



## Students and Staff Celebrate Success!

In Year 11 and 13 attainment and achievement in the final examinations were very good across a very wide range of subject areas with students at all levels of ability achieving well. At both Key Stage 4 and Post 16, there were many outstanding individual achievements with hard work and serious effort bringing their own rewards.





# The Principal's Message

Congratulations to our students on their examination success! The Year 11 and 13 final examinations marked the end of a very successful year at the College, highlighted by many successes across a whole spectrum of activities and experiences, many of which have been covered in this and earlier editions of Newslink.

The headlines are:

### Key Stage 4 Results Summary

- 85% of students achieved 5 or more A\* - C grades
- 71% of students achieved 5 or more A\* - C grades including Mathematics and English (previous College highest 66%)
- 27.2 % of grades were A\* & A

### Post 16 Results Summary A2 Level

- 100% pass rate in 18 out of 20 subjects at A2 with particularly strong performances in English, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Psychology, Business Studies, French, Geography, History and Performing Arts.
- Overall 99% Pass rate A - E
- 49% of grades at A & B

### BTEC Results Summary

- Business and Engineering both 100% pass rate
- 34% Distinction Awards

Whilst everyone, including students, parents and staff enjoyed their success, we are now immediately focused upon the new academic year and the challenge for both students and staff is to achieve well and secure another successful year for everyone involved with the College.

The academic year has started well: student numbers have grown with 170 children in Year 7: the highest intake ever and with our biggest Post 16 to date with over 280 students in Year 12 and 13. To meet the increased demands we have successfully recruited new staff and we warmly welcome both the new students and staff to the College.

I am able to confirm we have now, with the agreement of Staffordshire County Council, submitted our Expression of Interest to the Department for Children, Schools and Families for the development of an Academy in Staffordshire which would be a 'sister' school to Landau Forte College. This is a very exciting project and one which we fully expect to benefit both the new Academy and the College. I will give you further information as matters develop.

We look forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead and are delighted to be working together with you, our students and their families. I hope you enjoy this latest edition of **Newslink**.

Stephen Whiteley,  
Principal



The alarm was set, but for once we didn't need it. We were too excited to sleep and ended up texting each other all night to see if we had forgotten to pack anything. To our shock and horror, we had to arrive at College for 3.30am on the Monday morning, but it meant we were able to spend the rest of the day in Spain.

## España 08!

On Monday we explored the resort and got to know the surrounding area. We were given free time to go shopping and on the beach. There was a castle that was on the beach front and, when we got to the top of the castle, we were blown away by the phenomenal views. Naturally, we had to stop off at the ice-cream shop on the way as you can't have the seaside without the ice cream to go with it. By the evening we were all exhausted and decided to skip shopping (a rarity for us shopaholics!!!) and get an early night.

We learnt a lot while we were in Spain. We gained trust, skills, made new friends and much more. Let's hope that Spain 09 will be as much of a success as this year. Many thanks to all the teachers that organised the visit and helped make Spain 08 the brilliant experience that it was. We are all looking forward to going back next year!

Charlotte Hampton and Rachel Pardner, Year 13 and Nuala Kelly and Frances Cadd, Year 9

One day, we visited the Dali museum and got a tour around while having some of the pieces explained to us. This enabled us to become imaginative while admiring and creating art work and we all found the museum very interesting, especially those of us who have hidden artistic skills!



Whilst in Spain, we visited Barcelona, taking in the breathtaking panoramic views of the whole city from above at the famous, cultural Park Güell. Next we had a photo stop at the awe-inspiring Cathedral which makes this city as popular as it is today. The contrast in architecture of this modern cathedral impressed us all!

Friday was the day when our visit came to an end. We were all very reluctant to go back home!





# Deutschland Delights

On Monday 7th July we arrived at College for 3pm to leave for the airport, ready and excited to be setting off on our journey to Germany. After our smooth flight, we eventually arrived in Germany at about 10pm. But we didn't reach the hostel we were staying in until 11.30 because we had to go through customs, get our bags and get on the coach. It was a long day!

After a good night's sleep, everyone was up and dressed, downstairs eating breakfast for about 8:15. We left the hostel about 9 and went for a walk around the town and went to the German parliament building where a woman that worked there gave us a talk about the history of the building. That night we went to the IMAX cinema to watch a short film about rivers and valleys in German. We got back to the hostel around 9.30 and went straight to bed and slept like babies.

