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The Landau Forte College Newsletter

Autumn 2003

## College Welcomes Friends Old and New

In July, Landau Forte opened its doors to visitors from all walks of life and with all manner of connections to the College. The Ten Years Celebration Day took over the building not once, but twice. During the afternoon, the normal timetable was suspended and a variety of activities took place. These ranged from innovative, interactive lessons to exciting displays of talent and skill. There were many visitors in the afternoon and many people commented on how much they enjoyed their tour of the College.

In the evening, each of the subject areas set out displays and activities for guests to get involved with.

This time there were many more visitors, ranging from parents and governors to sponsors and ex-students. They were greeted at reception and were then free to explore the multitude of exhibitions from each subject team. There were many activities, from games on the interactive whiteboards to skill competitions in the Sports Hall.

It was a great opportunity for people to explore the College and to appreciate all of the hard work that goes on here. Many old acquaintances were re-established and many new ones were forged. It was a challenge for all involved but it was certainly worth the effort.



Landau Forte College celebrates its Tenth Anniversary

# Principal's Message



As we begin the new academic year I would like to extend a warm welcome to new students, their families and to our new members of staff who include:

Miss Emma Rees	Business Studies
Mr Ian Cottrill	Business Studies
Mrs Frances Smith	English
Miss Sarah Haynes	English
Mr Jonathan Palmer	History
Mrs Catherine Heffern	Mathematics
Mrs Karma Palmer	Mathematics
Mr Andrew Frankenburg	Mathematics
Mr Peter Riley	Science
Mr Robert Loomes	Technology

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our visiting teachers from overseas who will add to the richness and diversity of the College. Jianqing Luo, a teacher from Shanghai, China, will be spending the year with us and is the first teacher to join us as part of our developing programme with China. She will work in a number of different subject areas during the year, with students having the opportunity to learn about Chinese Culture and perhaps some Mandarin Chinese as well. We shall also have two modern foreign language assistants, Mr Rider Valderrama Sandoval from Peru, who will assist with Spanish and Mr Nils Schoning from Germany, who will work closely with staff and students in German.

The ICT hardware upgrade was successfully completed within the deadline and within budget. We are fortunate in now having access to state-of-the-art industry-standard, and educational software, through the Windows XP Professional operating system.

Considerable building maintenance and refurbishment work was carried out during the summer break and we returned to first-rate facilities. Ensuring that the College looks at its best is a never ending programme and I would like to express my

sincere thanks and gratitude to the Site and Buildings Team for their outstanding efforts and dedication.

With respect to examination results, this year the overall pass rate at A2 Level (previously A Level) was 99%, our previous best being 97%. The vast majority of university applicants obtained their first or second choice universities, with a small number entering the clearing process. Six of our students will take up places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities; previously, no more than two students in any one year have obtained places.

At GCSE and GNVQ Part 1 the number of students obtaining 5 or more A\* - C grades is 83%. This figure represents the second highest percentage we have ever achieved.

Congratulations to everyone involved. The results yet again underline the point that when students, staff and parents work together, then the students are successful.

Please accept my good wishes for another challenging year which lies ahead!

**Stephen Whiteley**  
Principal

## Exam Results

This summer's examination results have been very pleasing once again. As Mr Whiteley details in his Principal's Message, our A2 pass rate increased to 99%, our best ever, whilst the Year 11 students achieved an A\* - C grade pass rate of 83% in their GCSEs.



James Burke and Simon Davis ponder their results.

This is a clear indication of the level of commitment and hard work shown by students and staff at Landau Forte College. These results have helped to ensure that our students are able to progress with their education or their chosen career paths, whether it be post-16 studies or Higher Education, or on to full-time employment.

There have been some outstanding individual results this year and the following students tell us what they have achieved and what they now intend to do:

"I achieved four A\*s, three As and four Bs in my GCSEs, which I was really pleased with. I am now doing four AS Levels, which are Design, English, Maths and History. I am aiming to go on to university, although I am not 100% sure which course I will be doing yet."

James Hassall, Year 12

"I got two As and seven Bs in my GCSEs. I am now doing four AS Levels and I hope to go on to university."

Mandeep Dulku, Year 12

"I was very pleased with my A2 results. I am now going to university in Liverpool and I hope to become a veterinary surgeon."

Andrew Goring



Kathryn Baker, Amanjit Fagura and Sarah Laffin receive their results

## Students Demonstrate Cultural Awareness



Simon Smith entertains students from Leek High School

This July, the students from Landau Forte College took part in the annual Cultural Awareness Day, in conjunction with Leek High School. Last year, students from the College performed at Leek. This year, all 100 Year 9 students and 19 members of staff from Leek High School came to visit us.

The aim of the event was for Leek High School students to become more aware of issues surrounding cultures from other nations. Students were given the opportunity to talk and mix with the Landau Forte students. We then staged a variety of cultural awareness events. Our students gave PowerPoint presentations

about Muslim and Sikh traditions and beliefs. We had a martial arts display and a number of dancers and drummers, with the final event being performed by our talented Singers.

This event had a very positive effect on the Leek High School students. It has become a focal point in their school newsletter and we have received numerous thanks from the staff and students for this very informative event.

J Taylor

## A Day To

On 17 July 2003, Landau Forte College celebrated its tenth anniversary. From 2pm until 4pm and, then again, from 7pm until 9pm, the College opened its doors to current students, relatives, ex-students, sponsors and governors alike. We take the opportunity here to reminisce about that evening and take a look at some of the activities and events that took place.



Cath Carr chats in the Information Centre to ex-student, Michelle Birkett, who is now 22

The Mathematics Team had many tasks and activities on display. A popular favourite was the 'Frogs' game, which requires mathematical skill and logical thinking. This is an activity that students in Year 7 undertake, but even many adults found it quite difficult.



Former student, Michelle Birkett, and mum, Linda, tour the College

The Mathematics tutors also took the opportunity to show off the enormous variety of ICT work that they incorporate into their curriculum, with the interactive whiteboard tasks and computerised activities. Their guests went away suitably impressed with the wide range of learning strategies employed by the team.

