
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