The week went really quickly and we visited lots of different places. The whole trip was an excellent experience: we visited the Checkpoint Charlie museum, which was all about the Cold War and was really interesting. We also visited the TV tower which is a huge building: it's 365m high and takes 30 seconds to get to the top in the lift. It made our ears pop!

On another day we went on an open top bus tour to see some parts of Berlin we couldn't see within walking distance. As always, we took lots of pictures and we saw what was left of the Berlin wall; some people had created pieces of art on it and it looked amazing. We also visited a nuclear bunker which was set up in the 1970's in case there was a nuclear war. Luckily there never was, but it was really interesting to find out how the system

would have worked. It was quite scary though and really claustrophobic. I don't think any of us would have wanted to experience it as it happened. One of the most moving things we saw was the Memorial to the dead Jews of Europe: it is a memorial which you can walk around and is made up of huge stone slabs.

On Thursday night we had a show and disco, which was hilarious. Miss Watson and Mr Calow came up with their own raps and had backing dancers. A group of current Year nine students stood in front of everyone and bashed spoons together; clearly a career to pursue. There was a range of other acts and it was a really good night.

On the last day we went to the zoo, which was awesome! We walked round the zoo all day, looking at the animals, taking pictures and having a fantastic time. As we got on the flight home, I think everyone wanted to stay in Berlin longer. It was a really good visit and definitely worth going. Thanks to all the teachers for arranging the visit.

Amy Walker-Endsor and Morgan Richmond, Year 10



During the visit to Berlin, students completed several tasks based on the places we visited and also commented on the trip.

Students visited the History of Berlin Museum and learnt about the Berlin Blockade, when West Berlin supply lines were cut off by the Soviet Union. American and British planes had to fly supplies into West Berlin. There was very little to eat and at times no electricity. Alex Withey (Year 10) wrote this letter in German, imagining that he was a Berliner at that time:

*"Lieber Fritz,*

*Ich habe Hunger und Durst. Ich werde verhungern oder sterben. Ich habe Angst vor frieren. Es gibt kein Holz oder Feuer oder Streichholzer. Die Russen werden die amerikanische Flugzeuge zerstören. Mir ist kalt, weil es kein Strom gibt. Die Amerikaner bringen Kerzen durch die Luftbrücke.*

*Hans."*

*"On Enrichment Week I took part in the visit to Germany. Some of the best parts were going to the T.V. tower - the views were amazing - and going to the zoo where there were lots of animals including Polar Bears and Pandas. The worst part for me was that my water bottle leaked in my bag and all my stuff got wet. It was good fun and I would like to go on next year's trip too!"*

James Tollitt, Year 10

*"In Enrichment Week we went to Germany and we visited lots of places. My favourite place was when we went to the TV tower because there was a beautiful view of Berlin and we saw some places that we didn't see on the bus tour.*

*I also enjoyed shopping because I bought lots of souvenirs. The worst thing was when I hurt my knee playing football. It was a great trip."*

Ahtesham Khan, Year 9

L Watson





# My Visit to Warwick Castle...

On Wednesday the 9th July, as part of Enrichment Week, Year 8 went to Warwick Castle! We set off from College at 8.45. After a quick hour-long journey, we finally arrived at Warwick Castle, the best medieval experience in the UK.

When we arrived we walked up a pathway to get to the Castle, where we watched an archery show before going into the Castle. We learnt that it was a highly skilled sport which was used to defend the Castle from the enemy when under attack.



After having lunch, we then watched another show about birds of prey in the outer gardens of the Castle, which was very interesting. The guide showed us how they would hunt and kill their prey. The guide showed us eagles, vultures and many other birds which had very large wing spans which helped them to swoop down and kill their prey.

Before returning home we visited the museum and shop, to buy some souvenirs. It was a very enjoyable day.