Next door, the English Team set out various activities and tasks for students, parents and guests to view and participate in, as they made their way around the College. The visitors were able to see the vast range of texts and resources available to each year group, from Year 7 to Year 13.

In the activities room, the 'Call My Bluff' game was very popular amongst people who wanted to know such random facts as 'Billingsgatory' meant to 'swear and curse in the seventeenth century'. Other games included deciphering Chaucer and locating dialects on a map of Great Britain.

Downstairs in Science, there were many different exciting activities. There were experiments, talks and PowerPoint slide shows taking place. These covered a range of topics, from the solar system to human biology. One of the most impressive things about the Science area was the presentation by Miss Foster, who had recently returned from NASA. Everyone was eager to hear about her experiences with real-life astronauts and were fascinated by the photos that she brought back.

The History Team, with the help of some enthusiastic Year 12 students, plunged into the events and worked extremely hard to ensure they went off without a hitch. Mr Buttacavoli saw his class of Year 7 students using the knowledge they had learnt when studying the life of a medieval peasant to create board games for visitors to play.

In the evening, the History rooms were once again bustling with activity. This time it was the turn of a number of Year 9 students to contribute to the History exhibition by making a timeline of the major events of World War II. This display also included general information about this period of the war, such as the Holocaust, Pearl Harbour and Life in Nazi Germany.

Teams from the rest of the Heritage area also put on excellent exhibitions of their work. The Geography team had interactive games set out for guests, and detailed many of the case studies and practical visits undertaken by students from all year groups. The Business team had put out a display of the kinds of work that students learn, turning them from novice financiers into expert economists. In the RE area the breadth of religious and cultural study was on display for all to see.

## Remember

This is an important component of our curriculum and guests were able to see the broad range of religious and ethical studies that our students undertake.

The ICT Team also joined the celebrations by having a range of activities on offer for all of the students present. In the afternoon, a class of Year 9 students produced PowerPoint

presentations on a number of controversial issues: fox hunting and animal experimentation for drugs. The other group of ICT students that afternoon used the 'logo programming' software to enable them to program a robot.

During the evening of the celebrations, one of the ICT rooms was dedicated to graphics. That is to say that a group of willing tutors (or not so willing in some cases!) had their pictures taken with a digital camera. The images were then transferred to the ICT system, where students were free to manipulate them as they wished. Needless to say, some male members of staff were not too happy when their heads appeared on the bodies of female ice skaters!

The Tenth Anniversary celebrations gave the Modern Foreign Languages Team a chance to show parents what they were made of. The main hope was to assure them that students would not be narrowing down their options by choosing to study a language, but would in fact be enhancing them.

In the afternoon, visitors could see Year 12 German students take part in a 'grammar auction', which was thoroughly entertaining (and educating) for all concerned! Later on they observed Year 12 students assisting a Year 7 class by adopting a famous German persona, such as Claudia Schiffer or Michael Schumacher, in order to be interviewed.

In the evening, the Languages Team exhibited more of their learning resources. One room featured the various internet resources used by French, German and Spanish students, and the adjoining room displayed a vast range of games to help improve grammar and vocabulary in the three languages, inviting visitors to test their own knowledge!

In the Art and Technology areas there were many creative things going on. There was a very professional exhibition of students' work in the Art area and many guests went away very impressed by the quality of their art.

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Katy Appleby and Amy Holloway perform a science experiment for the visitors



Joe Gillibrand performs a delicate experiment as former students Rebecca Porter and Tim Overton look on

## A Day To Remember

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In Technology, as always, many exciting things took place. The Engineering Enterprise team, in Year 12, who had just finished a placement with industrial company AEA Rail Systems, were very proud to put on display their designs that they had produced for the company.

There was a display of the College's strong use of CAD/CAM software in the Technology computer areas. There were also demonstrations of the kinds of work students participate in across the year groups, from technical drawing to working with resistant materials. This is not to mention the fantastic delights on offer from the Food Technology area!

PE and Performing Arts are a particular strength of the College and this was clearly shown by the kinds of activities and demonstrations that these areas set out. The performing artists of our College got to demonstrate their talents in a variety of different ways and virtually every club from the extension programme put on a show.

This included everyone from our Singers to our Youth Theatre. Many people left this area impressed with the range of interests for which PA cater.

In the Sports Hall, guests were treated to a display of our students' physical skills. The College has a huge number of sports covered by the curriculum, from such firm favourites as football or netball, to swimming and trampolining. Many of these were on display, leaving the visitors with the choice of being a spectator or an active participant!

An event of this size takes many hours of planning and preparation and we would like to extend our thanks to all of those who were involved, from all of the staff and students who took part, to the visitors who came and saw what Landau Forte College has to offer our students.

Lianne Hannigan, David Holmes and Leanne Warner, Year 13

## Success For College Learning Assistant



Debbie Saul celebrates her win

Last term, Debbie Saul won the East Midlands Teaching Assistant of the Year competition. She was nominated by a tutor whom she works with, Mrs Pioli, because of the dedication and commitment she shows to the students and the College. Debbie had to face a panel of judges and explain in detail what she did and how she felt about her role within the College. The panel also

interviewed many of the staff and students who work with Miss Saul, as well as a parent who came into College especially to explain to the judges the positive impact she felt that Miss Saul had made on her son.

She then attended the Regional Award Ceremony, in Nottingham, where she participated in a series of workshops before going into the Presentation Ceremony.

The nominees did not know who had won until the hostess began to describe the winner - all very much like the Oscars. Miss Saul was surprised and delighted to have won the regional event and was promptly whisked away to do a number of TV and radio interviews. Her prize was £2000 and a whiteboard package for the College and a training grant for herself.

Miss Saul has now been entered for the National Finals which take place in London during the October break. Whilst in London, she will have the opportunity to share good practice with other regional winners and will then attend a Gala Dinner to celebrate their success so far. The National Winners will be announced at a special ceremony which will be broadcast live on television. I am sure you will congratulate her on her success so far and wish her all the best for the national finals.

D Fawcett

## The Work Experience 'Experience'!



Laura Lomas, Jim Leafe and Beth Rogers found their work placements an invaluable experience

Work Experience is undertaken by three year groups here at Landau Forte College.

