

Exciting Enrichment!

Every year, each Landau Forte College student completes a series of activities during Enrichment Week in July. In 2009, the most exciting Enrichment Week ever took place with a fabulous range of opportunities taking place in College, around Derby, in Britain and across different parts of Europe! Inside this issue of Newslink are many articles and photos from the various activities and visits. We are looking forward to Enrichment Week 2010 already!





The Principal's Comment

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. I hope their time at the College will be both successful and enjoyable. I would also like to extend an equally warm welcome to our new staff, including:

Mark Blyton	Curriculum Leader for ICT
Mario Petronzi	Design and Technology
Christopher Wright	Art and Design (maternity cover until December 2009)
Laura Ogden	PE
Cerys Jones	English
Andrea Briggs	Business Studies (maternity cover until March 2010)
John Watson	Cover Tutor
Lynne Mullan	History Tutor
Natalie Yarnell	Science Tutor
Lianne Hannigan	Learning Support Assistant
Kismet Barber	Learning Support Assistant
Sue Ferdinando	PA to the College Executive
Sarah Watson	Post-16 Administrator

Academy Development

We have now signed the Funding Agreement and are waiting for Secretary of State to seal the agreement to enable the Academy Project in Tamworth, Staffordshire to go ahead. The proposed name is the Landau Forte Academy, Tamworth. There are now two contractors in a competitive tendering process for the construction of the new buildings which are due to open in September 2011. We are currently in the process of recruiting a Principal for each of the Academy 11 – 16 and Post-16 Centres.

The Year Ahead

Our ambition to improve further remains as strong as ever. Whilst last year we received an Outstanding judgement from Ofsted and had a successful year with regards to many aspects of College activity, we must strive for ever higher standards, ensuring our students become both well qualified and well educated, socially responsible young people. If we are to repeat our success and receive an Outstanding judgement from Ofsted at our next inspection we know from the evidence of the new framework for inspection we shall have to raise our performance even further. It is a challenge I am confident we can together meet successfully.

Stephen Whiteley,
Principal and Chief Executive



Examination Results 2009

I would like to congratulate our students and staff, and thank parents and carers for their support in the fine examination achievements for 2009. The results are a testimony to the commitment and hard work demonstrated by so many people.

Provisional Post 16 Examination Results

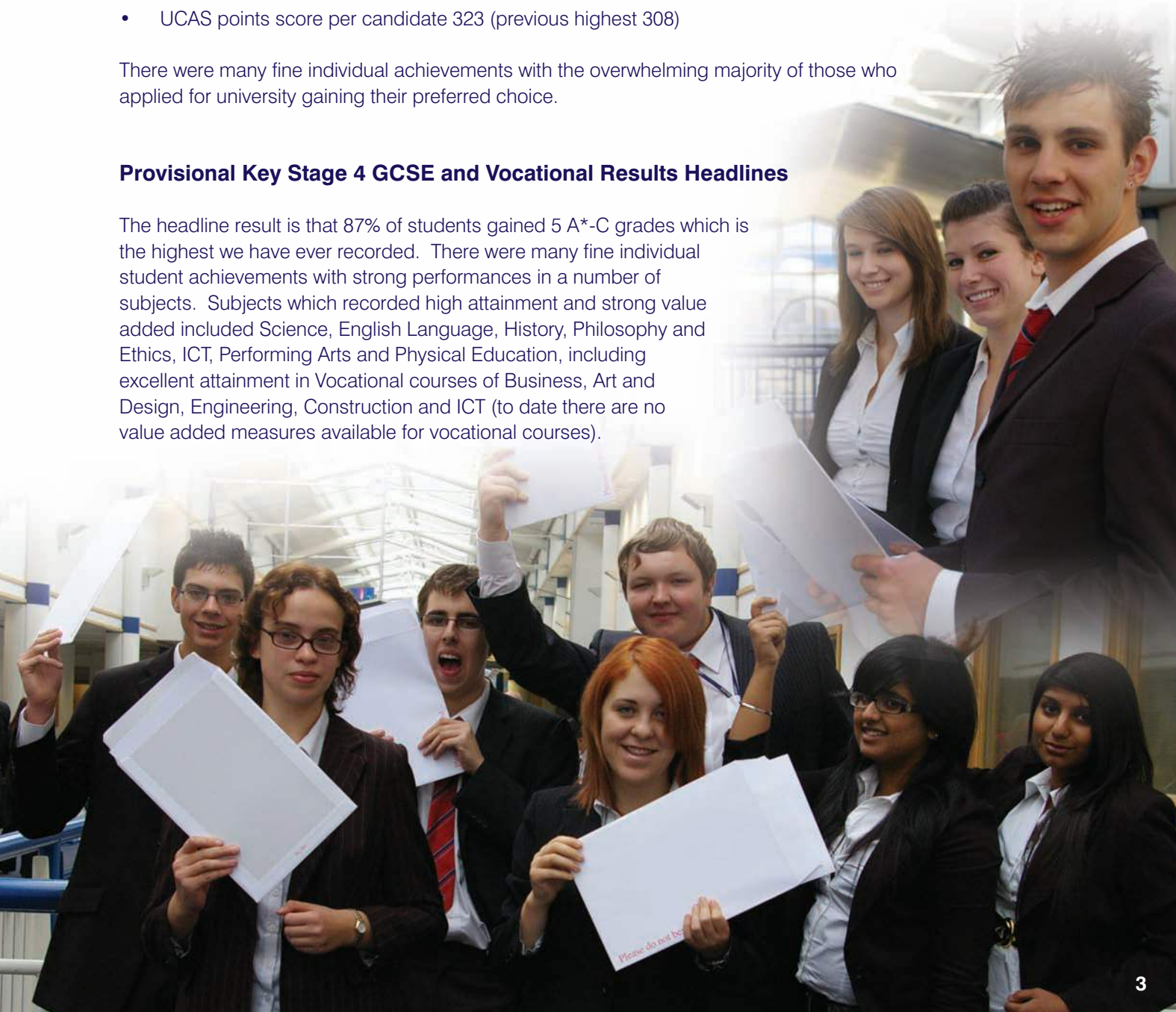
Statistically these are the best results we have achieved to date.