Diane Bolitho, Year 9

# Derby Days!

During Enrichment Week 2008, Year 7 students spent two days completing a Tourism Project. The aim was to learn about Derby. Each group had a historical walk with Edward Felix from Derby Ghostwalks Ltd, which started in the town centre and ended at the Derby Gaol. He showed us the cells at the Gaol and also explained about the main three ways that you could be punished. Some people have claimed they have seen a ghost and flashing lights whilst visiting the Gaol. Edward said: "I found this a very fulfilling week showing the students round the history of Derby, the students behaved really well and were very enthusiastic. I really enjoyed it and look forward to next year."

original 1900's Rolls Royce engines, the machine that made silk 100 years ago, and a miniature landscape of Derby 100 years ago. He also told us about school in the 1900's which was very different from today's schools. He said if pupils wrote in an undesirable way the teacher could hit the pupil as many times as they wanted, to get the message across! We also went to the Derby Museum and Art Gallery to learn about famous people from Derby.

The last part of our project was to do a survey in town to find out what most people thought about Derby. Back in College we had to create a publicity leaflet for tourists to Derby. The competition was very intense and to earn extra points we had to put our survey results in the leaflet. The experience was great fun!

Tehreem Khan and Stacey Holmes, Year 8

The other visits were to The Silk Mill at The Derby's Museum of Industry and History. We were shown the



# A Camp Load of Fun

On the first half of Enrichment Week, our group, Landau started our journey to the campsite near Matlock Bath. The journey was about half an hour long and we were very tired when we got there. After arriving, we were given some time to settle in, put our bags in our tents or play sports. That night we had spaghetti bolognaise, took part in activities and went to bed.

good to buy some hot food with the Post-16 students. As soon as we got back to camp later everyone had a lie down! Later that evening we got to watch the teachers and the other students sing karaoke, or try to! We went to sleep later after hearing some scary ghost stories. On the final day we woke up, had breakfast and did a lot of fun activities in teams such as speedy orange eating, sitting on balloons and others.

The next day it was day two. After having breakfast we started our big walk to Matlock: we were already tired! Our journey was tiring and hard and felt like it went on forever because we had to walk 9 miles there and back, although it was fun talking to our friends and enjoying the countryside. We then walked around Matlock. It was really

The best bits of Enrichment were the activities and the walk in Matlock. The trip was great and ideal for new Year 7s who have just started College.

By Charlie Wilson, Daniel Woolley and Matthew Riley, Year 8



# Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

The following students successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in July 2008: James Brelsford, Kate Patterson, Reece Ward, Tom Roethenbaugh, Chris Griffiths, Peter Temple, David Wilson, Balraj Dhanda, Tim Riley, Adam Horvath and Billy Gadsby. Well done! Although they set off in the blazing sunshine, they were soon to realise the unpredictability of the Peak District weather...

**Day three:**  
Again we had an early start, leaving around 9:00, travelling down Wolfscote dale at a relatively fast pace. We reached the Tissington trail at around 11:30, travelling down to Newton Grange where we ate the last of our strict rations under a rustic bridge. During our break, Steve the assessor interviewed us in turn, asking us questions about our expedition. The weather changed for the worse once more, pushing us on to Tissington village, where we were told we had passed the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. On this day, we had only travelled 9.8km; nevertheless, we would sleep well that night.

**An extract from the Journal of Tom Roethenbaugh:**

**Day One:**  
We set off from Little Hucklow at 10:00, arriving at Tideslow rake. An ancient mine appeared as a variety of bumps and dips in the uneven grassy landscape. The wet weather began to kick in, about 11:00, lowering our mood. Finally, we arrived at Ashford in the Water campsite at around 4:30 pm. By then the sun had come out, drying us off surprisingly quickly. The decent summer weather stayed for the night, allowing us to pitch our tent and cook without being wet or cold. We had walked an immense 17.7km on this day alone.

Tom Roethenbaugh, Year 11





# French Exchange

At the start of this term we were very pleased to welcome four French students from our French partner school, the Lycée Gérard de Nerval in Soissons. Our own Year 13 A level French students stayed with them in January 2008 when they completed their fantastic work placements and we were all looking forward to meeting the French girls again. We hope this will be the first of many successful exchanges.