In Year 9 students are asked to secure a placement where they can undertake Work Observation and Shadowing (WOSH) of a mentor. This usually

takes place within a company known to them through family or friends.

In Year 10, our students are asked to find a placement from a centrally-approved database. These are set up to give them a more hands on experience of the world of work and can be in line with their career ambitions. It can often be used as a time for exploration of possible future career paths.

In Year 12 once again the choice is with the student as to the type of placement that they attend, but it is usually a decision which will inform their preferred career choice.

**J Hewitt**

The following comments reflect some of the experiences of past post-16 students:

I would like to say that work experience was challenging and highly rewarding, an enhancing experience that I would recommend to all who have the opportunity.

**Beth Rogers, Year 13**

On the whole, work experience was very enjoyable, working for a professional company and meeting famous people. I met the Cheeky Girls, Ryan Giggs, Beckham and the heads of Toyota. It was all in a day's work!

**Jim Leafe, Year 13**

## Post-16 Induction: A Cracking Day

As I walked through Landau Forte's doors on the first day of College, the first thing that struck me was a sea of unfamiliar faces. The Year 12 students, both old and new, gathered for the start of the two day induction period and soon enough the unfamiliar faces no longer mattered.

Throughout the two days we all took part in a range of games and activities to let everyone get to know each other. The introduction to my new college life included sending criminals to prison and dropping eggs off balconies...and this was just the first day!

On the second day, we were split into teams of around 13 to take part in the Nat West Business Management Challenge, where we would be creating our own catering company. Our task was to convince a panel of judges, posing as clients, as to why they should choose us to cater for their social club evening event. After an

exhausting day of designing, costing, shopping (with a budget of just £4), cooking, preparing and presenting I felt like the members of my team, some of who I'd only known a few hours, were no longer strangers.

We all eagerly awaited the judges' final decision of the task, and when our company, "Food for Thought," was announced to be the overall winners, we knew the fact that everyone had worked so well as a team, despite some of us only just meeting each other, had really paid off.

Over the two days, the people I'd met and worked with in a team made me feel really welcome and gave me an insight into life at Landau Forte College.

**Sarah Cheyne, Year 12**

# Curriculum

## Year 7 Learn Teamwork with Rolls Royce

Rolls-Royce joined us once again this year to treat the new Year 7 students to a day designed to unite them through activities, encouraging them to discover the way to succeed in their work. During the day, there was an emphasis on the 5 Ps of Product, Process, Plant, People and Programme and the 'Deming Cycle', which is Decide, Plan, Do and Check.

Every student who has passed through Year 7 over the past twelve years has been faced with the nose-cone challenge: to work together in small groups to construct Rolls-Royce nose cones out of paper. This is just one of the activities given to the new students throughout the day to introduce them to ideas about teamwork, quality and success.

The day began with an introduction by Mr Whiteley, before the students were split into small groups of five. They were encouraged to brainstorm ways that they could succeed at school, at home and in their future careers. These students' ideas ranged from winning competitions, passing exams and making friends, to determination, trying their best and achieving their ambitions.



Miss Fawcett offers some advice to the team



The end product: perfectly constructed nose-cones

as quality checking and sticky taping. The success rate was much higher! The students then had to perform a presentation in the form of a role play. The purpose of this was to demonstrate and draw together what they had learnt.

Talking to the students at the end of the day, I found a very different group of people from that which I had seen nervously arriving to College the previous day. New friendships have been made and new lessons have been learnt about listening to others, trying your best and learning from mistakes. Overall, the students had enjoyed their day. Jai Sandhu has decided that he will: "try my best in everything that I do and try to be successful", a sentiment which matches everyone's feelings after their induction day. The new Year 7s have learnt some basic skills, which they will enhance over their coming years at Landau Forte College.

David Holmes, Year 13

BEING A STUDENT AT LANDAU FORTE COLLEGE

My aim is to... *have a positive reaction to other people and other people's items. Also get a good qualification to be part of the FBI or be an artist.*

Ways to achieve my aim... *by respecting people and don't mistreat equipment. Be polite to teachers and other members of staff. Work hard to the best of my ability e.g complete G.C.S.Es and A-levels without fail!*

Signed *Jonathan Bentley*

Date *3.9.03*

An example of a mission statement from the day

### Junior Maths Challenge

The mean age of the members of "All Sinners" boy band is 19. What is the mean age when an extra member, who is 24 years old, joins them?

A 19 B 20 C 21  
D 22 E 24

Turn to page 14 for the answer.



Working as a team on the nose-cone challenge

After this, the students started to make their nose cones in their groups, albeit with a small catch: they were given no advice. Flying blind, they leapt straight to the 'fun-to-do' part and missed the important planning stage. Later, after learning about the importance of this, the Year 7s were given a second chance, this time allocating jobs to members of their groups, such

## Viva Espana!

In June, forty Year 9 students, accompanied by four members of staff, braved the twenty-five hour coach journey to Isla, in the Cantabrian region of Northern Spain. Caroline Jones, Year 10, reminisces about her time there:



Basking in the sunshine of Santillana del Mar



Paul Donald displays his culinary genius

This was my second college visit, but it was by no means second best. Spain 2003 was both enjoyable and relaxing, but still with hard work to remind us it was a language visit! I had some good times and saw some amazing sights.

We had a twenty-five hour coach trip before we got there, but when we did, it was worth it. We had the Sunday to unpack, find out about the local area and do some sports activities on the beach. The hotel itself was called Campomar, a three-star hotel. It included a restaurant, a bar, many hotel rooms, a terrace and a pool.

On Monday, we travelled to a place called Santillana del Mar, mar meaning sea, for anyone who doesn't speak Spanish! The village was by the coast and we had a questionnaire to complete. This meant we had to use our Spanish to ask the local people about the area. There was an opportunity to go shopping and do some sightseeing, as well.

Tuesday took us to Castro, another town by the coast. This time we had role plays to complete in the shops and we had to buy certain items to prove we'd been there. In the evening, we were taught some salsa dancing by professional performers! It involved individual and partner work, and, at the end, we watched their latest routines.