- 100% pass rate in all subjects (first time we have achieved this milestone)
- 52% of grades at A and B (previous highest 51% in 2003)
- 81% of grades A – C (previous highest 76% in 2006)
- Average UCAS point score per examination entry 91 at A level (previous highest last year 87): for reference Grade B equals 100 and Grade C equals 80 UCAS points.
- Average UCAS point score per examination entry: all examinations 88 (previous highest last year 82)
- UCAS points score per candidate 323 (previous highest 308)

There were many fine individual achievements with the overwhelming majority of those who applied for university gaining their preferred choice.

Provisional Key Stage 4 GCSE and Vocational Results Headlines

The headline result is that 87% of students gained 5 A*-C grades which is the highest we have ever recorded. There were many fine individual student achievements with strong performances in a number of subjects. Subjects which recorded high attainment and strong value added included Science, English Language, History, Philosophy and Ethics, ICT, Performing Arts and Physical Education, including excellent attainment in Vocational courses of Business, Art and Design, Engineering, Construction and ICT (to date there are no value added measures available for vocational courses).





The Next Stage

When I first heard that Year 10 would be off timetable for an induction day, I was disappointed because I really wanted to get started with my brand new subjects, but I was completely wrong.

First of all we went to the theatre where there were yellow name tags in alphabetical order on the folded seats. I quickly found my seat on the front row and waited for the others. When it was time to start, Mrs Coffey introduced the presentation and began to tell us about all the exciting things we were going to be involved in this year, and what it meant to be in Year 10.

Dr Delbridge took over and congratulated us on our achievements last year. He then awarded certificates to many students for attendance and punctuality, reaching all their academic targets and lastly having all effort levels 1 and 2. Once we'd all received our awards Demi - Marie Croft and Daniel Meakins received a special award for their hard work throughout Key Stage 3.

After we had finished the gathering we divided up into our groups. One half of Year 10 went to the presentation suite and the other half went to the sports hall. There, the larger group became four smaller groups. Each one went to a different room and took part in various activities. The activities included: collaboration tasks, working together to get out of difficult situations, tasks which meant we had to fully trust each other and different tasks to enhance our communication skills. These activities gave us the opportunities to work with students we possibly hadn't associated with in Key Stage 3. This was a little daunting at first but the tasks really helped us to respect and appreciate others and it gave us a foundation on which to build during the coming year.