The students enjoyed many different learning sessions here in the College and also had lots of opportunities to explore Nottingham and Derbyshire with their host families. They returned home with bulging suitcases and wonderful memories, and before they left they wrote about their experiences here:

*Hello! We are "les Soissonaises": Sophie, Julia, Yasmine and Cannelle. We live in France, near Paris. We have spent a week in Landau Forte College, in your company, to discover English life at school: wear the uniform, your food, lessons and different subjects. We have met a lot of nice persons: teachers and teenagers. We like your College because it's little and warm, and furthermore, there are a lot of computers and electronic whiteboards. Also, we think Derby is a beautiful town because there are many shops, some museums and a big park (Riverside Gardens). It's a very good experience; we hope to come again to England and your students should come to France. The best way for progress in a language is to come to the country. We thank our host families, the French teacher and our correspondents.*

*Thanks for all from Cannelle, Sophie, Yasmine and Julia.*

J John



# Terrific Tall Ships

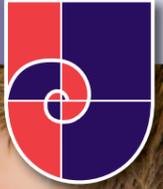
Our journey began on the morning of Friday, June 27th, at 8 o'clock, when we caught the train to Newcastle, where we would embark on the adventure of a lifetime. Our first day aboard the Stavros S Niarchos involved learning the essentials of how to sail a ship, which included learning the lines, how to steer the ship and climbing the rigging: some of us to the terrifying height of 140ft! We were also made aware of the various responsibilities we would have to carry out whilst at sea, including the legendary 'Happy Hour', where we would be assigned a task for one hour from scrubbing the decks, to cleaning the toilets. The voyage itself began in Newcastle, from where we made various stops at different ports, one of which was Dieppe in France, en-route to our final destination of London.

One of the most challenging aspects of life onboard was being on lookout for four hour shifts, at all sorts of hours of the day and night: the worst shift being from 12 midnight until 4am, when we had to try and grab an hour's sleep before and after; very tiring!

However, there was one advantage to being on watch for all of these hours as it helped make all of the 16 members of our watch group, who were at first strangers, become the closest of friends as we spent every waking moment together. This experience will live with us all for the rest of our lives; not only did we learn how to sail a ship, but we learned about ourselves as individuals, through the help of the friends we made onboard. We are grateful to have been given such an unforgettable opportunity. Our profound thanks go to the staff who nominated us and to HSBC: without their offer of sponsorship, this experience would have not been possible.

Laura Hardwick and Gurveer Hansi, Year 13





# 5 Star Rating and 5 Star Service!

The catering staff at Landau Forte College were delighted when they were recently inspected by an unannounced Environmental Health officer and awarded the top rating.

On Friday 29th of August, the College kitchen was inspected and an impressed officer awarded the kitchen a 5 Star rating. The inspections check the overall hygiene in the kitchen, including food storage and preparation, health and safety procedures, records and cleanliness. The inspection lasted for a nerve-wracking 90 minutes and the catering staff were thrilled with the results. Due to such an excellent inspection, the next one will not take place for a further eighteen months. Congratulations!

C Adams



# Where in the World...Can You Read a Book?

That was the challenge set by the IC manager Ms Holme to all students and staff as the summer holidays started. As long as the safety aspect was considered, the participant was urged to be as adventurous and inventive as possible. It wasn't necessary to be somewhere exotic or expensive, it could be in the back garden, but the emphasis was on reading a book in unusual, inventive, outrageous or impressive circumstances.



The whole College was invited to vote and based on the votes, the winner for inventiveness was Jon McGovern with a digitally manipulated picture of himself reading 'Myths & Legends' and rising out of Allestree Lake in 'Excalibur' fashion. The winner of the staff entries was Mr Collins looking exhausted after climbing 1200 metres up the Inca Trail in Peru and the winner of the student entries was Rachel Patterson reading next to the Falkirk Wheel in Scotland. All participants received a prize for entering. Well done and keep reading!

C Holme



On the first day of term, Year 10 students participated in the College's first ever KS4 Induction Day. The day started with a 'KS3 Graduation'. Mr Whiteley presented certificates to a total of 51 students who had been successful in meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- a) Excellent attendance and punctuality to sessions in Year 9
- b) Effort grades of 1 or 2 in all subjects in Year 9
- c) Meeting or exceeding Key Stage 3 target grades in the core subjects of Mathematics, English, Science and ICT

# Year 10 Students Celebrate the Past and Prepare for the Future

The presentations culminated in a new award for 'Outstanding Contribution to KS3' which, in addition to these three achievements, also recognised attributes such as consistently courteous and polite behaviour and involvement in extension activities. It was

heartening to see how many different students were nominated by staff but it was finally decided to share the award this year and the first recipients were India Templeman and Brendan Whitehurst. Congratulations to you both!

