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WELCOME

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Landau Forte College, an outstanding school and an exceptional learning environment in the heart of Derby.

By choosing Landau Forte College for the next step in your son or daughter's education you are selecting a place of learning which holds the young person at the centre of all that we do. Not only do we value academic excellence but we also understand how important it is to inspire, engage and challenge young people to be the best that they can be.

Landau Forte College provides an exceptional student experience. We have a superb track record of developing successful and conscientious young adults who have a real desire to make a positive contribution to their local, national and global society. Our students are independent, determined, resilient and caring young people who are eager to take advantage of the plethora of opportunities offered to them by the College.

It is a real privilege to be Principal of the College and I look forward to meeting you and your son or daughter when you visit us. You may choose to attend one of our Open Evenings, or please contact me directly at the College to arrange a visit.

Alison Brannick
Principal

Landau Forte College Derby



OUTSTANDING

"Students are outstandingly well cared for. They feel extremely safe and are very well supported by all adults in the College. This is due to excellent systems and remarkable staff commitment to each individual."



LANDAU FORTE COLLEGE

VISION

Landau Forte College is an outstanding place of learning, with high standards of student success. The experience we provide for all students is inspiring, challenging and exciting. We offer a wide range of academic, sporting, entrepreneurial and creative enrichment activities which aim to further develop our students.



Dr Antony Edkins Chief Executive

LANDAU FORTE CHARITABLE TRUST

Landau Forte College Derby is a member of the family of schools operated by Landau Forte Charitable Trust. This is an educational charitable trust founded by Martin Landau and the Forte family over twenty years ago.

The Trust expects each of the Academies to provide a Landau Forte style of education which is distinctive, high quality and critically releases the potential of each student, enabling them both individually and collectively to be the best that they can be. Whilst the Academies each have their individual specialisms, the expectation of high standards of learning, teaching, attainment, achievement and student care are common.

At Landau Forte, our basic expectation is that every student makes at least good progress in their studies. The continuous academic development of every learner is central to our wish for young people to access the best that higher education, training and employment can offer.

It is intended that each Academy serves the wider community, providing opportunities for adult education and use of facilities for teams, clubs, societies and community groups.



UNIQUE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We have our own distinctive culture and ethos, the cornerstone of which is the high quality pastoral care all our students experience. We are a large school with a small school feel. We know our students as individuals and understand their strengths and areas for development. The vertical tutoring system and the consistency of the same personal tutor during a young person's time at the College means that positive, reassuring relationships are built between the student, peers, the tutor and parents and carers.

We aim to enrich our students' learning experiences by ensuring they all have the opportunity to immerse themselves in activities that they may not ordinarily have access to. Such opportunities can only further develop our young people. In today's competitive society, we want to prepare Landau Forte College students to be able to confidently compete with the top graduates in the UK and beyond.

Landau Forte College is proud to be different from other academies and schools and part of that difference is reflected in our established partnerships with business and industry, which bring the world of work securely into the educational experience. Our students have several opportunities to complete meaningful periods of work experience and have access to high quality independent information, advice and guidance in relation to careers education.

Students are offered the opportunity to participate in a wide range of residential and day visits to further enrich their curriculum.



These include:

- Ski visits to Italy;
- Visiting CERN (the largest particle physics laboratory in the world) in Switzerland;
- Participating in sports tournaments in southern Spain;
- Competing in local and national mathematics and language challenge events;
- Regular visits to Russell Group universities;
- Visits to and from leading industry figures;
- Trips to local and national theatres including the Royal Ballet;
- Residential visits to outdoor activity centres.





OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is constantly reviewed and developed so it best caters to the needs of all our students. Students are able to access a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications, tailored to meet their interests, aptitudes and learning styles.

There is a clear emphasis on the core subjects of mathematics and English. The development of highly literate and numerate students is of vital importance.

At Key Stage 3 students all study mathematics, English, science, history, geography, philosophy and ethics, a modern foreign language, physical education, a range of technology subjects, performing arts and computing. The Key Stage 3 curriculum is complemented by a comprehensive personal, social, health and economic education package which supports our young people in developing the skills they need to grow up as healthy individuals who can confidently make informed decisions about their lives. Careers education is embedded into the curriculum throughout all key stages.