Dr Delbridge said, "I thought the day went very well and was a really good start to Year 10 and also a good celebration of students' successes throughout Key Stage 3. What I hoped the new Year 10 students would get out of the day was firstly to be aware of actually how well they did and the celebrations at the beginning of the gathering were a great way to do that. Also all the activities we did are good preparation and help create good habits for the coming two years."

Everyone put in lots of effort which was brilliant and thanks to all the staff that started planning and preparing for induction last May.

Erin Meakin, Rachel Sharpe, Natalie Holmes and Nicole Barton, Year 10



A New Beginning

During our Year 12 induction we took part in many different activities. Our induction consisted of 2 days which gave us a chance to get to know the new students that have joined us and those who had already attended the College that we didn't know beforehand.

For all external students the challenge began at 8:30, with a discussion about the norms, values and what is expected at Landau Forte. This was especially helpful, as it managed to reduce the nerves felt by all; knowing that we were all in the same situation was reassuring. The day progressed with both internal and external students coming together to become the new Landau Forte Year 12. It was clear this would be a successful year group as the 'Icebreakers' in the afternoon led to friendly competition and in turn started new friendships.

The induction programme was based around the IT factor and we took part in different workshops which were called:

- Prove it
- Find it
- Do it
- See it

During these workshops we were given a range of advice to help get us through the next two years, including essay writing techniques, information gathering and active learning. The highlight of the second day was the annual 'Egg Drop'; needless to say it wasn't all fun and games at this point: the stakes were high! These teambuilding exercises weren't only for the new students to become acquainted, but showed the students the behaviours that will be used throughout the year for effective learning. This activity brought us onto the next of our sessions which was a presentation on individual learning styles; here we learnt how to get the most out of our two year challenge. Definitely a beneficial experience; by the end of the induction we all began to feel like part of Landau Forte and hope that it will continue.

Overall we found that the Year 12 induction was really enjoyable and we got to meet lots of the new students that have joined the College for Post-16.

Cherrelle Barley and Louis Munda, Year 12





An Amazonian Adventure

One of my most memorable moments was standing in the middle of the Brazilian rainforest trying to chew a firefly larva that our guide caught for us. It was only day six and I was wondering what on earth I had got myself into!

It all started 20 months earlier after the Gathering about the previous World Challenge expedition to Malaysia. It definitely sounded like something that interested me and I signed up for what would be the visit of a lifetime. World Challenge offers educational expeditions in developing countries with the aim of teaching life skills and expanding young people's minds and experiences. In the beginning there were 20 of us but it soon whittled down to the final 12: Ashleigh Theobald, Tom Heeley, Fran Brown, Joe Mitchell, Jessica Loveless, Annie Rodgers, Hannah Nichols-Green, Kalisha Hamilton, Nick Ward, Larissa Bates, Tom Roethenbaugh, Balraj Dhanda and, of course, Mr Riley!