The focus of the day then switched to the future. Students initially identified their preferred learning styles and then engaged in a variety of

activities designed to help prepare them for the different demands of their new courses in Key Stage 4. Students rotated between sessions that focused on identifying what makes an effective learning session, how to successfully respond to longer questions, how to conduct effective research and what makes a successful presentation. These sessions were complemented by a variety of fun activities which nonetheless focused on the vital skills of communication and effective teamwork.

Feedback received from the students indicated that they had found the day useful, relevant and interesting and it is hoped that the content of the day is already assisting students in their studies. Many thanks go to all the staff who contributed in many different ways to make this such a successful event on the first day of the year.

A Delbridge and S Bill





## Trade Fair 2008

On the 10th of June, Trade Fair day finally dawned. After weeks of preparation we would be able to experience a day as business men and woman and show all our skills and hard work to the parents and visitors that we had invited to College.

Before the day itself, in various subjects, we prepared for Trade Fair. In English we practised how to approach visitors or parents to try and persuade them to order our products. In Maths we calculated how much money it would take to produce our product and how much product transport would cost. In German we learnt the questions and answers that a German visitor or tutor would ask us about our products. In Technology we designed and produced our products, such as stationery holders, mirrors and key racks.

Within our groups there were different jobs to fulfil such as Manager, Assistant Manager, Finance Manager and ICT Manager. We all enjoyed the responsibility of having a unique job to do and also helping each other to complete the different tasks.

Trade Fair had finally arrived after a long wait. The day began as usual. At Tutor Time we went in the Theatre and began to set up our stalls with lights, tinsel, posters, tablecloths and much more. On each of our tables we had our portfolio, a laptop to show our customers our website,

leaflets, posters and a comment box. We also had name badges that showed the customers our name and job title.

At 12:30 the visitors started arriving. They were greeted by students from different teams who would show them to the Theatre and give them a business card. When a potential customer came to our stalls we told them about our business, showed them our portfolio and website and then it was up to them to decide if they wanted to order some of our products. The visitors were very impressed by the quality of Trade Fair. Some of their comments included: "Very enjoyable. The students obviously worked hard to put together all the aspects of selling and marketing," and: "Stunning!"

A couple of weeks after Trade Fair, Year 8 had a gathering about the event. We were told about all the visitors' comments and how successful the day was, which made us feel very proud. We were also given our awards and then our pictures were taken.

Trade Fair was a great experience!

Demi- Marie Croft, Year 9



## An Out-of-this-World Experience

On Friday 29th of August all of Landau Forte's Year 8 students were visited by Stardome Astronomer Andrew Green. Andrew has travelled the world visiting many space and astronomy centres and we were privileged to be able to talk to him and hear his stories and facts about space as this is the topic we are currently focusing on in Year 8 science sessions.

Throughout the day the Year 8 groups were able to spend a session in his amazingly dark portable dome where he explained to them all about the different planets and galaxies along with how

they all work. He did this using a small projector and a laser light to point out various different planets and stars. He was also extremely patient whilst the children asked numerous space-related questions at the end of the session.

It was an extremely valuable experience for all of the Year 8 students and helped us to further understand our current science topic.

Chloe Aubeeluck-Davies, Year 8



## Rolls Royce Engineering Taster Day

Back in June, I took five female students from Landau Forte College to a Rolls Royce Engineering taster day.

The day was part of a regular programme of events organised by Rolls Royce, designed to encourage young people to look at engineering as a possible career; they are particularly keen to encourage girls to take part because women are under-represented in the industry. Amy Oxspring describes what we did:

*the material we would be working with. We were not allowed to resize these objects in any way which made the task more challenging. We then did a design plan. With the help of some apprentices from Bombardier and Rolls Royce we were able to build two working battery operated cars which we raced against the other team. My team won! Overall we had an amazingly fun day which has definitely broadened our perspective on the engineering world.*