Wednesday was our final day before we were to head back and we spent some time in a shopping centre near Santander. First, we were given some free time to do our shopping and then we had to get into groups for our final task. We were given a budget of 10 Euros per team with which to buy food for a meal that we were to prepare back at the hotel. The food was then judged by the hotel staff. Although our team didn't win, we still had a good laugh. In the evening, we had a party before departing the next day. The atmosphere was brilliant and everyone had a great last night.

The visit was one of the best that the College has ever hosted and I was happy to take part. I can only hope other visits will be just as eventful and that the experience of Spain 2003 will never be forgotten.

Caroline Jones, Year 10



# Curriculum

## Amusez - Vous Bien



On June 29, at 7.45am, we all piled onto the coach that would be taking us to France for a week. We waved goodbye to our families and settled down in our seats ready for our journey to begin! As we travelled down to Dover, the whole coach was filled with excitement for what lay ahead of us in the next week. When we reached Dover, we boarded the ferry and were given instructions on where to meet, before being allowed to explore the ferry for about an hour and a half. We arrived in France at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and we went to Nausicaa Sealife centre, where we looked at some of the most odd-looking sea life. We had our evening meal in a restaurant called Flunch - the food was delicious, especially the desserts!

Très chic Charlotte



C'est moi, non?

Our hotel was nice but it was quite warm because the heat wave had just started. The next day we went around Rouen and, in the afternoon, those who wanted to went swimming and the others went to a shopping centre on the outskirts of town. The Hypermarket made Asda in Spondon look like a corner shop!

In the middle of the week, we transferred to Paris. Whilst on the France trip we saw many beautiful sights including Notre Dame, the Bayeux Tapestry and the Eiffel Tower. Our evening meals were very good but the best night was at Pizza Hut, where everyone had to order the pizza they wanted, but it had to be ordered in French!

In the daytime, we toured around many of the sights in Paris and Rouen. In Paris, we had a cruise on the Seine and we climbed the Eiffel Tower. We went to Montmatre and some people had their caricature done - some were funnier than others!!!



One night, after eating our meal, we went to play Boules. We quickly learned the rules and it wasn't long before the girls were much better than the boys. Some nights, we all played football; this time, though, I think the boys were better than the girls.

Overall, everyone enjoyed the French trip but lots of people were glad to be home. We all have to thank Mr Kay, Mrs John and Miss Rooney for making the France visit what it was and for planning all of our excursions. A special thanks to Miss Rooney from the girls for organising our 'Girly' night in the hotel - I think the boys were secretly jealous but they didn't say anything.

Here are some lasting memories:

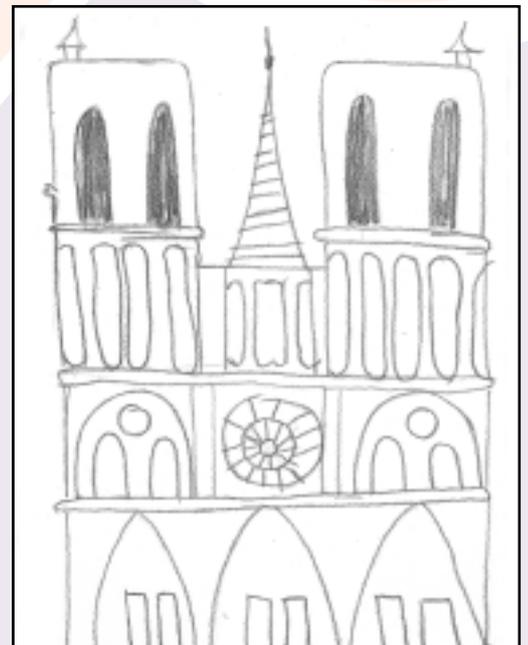
"My memory is of when, in the Kyriad Hotel, I got locked out of my room in just my boxers. I will never be able to look at Miss Rooney in the eye again."

Robert Bown, Year 9

"One lasting memory of Paris is standing underneath the Eiffel Tower and looking up. That is such a special memory that I will always remember it for the rest of my life."

Stephen Ash, Year 10

M Kay, Kellie Hancocks, Year 9,  
and Alice Coupe, Year 9



Notre Dame De Paris  
by Damien Moorcroft, Year 8

# Curriculum

## Wilkommen in Berlin!

In June 40 students and four members of staff from Landau Forte College made their way to Germany:

After a short flight, we landed in Berlin. At around midday we made our way to the youth hostel. After we unpacked, we walked into the centre of Berlin, where we were allowed to explore. Then, after a long day, it was an early night for all of us.

The next day we went back to Berlin, and finally did some shopping, which for some of us was the best part of the holiday, as there was a designer named street. Then we took the tube to the other side of Berlin to catch an open top tour bus, which took us around the city, taking in the sights. One place that I really remember was the site of the remainder of the Berlin wall. As we were on a college visit, we were asked to produce a piece of work. Many people drew the Berlin Wall and some wrote documents about how they think they would feel if their families were separated.

We also visited the local theatre to see Cats, which was in German, but we understood some of it!



A bus tour around the German capital



Underneath the TV Tower in Berlin

The next morning, we were set a challenge. We had 3 Euros each, and in groups of 4 or 5 we had to buy a typical German meal, plus we had to eat the meal on our boat trip to an island we visited that afternoon. The meals were something else, but no-one complained. On the island we had a chance to explore or just sit and relax and take in the views.

We also spent one afternoon at the local swimming pool, which was fun for all. We went to the top of the TV tower. The tower is 198ft high and has a revolving restaurant on top. The views from this tower showed us all of Berlin and some of its history.

Like many people who visit Berlin, we visited Check Point Charlie. This was a depressing but enjoyable visit and we learnt a lot from it, which will help us in our understanding of Germany and its history.

At the end of the week, there was a talent show where a number of interesting activities took place. There was singing, quizzes, games and performances. After a night of entertainment, the next day we were on our way home.