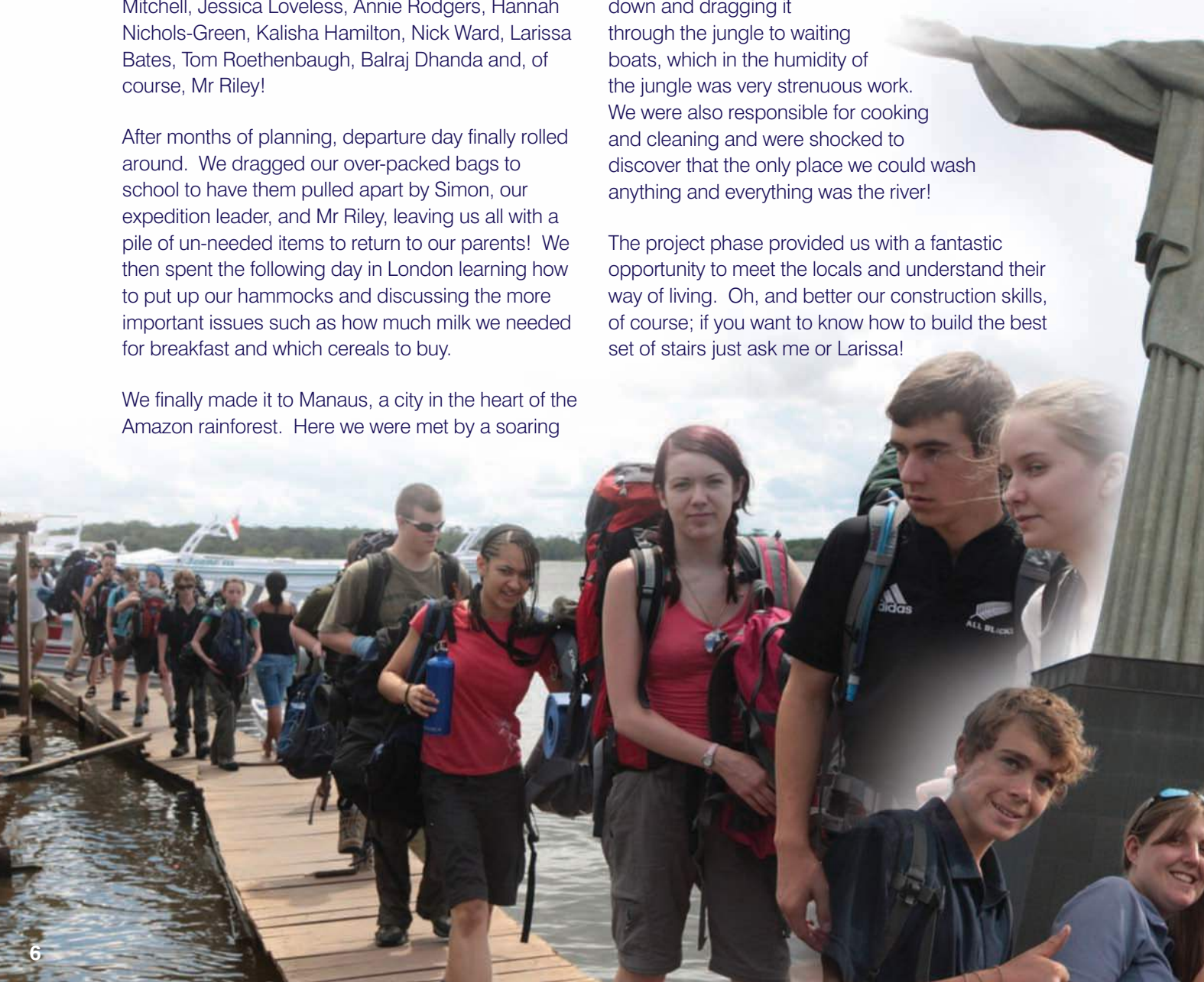
After months of planning, departure day finally rolled around. We dragged our over-packed bags to school to have them pulled apart by Simon, our expedition leader, and Mr Riley, leaving us all with a pile of un-needed items to return to our parents! We then spent the following day in London learning how to put up our hammocks and discussing the more important issues such as how much milk we needed for breakfast and which cereals to buy.

We finally made it to Manaus, a city in the heart of the Amazon rainforest. Here we were met by a soaring

temperature of 38°C. We all clambered into heaven-on-four-wheels: an air conditioned bus, and travelled to our hotel. It seemed like a pretty average hotel, but we would soon learn that this was luxury, even though on our first night we had encounters with ant infestations and a cockroach trying to make our bags its new home.

After travelling for eight hours up-river, we spent the next 12 nights deep in the Amazon jungle living within a local community. The first few days were spent piranha fishing, caiman spotting and learning about the jungle way of life before starting our project phase where we were responsible for building and painting a new community kitchen. We had the difficult task of collecting wood the locals had cut down and dragging it through the jungle to waiting boats, which in the humidity of the jungle was very strenuous work. We were also responsible for cooking and cleaning and were shocked to discover that the only place we could wash anything and everything was the river!

The project phase provided us with a fantastic opportunity to meet the locals and understand their way of living. Oh, and better our construction skills, of course; if you want to know how to build the best set of stairs just ask me or Larissa!





Following the project, we headed into the jungle for a 3 day trek. We'd only been walking for a few hours when we had our first challenge: a river crossing. As the rivers were so wide and deep the only way we could cross them was to swim. Luckily we didn't have far to trek to camp after the first crossing, although for some of us this meant sleeping on soaking wet hammocks and in soaking wet clothes. The next day we faced an exhausting 8 hour trek and two more river crossings!