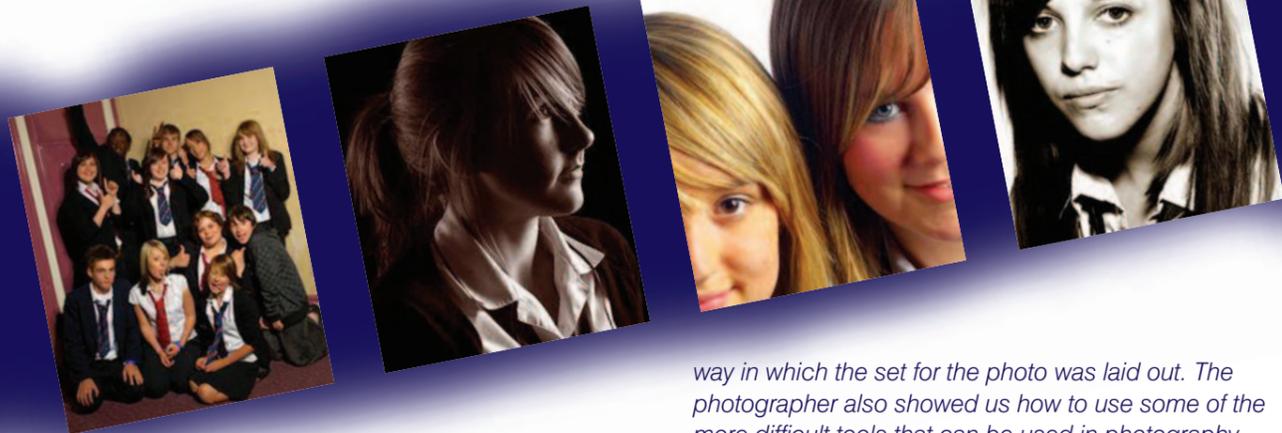
R Loomes and Amy Oxspring, Year 9

*We took part in a range of activities to strengthen and broaden our understanding and knowledge of engineering. Our main activity was building a car to race against other teams. First of all we split up into teams and were shown*





# Art Gallery



Over the year, there have been some fantastic opportunities for Landau students to mix with professional artists and get involved in arts activities in the wider community. The Year 11 BTEC Art students learnt some tricks of the trade with professional photographer Stuart Wood and the Year 12s completed a series of specialist workshops at Derby University, including life drawing!

*On the morning of our visit we met the professional photographer Stuart Wood. He taught us how to create different moods within the photos such as dark and moody, or happy and cheerful. To do this we had to experiment with different exposures of light and the*

*way in which the set for the photo was laid out. The photographer also showed us how to use some of the more difficult tools that can be used in photography such as the honey combs that are attached to the professional lights and the different buttons and settings that can be used on digital cameras. Towards the end of our visit we experimented with all the techniques that we had learnt and took some of our own fashion influenced photos. The day was finished off with some group photos. All in all it was a great day which was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole group.*

Charlotte Hadfield, Year 11

You can check out more of the portraits from the Professional Photography Workshop in Derby on the BBC Blast website:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast/ontour/derby/photostory>

## Life Drawing at Derby University

In July, Amy Treece and I went to take part in a three day life drawing workshop at Derby University. We packed up our equipment and, with brushes in hand, set about walking to the University. On the way, we began talking about the workshop, and discovered that we both felt slightly uneasy at the prospect of having a naked model standing before us, who we would then have to draw! However when we arrived, there was signs of a positive experience as we were greeted by event organiser Bev, who ensured us it would be fantastic!

Going up to the drawing room with the other 20 people, we were still feeling slightly apprehensive as to what was going to happen. The tutor introduced us to the model who at this point wasn't naked, and he was to remain that way for the entire morning. We were eased into life drawing at a gentle pace, starting with drawing the model fully clothed, then to drawing him naked, and finally, drawing him in specific poses, making Amy and I realise how ridiculous we had been to feel uneasy: drawing the naked model was nothing more than drawing a household object, only a lot more interesting.

We used various techniques and materials throughout the three days including paint, pastels, chalks and inks, and we left with a great deal of work, however, the greatest thing we bought back was the experience. Amy and I are now looking to enrol in another life drawing course and we can't wait!

Frances Brown, Year 13



# An Evening of Godber

Having taught the works of John Godber before, I expected a positive response from my Year 12 Performing Arts students. Little did I realise just how much the 'Godber bug' would bite them and that they would not just want to, but need to, perform his works. This need quickly spread through the older members of Drama Group and I was left with no choice but to take some of his work from page to stage.