Kylie Morris, Year 11

# Arts

## MUT Makes Musical Magic

Landau Forte Youth Theatre won a highly commended award at the Music for Youth Festival in July. The photograph shows them rehearsing by the London Eye before they



The Youth Theatre rehearse under the London Eye

gave the first performance of MUT at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The piece has been specially written and devised for the Science on Stage Festival in Noordwijk this November.

The group was selected from many entries from across 22 countries to be one of 10 performances at the Festival which takes place at the European Space Centre. Flights and accommodation are paid for by the European Intergovernmental Research organisation. The group will also take in a few sights in Amsterdam while they are in Holland.

Their next commission is for the Wellcome Trust who have awarded the group £3000 to write and tour a piece of music theatre that explores issues related to gene research. This piece goes into rehearsal when the group arrive back from Holland. It is certainly a busy and exciting year ahead.

A Coffey

## Dancers at Sudbury Hall



In July, The Dancers were once again invited to perform at Sudbury Hall's Day of Dance 2003.

More than 20 different groups from across Derbyshire gathered in the beautiful grounds around the Museum of Modern Childhood to celebrate the diversity of dance.

Landau Forte College was first up and we kicked off with Year 12 Performing Arts students who showed their AS level examination piece, which explores the brutality of interrogation. Our Year 12s stunned the audience with their convincing dramatisation, leaving many audience members taken aback as the victim lay defeated. This was followed by Junior Dance Club members who lifted the spirits of the audience with a fantastic first performance of their piece "Imagination".

Congratulations to all those who took part. We were so successful we've already been invited back next year!

C Thackrah



Junior Dance Club say: "Use your Imagination!"

# Sports Report

## Year 8 Surrey Rugby and Football Tour

This visit has now become an annual event in the yearly sporting calendar. The visit provides an excellent opportunity for our students to play four competitive fixtures in rugby and football against national opposition. The boys stay overnight in dormitories at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Reigate, Surrey.

During the weekend the boys also go to Chessington Adventure Park and attend a disco on Saturday night. They sample what it's like to be a boarder in an independent school.

They have their meals in the canteen and make friends with students from different countries and from all walks of life. Furthermore, our students who attend have the opportunity to receive certain awards and all of them received a medal for their sporting performances.

The host school are now looking for a return visit to Derby next year which will include football, rugby and basketball fixtures.

N Maddock

## Ski Visit to Courmayeur

On the Saturday, we set off on our long journey to Italy. We had everyone on two coaches; one coach had some other students from a school in Durham. Our coaches took us to Dover where we caught a ferry to Calais that evening. As we drove through France, we watched a video and then fell to sleep. In the morning we stopped at a service station and had a continental breakfast.

Eventually we arrived at Courmayeur in Italy and we went straight up in the cable car to the bottom of the pistes to sort out our skis and boots. Back down the mountain, we headed for our hotel. Then we were assigned to our rooms and then took our luggage upstairs.

The next day we had an early start. We had a breakfast of hot chocolate, cereal, rolls and yogurt, and then we got onto the coach in our ski gear (after being checked by the staff for goggles, gloves and sunscreen!) A quick journey to the cable car and then it was up the mountain, to collect our equipment. We then met our instructors for the week.

After our ski lessons, we would then return to the hotel. Before dinner in the evening, many of the group would visit the local swimming pool and provide 'diving entertainment' for the locals! Each evening after dinner, numerous awards were presented to students by Miss Smith for good behaviour and amusing incidents. Throughout the week, there were a number of evening activities such as karaoke and ice skating. Pizza Night was a very enjoyable evening, especially when Mr Rowe got tomato ketchup on his head!

Our week of skiing even featured a day trip to the slopes of Pila. Our trip ended with a Presentation Evening, where our ski instructors presented us all with certificates and awards. We ended our ski visit with our final day on the slopes, handed in our equipment, returned to the hotel for dinner and then departed on our 18 hour return journey to Derby.

Chris O'Neill and Chris Wragg,  
Year 9



The students outside the hotel in Courmayeur

# Sports Report

## Sports Awards Pre

Landau Forte College hosted its first Sports Awards evening in July which proved to be a great success. In front of a full house our students were recognised for their individual and team achievements. Our special guest, Adam Bolder from Derby County Football Club, congratulated our students on their successes and assisted with picking the winners from our raffle, which included a number of prestigious prizes.

During the interludes there were magnificent performances and displays from our own gymnasts: Rebecca Abbott, Year 8, Heidi Dickson, Year 9, Holly Dickson, Year 11, Kayleigh Fletcher, Year 8,

Chloe Jeffrey, Year 8, Hannah Povey, Year 8 and Clare Lambert, Year 12, as well as a dance display from Charlotte Holt, Year 12. Due to this success these awards will now become an annual event.

Here are the successful students who achieved their awards in their respective categories and sports:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS** - These are awarded to the individuals who have been the most influential in their sport. They can apply the skills, tactics and leadership qualities both on and off the field of play.

FOOTBALL		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7	Chris Thomas	
Year 8	Michael Barnett	
Year 9	James Jones	Sade Lynch
Year 10	Andrew Gunter	Stephanie Reynolds
Year11	David Hayward	

BASKETBALL		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7	Mathew Coleman	Doreen Miller
Year 8	Mitchell Coventry	Leanne Fletcher
Year 9		Sade Lynch
Year 10		Emma Ryde

NETBALL		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7		Jessica Archer
Year 8		
Year 9		Chantelle Smithen
Year 10		Emma Wheatley
Year11		Sarah Guy

ATHLETICS		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7	Sam Watson	Jade Marshall-Lynch
Year 8	Ryan Harlow	Megan Mellor
Year 9	Alex Spurling	Mica Francis
Year 10	Lucas Brooks	Suzie Cunningham
Year11	Dean Williamson	Amy Spencer
Post-16		Aimee Booth

GYMNASTICS		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7		Kayleigh Fletcher
Year 8		Aime Pople
Year 9	Stuart Parker	
Year 10	Lucas Brooks	Charlotte Reeks
Year11	Dean Williamson	Amy Spencer
Post-16		Clare Lambert

BADMINTON		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 7	Andrew Janezko	
Year 8	Shaun Hendrickson	
Year 9	Chris Woods	
Year 10	Steve Hanson	Emma Wheatley
Year11	Tom Simpson	Claire MacKenzie

GYMNASTICS		
	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 9	Richard Jackson	



Steven Hanson and Suzanne Cunningham are Sports Personalities of the Year

# Sports Report

## Representation Evening

### COLOURS AWARDS

**HALF** - Awarded to individuals who have demonstrated dedication, commitment and motivation towards their chosen sport. They may not have acquired representative honours but are instrumental to team effectiveness and cohesion.