At Key Stage 4 students study a core programme of mathematics, English and the sciences complemented with a comprehensive personal, social, health and economic education package and physical education. They then select four further subjects to study at GCSE or BTEC level from a wide range selection of challenging and exciting subjects. Our most able students have the opportunity to study some courses at AS level.

“I really love all the exciting opportunities that are available to me here...

... I am studying new subjects and, with my friends, I have even had the chance to run our own charity fund raising event.”

Year 7 student

SIXTH FORM EDUCATION AT LANDAU FORTE COLLEGE

Our sixth formers have the opportunity to follow pathways tailored to their strengths and interests, including A-level, AS level, BTEC and Cambridge National qualifications. All of the different pathways available are challenging and ambitious and reflect the needs of the employment market locally, nationally and globally.

At Key Stage 5 students can follow a programme to support progression into higher education or employment and training. A students' main studies will be enhanced with a core programme which includes work related learning and work experience opportunities, robust careers education and independent information, advice and guidance. They will also have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), AS level general studies or critical thinking.

Sixth formers are supported by committed and dedicated tutors who ensure they play a key role in the life of the College. They are expected to act as role models for the other young people in the College and are able to support younger students academically and pastorally through numeracy and literacy mentoring, peer mentoring and through the vertical tutoring system. There are engaging and exciting enrichment opportunities for Post 16 students to participate in. These are vast and wide ranging including the Duke of Edinburgh, leading the Student Council, International Visits such as World Challenge, sporting activities, visits to Universities and employers.

All sixth form students participate in a fantastic careers programme which ensures that they are well informed and prepared for their next steps after completion of Post 16 education, whether this is university, an apprenticeship or employment. We have many exciting visits from business leaders and successful alumni that help our Post 16 students shape their thinking about further education and future careers.

Year on year, our Post 16 students are successful in gaining places at the most prestigious universities in the country and abroad.

These include:

- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- University of York
- University College London
- University of Sheffield
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Bristol
- Harvard University
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of Birmingham
- University of Warwick
- Imperial College London
- University of Leeds
- London School of Economics
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham

“The encouragement and support I have received from my Learning Tutors is one of the key reasons I wanted to progress into Post 16 education here.”

Year 12 student



“I am extremely pleased with my results and I am thankful for the help and support I have received from the staff here.”

Ex Year 13 student, reading Medicine at the University of Leicester.

AN INCLUSIVE COLLEGE

Landau Forte College is proud of its superb track record of inclusion for all. The personalised support we provide to our students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) enables them to develop as independent and confident learners who play a full and important role in the life of the College.

We have a dedicated suite of rooms as the base for our inclusion team which includes the Learning Support Unit and the Support Centre. The area provides high quality, bespoke support for young people with complex needs. We passionately believe that SEND should not prevent a young person accessing mainstream education. Our team of highly skilled Learning Support Assistants provide high quality in session support across all curriculum areas.

For students to be successful learners it is vital that they can read and comprehend the work being studied. We provide a variety of one to one and small group interventions for our students whose reading age falls below their chronological age.



THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY AT LFCD

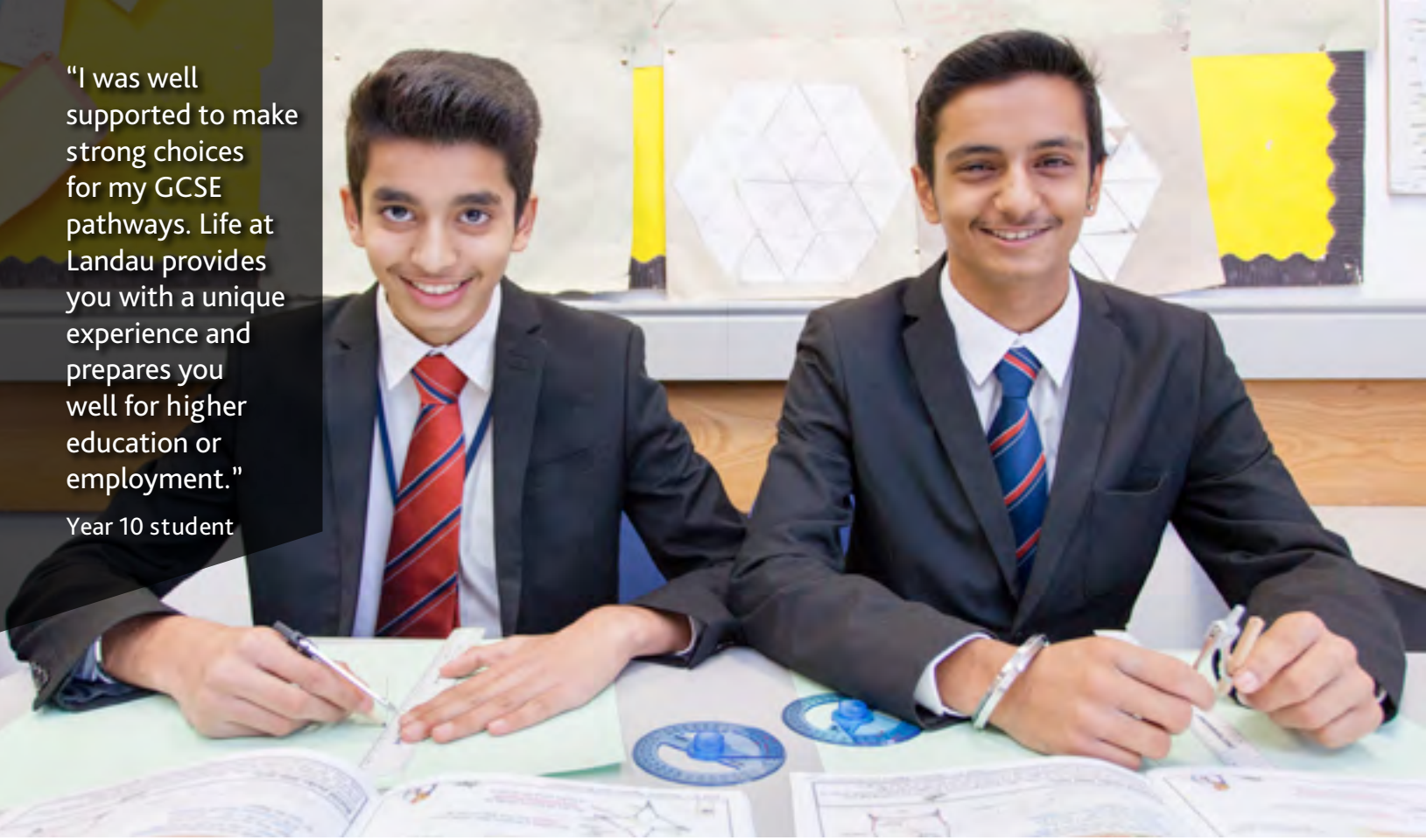
We are committed to improving the literacy skills of all our students and place great emphasis on promoting the importance of reading for pleasure. Our well-resourced Information Centre ensures all students have access to a wide range of high quality and challenging literature. We also ask all that our parents and carers encourage their sons and daughters to read regularly and aid vocabulary development by engaging their children in discussions about the books they are currently reading.

“The outstanding curriculum is extremely well matched to students' needs and aspirations and promotes high academic achievement.”

Ofsted 2012

"I was well supported to make strong choices for my GCSE pathways. Life at Landau provides you with a unique experience and prepares you well for higher education or employment."

Year 10 student



UNIFORM

At Landau Forte College we feel that high standards of personal appearance directly facilitate high standards in all other areas. Our smart uniform is compulsory and must be worn at College and on the journey to and from the College.

Please see www.landau-forte.org.uk which details the uniform expectations for all students.



"I am confident that this is the best place for my daughter, she comes home from College everyday enthused and excited about her learning."

Parent of a
Year 8 student

VISIT US

We do our best to have an open door policy for current and prospective parents and the wider community. Come and visit us and see for yourself the unique learning experience at LFCD.

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Global, national and local charity support





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