The realistic characters and dialogue work together to create humour in Godber's plays, which is perhaps a huge part of the appeal. But it's also his use of multiple roles (making 4 performers play every character within the production) that adds to the comedy. This however, creates a huge challenge for the performers: one which I am pleased to say they certainly rose to.

Four of our Year 11 boys brought to life the play 'Bouncers', and on the evening of the performance they were suitably on the front doors of College, in character and ready to greet the audience as they arrived. During the performance they successfully transformed from the mean and moody Bouncers, to

Hairdressers, Barbers, and the boys on a night out. Perhaps most memorably were our 'Bouncers' as girls, who energetically swung their blazers off and danced to Tom Jones' 'Sex Bomb' after drinking pina-colodas.

The play 'Shakers' was made up of two of our Year 12 students and two of our Year 10 students. Just as the boys were already in character, the girls greeted the audience by showing them the direction of the bar, and during the interval they continued to stay in character as they collected glasses, just as the cocktail waitresses in the play would. Their character changes, from girls getting ready to go out, to boys on a night out, the posh and less posh customers and back to waitresses, were all clearly shown through their change in voice, facial expression and physicality.

So what began as students' engagement in the work they were studying, transformed into a memorable and hilarious performance night, which certainly ended the academic year on a high. A massive well done to all involved!

A Wrampling



# An Evening of Performing Arts

A summertime entertainment involving music, dance and drama became the encore to a fantastic year of achievement in Performing Arts. The evening began with the premier of a piece that was to be showcased at London's Royal Opera House the following day. The integrated piece of music and dance was created around the theme of Wild Earth, and the carefully chosen lighting design aided this deeply atmospheric creation.

Next, a performance from just 4 members of Drama Group entitled 'Nuts'. A father's failure to bring home the correct souvenirs from his travels for his family led to an amusing yet meaningful portrayal of family life.

The interval allowed the audience to make their way to the new building and experience a further mix of art

forms. The art exhibition extended from the lower mall and into the new building, while the entrance of the new building enticed the audience with live music courtesy of the Guitar Group, Hoot 'n' Toot and Flute Group. The audience were then taken further into the building to experience a series of duets and trios by the Dancers.

The evening concluded in the theatre with Drama Group's production of 'Rabbit'. The eerie lighting combined with an unusual entrance from a group of young people with spray-painted hair and strangely made-up faces, set the scene for a moving tale of survival in a post nuclear fallout era.

Well done to all involved, not only who performed, but who help set up and make the night yet another celebration of talent here at Landau Forte College.

A Coffey



## A Bloody Performance

Performing Arts students also took up the challenge of creating the Tudor Experience for Year Seven history students. Rebecca Wilson tells us a little about this exciting project:

*"I played the Tudor queen on her death reflecting over her life, with Stacey Hyndman and Elliot Sharpe bringing to life the characters of Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Henry VIII and Philip of Spain. The Year 7*

*students and history tutors were delighted by the exciting and slightly gory performance. I am looking to complete my Performing Arts A-level with lots more performances to come."*

Well done, Rebecca, Stacey and Elliot.

Rebecca Wilson, Year 13



## The Wild West End

"Welcome to the town of Low Aspirations," said the Sheriff to the delegates at the first Academies and Specialist Schools' Conference in London last July.

By the end of the Youth Theatre's new mini musical, the folk of Low Aspirations were singing 'High Aspirations' to thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

Coming immediately following the Royal Opera House performance, 'Out of Darkness' in the first week of July, the invitation to perform at the Conference the following week, was a challenge but also a tremendous privilege. The group worked hard for 3 days in Enrichment and created their new musical in record time. The students were delighted with the reception, the four-course meal that followed the performance and posh hotel rooms – all expenses paid! Well done to all involved.



# Landau Forte College Sports Presentation Evening

Landau Forte College hosted their sixth Sports Presentation Evening in front of a capacity audience of parents, students, staff and guests. Our guest of honour was Mr James Pipe who is Derbyshire County Cricket Club's wicketkeeper. Over 100 students from across all Key Stages were recognised for their sporting successes within the curriculum and beyond.