**FULL** - Awarded to students who have been recognised and achieved representative honours whether it being district, county, regional or national levels. They may also have acquired high rankings or places in tournaments or competitions.

	HALF	FULL
Football	Year 7 - Jack Barker, Chris Thomas, Robert Williams Year 8 - Adam Furnival Year 9 - George Lawrence Year 10 - Laura Harris, Stephanie Reynolds Year 11 - John Fyall, Graham Mitchell	Year 8 - Ashley Mather Year 9 - Sebastian Szondi Year 10 - Suzie Cunningham Year 11 - Greg Babbs, Nathan Croot, Patrick Shephard
Netball	Year 9 - Daisy Rae, Chantelle Smithen Year 10 - Danielle Harrison Year 11 - Emma Greaves, Kelly Morgan	Year 10 - Suzie Cunningham, Emma Wheatley Year 11 - Sarah Guy Year 12 - Amy Knott
Basketball	Year 7 - Mathew Coleman	Year 8 - Mitchell Coventry, Sarah Rowe, Sam Sutton Year 11 - Graham Holland
Cricket	Year 9 - Chris Woods Year 11 - Razwan Iqbal	Year 9 - Brett James Year 12 - Ashley Clarke
Rounders	Year 9 - Cherrelle Cover, Sarah Huddleston Year 10 - Suzie Cunningham, Emma Wheatley Year 11 - Emma Greaves, Claire Mackenzie	
Badminton	Year 8 - Robert Fogg Year 11 - Richard Higgins	Year 10 - Steven Hanson
Athletics		Year 8 - Megan Mellor Year 9 - Alex Spurling Year 10 - Lucas Brooks, Martin Taylor Year 11 - Amy Spencer Year 12 - Aimee Booth
Swimming	Year 9 - David Brooksby, Paul Donald, Richard Jackson	
Gymnastics		Year 7 Kayleigh Fletcher
Tennis		Year 11 - Claire Mackenzie, Robbie Davy Cripwell
Karate		Year 8 - Deanna Walsh Year 11 - Hannah Collar
Golf		Year 12 - Sam Glossop

### INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM AWARDS

**TEAM OF THE YEAR** - This is awarded to the boys and girls team who have achieved notable improvement and success throughout the year in their respective sport.

**BOYS** - This team last year won only 3 out of their 6 league games. In comparison to this year they were unbeaten in 8 games, winning 7 and drawing only 1. They scored 45 goals for and conceded only 14 against. As a result they came top of their league and have been promoted to the A division. The Boys Team of the Year is therefore the Year 8 football team.

**GIRLS** - This is only the second time that we have entered in the same number of years. Firstly the squad competed in the Midlands zonal finals in which the Under 13s and Under 15s came second. This meant that they competed in the next round against squads from the Midlands, Wales and the South. Despite excellent results we only just missed out on qualifying for the national finals. Girls team of the Year is therefore the Under 13 and Under 15 trampolining squads.

**MOST IMPROVED STUDENT** - This award recognises the student who has improved their knowledge, skills and understanding across the PE curriculum this year.

**BOY** - Alistair Smith, Year 9

**GIRL** - Cassie White, Year 8

**COMMITMENT TO PE** - Awarded to students who have expressed loyalty, reliability and devotion to a number of sports that they have participated in.

**BOYS** - This is awarded to the boy who has represented the College in rugby, football, cricket, athletics, badminton and basketball - not to mention playing for a hockey club outside of College. He was a member of the successful football team that won the league and the basketball team that won the City tournament. He is an instrumental player and is very enthusiastic. The Boys commitment to PE award was received by Jasdeep Sidhu in Year 8.

**GIRLS** - This is awarded to the girl who has represented the College in football, netball, athletics and badminton - not to mention representing the county in netball. The girl's commitment to PE was received by Emma Wheatley in Year 10.

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR** - Awarded to individuals who have achieved a high level of skill and standard in more than one sport. They demonstrate passion, confidence and excellence.

**BOYS** - This student has made it in the sport of badminton. He represented and captained the College in our inauguration of the Derbyshire Badminton League and played an instrumental role in eventually becoming county champions - he also won every single game. Furthermore, he won the Under 15 County Championships earlier this year. The Sportsperson of the Year award was received by Steven Hanson in Year 10.

**GIRLS** - This student has had a go at every sport imaginable and excels in most! She has represented the College in football, netball, athletics and rounders and has played a vital role in the successes of these teams. In addition to this she has represented the County of Derbyshire in both football and netball for her age range for the last couple of years. The Sportsperson of the Year award was received by Suzanne Cunningham in Year 10.

**SERVICES TO PE** - This award recognises a type of student who without their help some teams wouldn't be able to run. They volunteer their own free time in assisting with the organisation and coaching of teams and play an instrumental role in the extension programme.

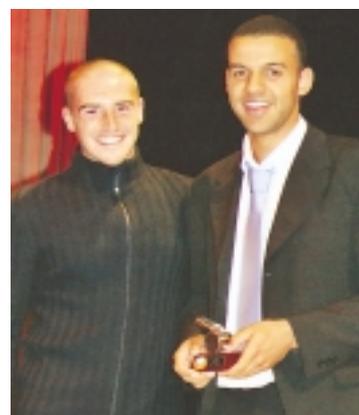
**BOYS** - Colin Jones has assisted with the coaching, organising and officiating of the Year 7 football team. Likewise Richard Mold has also assisted with this team but was also instrumental with our Year 7 and Year 8 basketball teams. Both have been awarded £20 JJB gift vouchers in recognition for their services to PE.