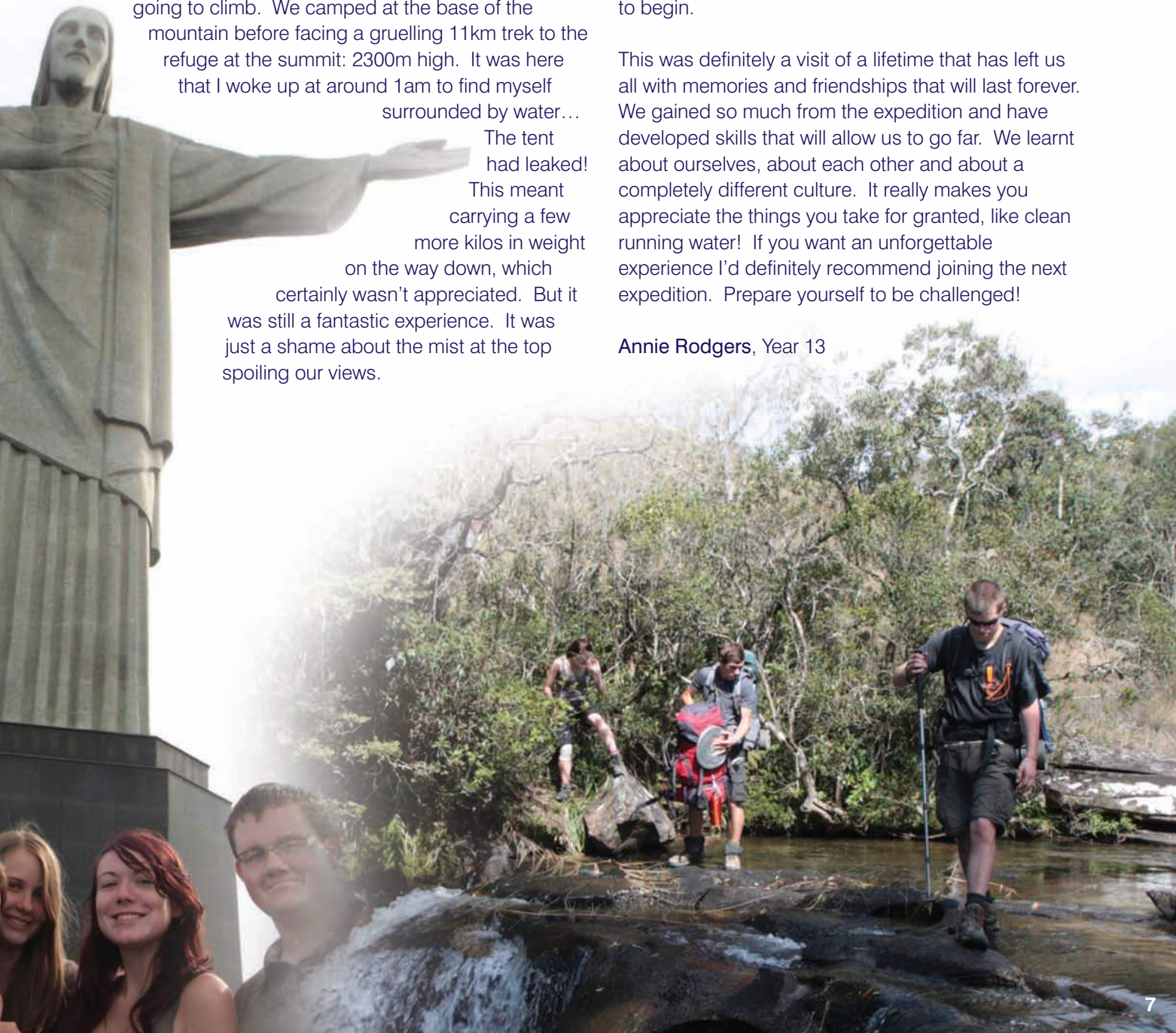
Making it out of the jungle alive (just!), we headed back to Manaus and flew to Rio de Janeiro. From here, we headed to Serra dos Orgaos, a National Park full of high mountains, the highest of which we were going to climb. We camped at the base of the mountain before facing a gruelling 11km trek to the refuge at the summit: 2300m high. It was here that I woke up at around 1am to find myself surrounded by water...
The tent had leaked!
This meant carrying a few more kilos in weight on the way down, which certainly wasn't appreciated. But it was still a fantastic experience. It was just a shame about the mist at the top spoiling our views.