### Most Valuable Person

#### FOOTBALL

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Barry Record / Sam Treece	Kelsey Burton-Evans
Yr8	Ross Archer	Lauren O' Kane
Yr9	Matt Tataryn	Leanne Walker
Yr10	Jack Hearne	Anila Farooq
Yr11	Luke Hill	Sam Hadfield

#### BASKETBALL

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Matthew Ong	-
Yr8	Thomas Berrisford / Joe Wright	-
Yr9	Finlay Holland	-
Yr10	Dean Fletcher	-
Yr 11	-	-

#### NETBALL

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	-	Alex Brown
Yr8	-	Ella Hallam
Yr9	-	Kayleigh Hardy
Yr10	-	Zara Yaqoob
Yr11	-	Jayde Wright

#### CRICKET

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	James Ratcliff / Shamas Iqbal	-
Yr8	Awais Pervez	-
Yr9	Finlay Holland	-
Yr10	Tim Stevenson	-

#### ROUNDERS

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	-	Bethany Pateman
Yr8	-	Thandiwe Mwanza
Yr9	-	Farah Lord Newcombe
Yr10	-	Anna Kingwell
Yr11	-	Hannah Nichols-Green

#### BADMINTON

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	-	-
Yr8	Thomas Finch	-
Yr9	George Griffiths-Marshall	-
Yr10	Paul Rawson	-
Yr11	Oli Ridley	-





### Most Valuable Person

#### CROSS COUNTRY

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Alex Bird	Alex Brown/Tayo Rose
Yr8	-	Chloe Rogers
Yr9	-	Lauren Faith
Yr10	Ross Keeling	-
Yr11	Jamie Griffin	-
Yr12	-	-

#### RUGBY

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Ryan Thompson	-
Yr 8	-	-
Yr 9	Rubin Hames	-

#### TENNIS

	BOYS	GIRLS
Division A	Sam West	Katie Levers
	Tom Buckner	-
	Dean Fletcher	-
	Harry West	-
Division B	Michael Wood	-
	Adiel Yaqoob	-
	Finlay Holland	-
	Tom Roethenbaugh	-
	Paul Rawson	-

#### GYMNASTICS

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr 8	-	Molly Brown
Yr 9	-	Catherine Harper
Yr 10	Tiela Brown	Catherine Wragg
Yr 11	-	Aimee Mail



### Athletics

Our Athletics season proved to be one of our most successful seasons in terms of the amount of students participating and student successes. We attended the City Sports Athletics competition at Moorways during July and over 80 students represented the College through all Year groups. Again, we had many individual successes during the day, as many students were placed in the top three positions. Our Year 9 boys' squad were the best placed team, as they were placed in the bronze position. This was our best ever finish for a Year group: well done to all involved!

### First Aid: Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership

The level 2 Sports Leadership candidates completed their award last term with a first aid certificate in Physical Education and Sport delivered by St John's ambulance at College.

All students successfully completed the course which included dealing with asthma, choking, communication and casualty care, coping in an emergency, the recovery position, bleeding and shock, bone, muscle and joint injuries, chest pains, electric shock, fainting and resuscitation. The students were a credit to the College and were commended by the course tutors for their excellent knowledge and attitude.

### Young Leaders

#### Dance Leaders: Derby City Dance Festival

During July 2008, our Year 10 Dance Leaders helped out at the Derby Dance Festival. This Festival was open to primary and secondary schools from Derbyshire to present dance performances that they had devised. These dances included all class members and not only did the audience have to take into account the dance piece, but also the dramatics and costume design.

Our Dance Leaders were in charge of meeting and greeting the general public and schools, undertaking some administration duties, directing performers to and from the stage, arranging photographs and being responsible for a particular class of children. Not only was this experience an important one for those involved in dancing, but also for our young leaders who developed their leadership skills further. All in all, it was a very successful couple of days and the young leaders should be very proud, as they were a credit to the College.



### Full Colours

Rugby	Finlay Holland Harry Rudkin
Basketball	Finlay Holland
Sailing	Callum Lambourn

### Team of the Year

BOYS: Yr 9 Basketball	GIRLS: Yr 10 Netball
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### Young Leader Of The Year

Yr13	Luke Siena
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### Most Improved Student

Olivia Cunningham
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### The Sam Robinson Award

BOY: Harry Stewart	GIRL: Kelly-Ann Hutchinson
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### Sportsperson Of The Year

BOY: Jamie Griffin	GIRL: Hannah Nichols-Green
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