**GIRLS** - Year 11 student Amy Spencer has put a lot of time and effort into developing our PE website on our intranet, allowing students and anyone else to log onto our site. She has updated all the year's results, competition updates, events and any other relevant information. Amy also received a £20 JJB gift voucher.

**SERVICES TO SPORT** - This award goes to the student who has demonstrated commitment to their sport outside of College time.

Clive Lawrence, Year 12 - This student has excelled in an officiating capacity. He has achieved his class one refereeing grade making him the second youngest to do so in the country. He has officiated over 400 games over the past three years. He had the honour of officiating the last football match played at the Baseball Ground.

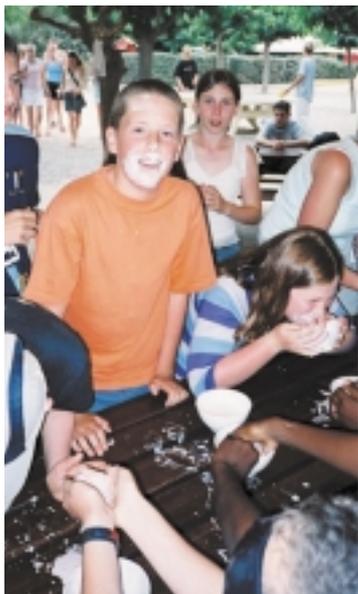
In addition to this he has won the Derby Sunday League referee of the year.



Clive Lawrence receives his award from Adam Bolder

# Sports Report

## Watersports Visit to France



I wonder who won the yoghurt competition?

On Saturday 27th June, 38 students piled onto a coach, along with Miss Smith, Mr Maddock, Mr Needham and Miss Lyman. We travelled for just under 21 hours, arriving at Les Tamaris in the South of France at 10.30am. We were taken to our village (aptly named Animal Village) and met our groupies: Claire, Amy and Jan. After sorting tents out and having breakfast we had a swimming test. The water was unbelievably freezing.

In the afternoon, we went on the Toppers (small sailing boats) which was fun, especially because it was exceedingly windy. Our evening entertainment that night was bar games. Many hidden talents were exposed that evening. Who would have guessed Sarah Huddleston and Craig Lewin could fit 15 marshmallows in their mouths, all at once, whilst quite clearly saying "fluffy bunnies"? How else would we have found out that Lorna Hartley could eat an orange with no hands in under a minute (at one point having the whole orange in her mouth)? Then there was the yoghurt game, where a blind folded person had to feed yoghurt to a partner with only their hands. Sounds simple except when the person being fed can't use their own hands. Chris Stevenson appeared to be a little



There must be easier ways to eat an orange!

competitive, when in desperation he started to suck it off the table in order for his team to win. Finally there was a disco, which occurred every night and allowed us to meet up with the other schools on the site.

On Monday we went snorkelling and played beach games as the sea was very rough. The evening brought about the Great Egg Race and Tyrone Samuel caught an egg from 25 feet in the air without it smashing.

Tuesday brought about Catamaran sailing and Kayaking. The catamarans were brilliant as you could lean over the edge whilst going really fast. In the evening we went to Cap D'Adge, a local town, where the language barrier caused a few hilarious problems. Even Mr Maddock was somehow mistaken for a French local!!!

Montpellier was our next destination for a short tour in the morning and shopping in the afternoon, which was fantastic as it was the first day of the sales. The evening saw our very own beach Olympics, where people crawled, dug holes, went dizzy and some even got dragged by their feet. On Thursday, SOKs (Sit-on kayaks) was our chosen activity. That night was disco bowling, which was great as we had the whole place to ourselves.

The blusterous weather caused a change in plans on Friday. Instead of going windsurfing we visited a nearby gorge. This turned out to be the best day of all. It was really sunny and we had lots of fun, swimming in the river, jumping off small rocks, creating a natural water slide using the clay banks and of course sunbathing!!!

Our last night, proved to be hilarious and was for some a little more surprising. The Miss Tamaris Pageant contained unlikely contestants. Yes, you guessed it, the competitors were all male. Daniel Notisce, Ross Preston, James Lomas, Josh Watts and Mr Nigella Maddock all had to dress up in various women's outfits. There were 3 rounds: casual wear, beach wear and evening wear. Each contestant had to walk down a catwalk after a group of make-up artists and designers had helped them prepare for each round.

On Saturday, we didn't leave until after dinner, which gave us time to go out in a Long Boat in the morning. Our final activity of this hectic week was the Ocean Rider which made a brilliant end to a fantastic week. When it was eventually time to leave, there were very few dry eyes on the coach, mainly due to saying goodbye to the "disco crew" from the other schools. The week at Les Tamaris was brilliant and one we will never forget.

**Lorna Hartley and Heidi Rudge,  
Year 10**

# Sports Report

## Football Champions at LFC!

It was a very successful football 2002/03 season for both boys and girls. This was highlighted by two teams in particular. The Under 13 boys team won the District B division remaining unbeaten throughout the year and are now promoted to Division A. The girls Under 16 team were also joint winners of the District League by displaying some excellent performances. As winners of their respective leagues both teams were invited to the Annual Derby Schools Football Association Presentation Evening at the Toyota Suite, Pride Park in July. They were presented with their cup and medals by players and management of Derby County Football Club. The teams also had an exclusive tour around the changing rooms, tunnel and pitch. Well done and congratulations to all the players involved!



Football League Winners  
U16 Girls A Division  
U 13 Boys B Division

### SPORTS ROUND UP

#### INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students gained representative's honours in their respective sports:

**ATHLETICS** - Derby West Athletics: Megan Mellor, Year 8, Alex Spurling, Year 9, Martin Taylor and Lucas Brooks both in Year 10 and Aimee Booth, Year 12.

**GOLF** - Samuel Glossop, Year 12 has made it into the County match-play finals.

**BASKETBALL** - Samantha Sutton and Sarah Rowe, both in Year 8, have been selected to represent the East Midlands in basketball.