The final phase of the expedition was a challenging six-day trek in Itatiaia National Park. We walked with full packs for eight hours each day and got to see a very different Brazil to that which we saw in the Amazon. There were some difficult times, and everyone felt challenged, not least when we had to leap across the top of a 200-foot waterfall!

Sadly, we didn't finish our trek together as two members of the team returned to town due to illness. The team was soon reunited, signalling that the expedition was nearing an end. At last the rest and reflection in Rio could begin! We had two days to see a few sights, shop and sunbathe on the beach. Then the sad part came; the long journey home was about to begin.

This was definitely a visit of a lifetime that has left us all with memories and friendships that will last forever. We gained so much from the expedition and have developed skills that will allow us to go far. We learnt about ourselves, about each other and about a completely different culture. It really makes you appreciate the things you take for granted, like clean running water! If you want an unforgettable experience I'd definitely recommend joining the next expedition. Prepare yourself to be challenged!

Annie Rodgers, Year 13





Sunny Days in Spain

It was an early start to Enrichment Week again for the students going to Spain as their families waved them off at 3.30 am on Monday morning. Here are the impressions of a couple of the students who took part in another successful visit.

We arrived at Landau Forte College at 3.30am; very tough but exciting. It seemed that time then went in a flash until we were being seated onto the plane to Girona on the Costa Brava. From Girona we hopped onto a bus and after about one hour's journey we got to our destination: Tossa De Mar. It was a lovely Mediterranean coastal town full of Spanish people and tourists. The first thing we did was have a tour around the town to gain an understanding of what was there, then we enjoyed a short walk to arrive at the beach. Walking along the beach we then took a slow, winding crawl up to the castle which was located on one side of the beach. When we got to top, the view was sensational, looking far out over the beautifully blue sea.

Each day we did something different. In Barcelona we went to the Joan Miro Art Foundation and gaped at his incredible art. We visited Gaudi's strange but awesome Parc Guell and the biggest building I have ever seen that just took my breath, again: Gaudi's unfinished Cathedral, the Sagrada Familia. Each activity was very interesting and varied. I especially liked the boat ride up the coast, including visits to strange caves. The boat trip lasted 45 minutes, we saw lots of fish under the water. On the boat trip we stopped at a beach for two hours to enjoy the beautiful weather.

On the penultimate day (Thursday) we visited the weird and wonderful Dalí museum in Figueras, before having a final chance to do some last minute shopping for presents for our families. The final evening of the visit meant we could go to the disco for the last time. One thing we can't forget was Miss Crocker raving on the dance floor- it was hilarious.

When we got back to England everyone was sad because we didn't want to go home. We had all had a fantastic time.

Jack Sutton and Barry Record, Year 9





Adventure and Excitement!

For Enrichment Week 2009, Year 9 went to Hesley Wood Scout Activity Centre, near Sheffield. During the 3 days, we took part in lots of activities. We were sorted into groups and given a specific tutor that would accompany us on the activities. On arriving we settled into our rooms and were called to the social area, where we played team games against the other teams to win the most points. Some of the activities included getting tennis balls into a bucket without hands, passing a key on rope through all of our t-shirts and unknotting ourselves without breaking hands. Some of the teams were quite competitive, however, we had fun and it gave us chance to interact with people we wouldn't usually.

On the second day, the teams each took part in two activities organised by the camp site staff. These included rock climbing, raft building, canoeing, aerial runway, archery, and for the braver people: the obstacle course. These activities encouraged the teams to work together in order to succeed. In most activities we either got very wet or very muddy! For example, in canoeing and raft building most of us unintentionally went for a swim in the fairly deep lake, testing our life jackets! Also when one team was completing the obstacle course it began to rain, which unfortunately resulted in the team members getting very, very muddy! It was great fun!

During the day we had plenty of free time: we could explore the whole site, play rounders, football or another sport, watch a DVD, play board games or just simply talk to our friends and take more opportunities to be helpful and win points for our teams. Special mention to Mr Needham who heroically had to break down a door to rescue a student whose lock had broken! In the evening after completing our chores, we had a talent contest where people broadcasted a range of their talents for example rapping, break dancing, hula hooping, singing and gymnastics.