**GYMNASTICS** - Clare Lambert, Year 12 attended the Regional Gymnastic finals.

**CRICKET** - Craig Lewin, Year 8 was selected to attend County trials.

### TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATHLETICS** - Landau entered the first miniathlon team for Year 7 and achieved notable success.

**TENNIS** - Tennis club members attended a day out at the Samsung Nottingham Open Tennis Championships last June.

**CRICKET** - Years 7, 8 and 9 completed all their league and cup fixtures with some notable wins for Years 8 and 9.

**ROUNDERS** - Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 completed their league fixtures again achieving notable successes.

**TRIAITHLON** - Over ten of our students entered the Annual Under 14 Derbyshire Triathlon Championships at Etwall.

### 2002/2003 EXTENSION PROGRAMME SEASON SUMMARY

During the extension programme the following information should be recognised:

- Over 250 fixtures were completed.
- 75 teams were represented.
- Entered 31 local, county and national cups and league competitions.
- Thirty six inter-division fixtures took place.
- Eleven different activities were offered.
- Sixteen links with local sporting agencies and associations established.

### LANDAU FORTE INTER DIVISION TROPHY

The annual interdivision sports trophy was won yet again by Forte, the final result being 19 - 17. Fixtures for all year groups were organised in sports such as football, netball, cricket, cross-country, athletics, tennis and rounders.

## Student Sporting Profile

Name: William Simpson, Year: 8 Forte

Sports: Athletics, Basketball, Football and Tennis

Profile: I play for Darley Abbey Colts football team. We train every week and play every Saturday in the Lower Community Saturday League games and for the College team. I play as a striker and last season I scored 17 goals. I also play tennis for Woodlands Tennis Club. I am hoping to take part in some tournaments soon. In athletics I enjoy taking part in cross-country running. I was a winner in this event recently.

## Derby - The Dead Centre of England?



Richard Felix and Matthew Smith hanging out together

Did you know that Derby holds the unenviable title of the Ghost Capital of England? Were you aware that there's reputedly a vampire living at the bottom of Ascot Drive? Or that The Silk Mill tower is haunted by the ghost of a little boy who was kicked down the stairs to his death? In week 6 of term 5, the English team arranged for one hundred and twenty intrepid Year 7 students (and a couple of Year 8s) to venture in to the dark depths of Derby's Old Gaol. They were met by the old gaoler himself who

enticed the braver ones among the group into the pitch black condemned cell. Someone, or something, was still in there!!!

Led by Richard Felix, they then continued their intrepid journey into the welcome daylight, only to be informed of the gruesome ways in which executions took place in our city. Before the invention of the gallows, those prisoners that were condemned to hang were delivered to the executioner on a cart, the noose was placed around the victim's neck and the cart was driven away. Imagine walking those last few steps to your death! It could take anything up to twenty minutes to die of slow strangulation. However, if you were lucky, or rich, the hangman would climb on top of the scaffolding, put both feet on the victim's shoulders and press down, which helped to hurry up the process! Four of our students were brave enough to allow Richard to put the noose around their necks. Tempting though it was, the accompanying staff decided to stop the action at that point.

Students then followed Richard to the sight of Derby's second gaol, the impressive front of which still remains on Vernon Street. The students were enthralled by tales of rebellion and jail breaks, the perpetrators being gunned down right outside the prison walls. You can still see the doors set half way up these walls, through which the condemned prisoners walked onto the gallows.

Once back in the dismal, dank surroundings of the old gaol, students were treated to one last gruesome surprise. While one of the group courageously lay on the beheading block, Richard told a final, spine-chilling tale. If you want to know what it was, ask one of the students who survived the experience. You'll be able to spot them. They're still shaking...

The next time you walk up St Peter's Street, spare a thought for the victims of the Black Death. Many plague sufferers fell into a coma and were presumed to be dead. They were buried quickly to reduce the spread of the disease. Imagine waking up to find that you'd been buried alive. Coffins have been found with scratch marks on the inside of the lid and there are several reports of people clawing their way out of shallow graves in the St Peter's Street area. So, if you HAVE to walk up this street, especially at night, don't look down!!!



Richard tells a ghostly tale about Vernon Gate

## International Air Tattoo R.A.F Fairford

On the last day of term, Friday 18 July, a group of seven students accompanied by Mrs Priestnall, were invited to RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire by Rolls Royce Plc. The International Air Tattoo 2003 celebrated 100 years of powered flight with dazzling displays



The Stealth Bomber disguises itself behind Mrs Priestnall and students

of aerial acrobatics and stunning static arrangements of aircraft built throughout the century. Friday was devoted to 'Youth Day', with the majority of visitors being of our age, although the majority of them were not in the VIP lounge of Rolls Royce!

The day began with a presentation in the Rolls Royce lounge; our group was assigned a mentor to answer our fervent questions, and his name was Dickon. He explained how he had taken a year in industry through Rolls Royce, then had been sponsored through an Engineering degree, followed by employment with the company. We then had a delicious lunch and a tour of the airfield. But for me the ultimate experience was sitting in the Euro-fighter Typhoon, I am now the envy of everyone on my Air Cadet Squadron!

Rosie Emeny, Year 13

## Ex-student Philippa Hill in Focus

Philippa Hill left Landau Forte College in 1996 with a full complement of 'A' Levels. Seven years later, we managed to contact her to discover what life after Landau has brought her. Philippa studied Biological Sciences at Manchester Metropolitan University, before moving back to Derby. She is now a senior health and fitness instructor at the David Lloyd health and fitness club.

The choice of A-levels that she undertook at Landau Forte prepared her for the work she was about to do in higher education. Not certain what career path she was aiming for, she decided in her final year of university. The chance to study the 'Exercise to Music' course in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, which was part of her Biological Sciences degree, introduced her to fitness instruction, and eventually her job in Derby. It gave her a choice of profession, which

incorporated both her knowledge of the sciences and the element of enjoyment which she was seeking.

Philippa commented that the College: "encourages hard work, and adopts a professional attitude in dealing with its students, equipping them for a smooth transition into further education and employment." Philippa's success could also be a result of the wide range of interests and skills Landau Forte College promotes its students to pursue and the variety of experiences that are available to our students.

Bima Herz, Year 13

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