The final day came and we all had to pack away our belongings and make the place as tidy as when we found it. After we had vacuumed our rooms, cleaned the toilets (Chloe Britton the champion mopper!) and made the place look very tidy, it was time to get on the coach back to Landau. Boo!

Overall this was a great three days and it encouraged us to make new friends! I think I can speak for everyone and say that we fully enjoyed it, as demonstrated by the photos. Thanks to Miss Adams for arranging the visit and all the tutors for making it a great experience!

Demi-Marie Croft, Aqeela Ali and Chloe Britton,
Year 10





Fun and Frolics in France

On the 6th July, 38 students and 4 tutors set off for Rouen and Paris at 5am. The journey to Rouen seemed to take forever but when we got there we discovered we were staying in a really nice hotel and were able to go and explore the city where Joan of Arc was burnt by the English in 1431.

On the second day we journeyed to Caen and visited the Peace Museum and the Bayeux Tapestry: this was the day that it poured down so we didn't get to go the beach for ice creams and to see the famous floating Mulberry Harbour. The following day we travelled to Paris for 3 nights. When we were there we spent one day exploring the sites of Paris: "France was a really fantastic visit, I was really scared when we went up the Eiffel Tower but I soon got over my fear, unlike Mr Davies – he was really scared and soon went back to the bottom," said Maxine Harris.

On the fourth day we went to the Palace of Versailles which was built by Louis XIV to become the home of the Kings of France. The Palace itself was spectacular and the gardens were brilliant. We were given the challenge of feeding ourselves from charcuteries on a

budget and we all really enjoyed the experience. "My favourite part was when we went to the Palace and met people who were from America in the Gardens – they were really nice," said Kirsty Seeley.

On the final day we went to the sea life centre, Nausicaa in Boulogne. The seals there were brilliant and looked like they were having the time of their lives in the sun! The students seemed to really enjoy the atmosphere on the visit; one even commenting: "I thought France was the best visit I have ever been on: everybody was being really nice and nobody felt left out."

Maxine Harris, Catherine Harper and Liam Boddington, Year 11



Camp Fun and Games

On the 6th of July this year, one half of Year 7, Landau, headed to Ashover to join the teachers, who had already set up camp, for the first half of the week. We're in Forte, so were lucky enough to go up on the Wednesday and enjoy the sunnier half of the week.

Whilst at camp, we were separated into groups and within those groups took part in various activities, including, it's a knockout, obstacle course, and on the Thursday, we went for a walk into Matlock.

Each group had a teacher as a team leader and each group were assigned to a particular job, such as washing up after dinner or preparing breakfast. As a group, throughout the week we were aiming to collect as many points as possible. Points were available to those who helped the teachers, volunteered for jobs they weren't expected to do and were as helpful and enthusiastic as possible.

Overall, it was a fantastic week, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved.

Holly Glasby and Ellie Spare, Year 8





A Ghostly Experience

Last summer, all Year 7 students from Landau Forte College experienced a frightening but excellent Ghost walk as part of Enrichment Week. They went to many different places in Enrichment Week, including the Silk Mill Museum and Derby Museum and Art Gallery, but this was one of the most popular! The highlight was going to the DERBY GAOL! The Derby ghost walk was a frightening experience for the Year 7s. They said: "During the visit to the Derby gaol which was included in the Ghost Walk I thought it was like a horror movie and would not like to experience this walk at night."

We had a tour guide called Edward Felix who is the son of Richard Felix from Most Haunted! He showed us around the City Centre and finally, Derby Gaol (the old way of writing Jail). Edward then took us to the fish market and told us a story about a Policeman who sadly got shot, so a big stone on the ground has been placed

there to remember him. He also told us that many people say from the corner of their eye, they see a ghostly man in a Police uniform!

Finally, he took us to the Derby Gaol. First we went into the Gaol which was very dark and scary and we had a tour. There were two cells called the Condemned and Debtors cells. The first one had one window in and the other was pitch black. Overall, we all had a really great time and would definitely do the ghost walk again!

Lucie Dilley, Amandeep Nanuan, Emily Woodward and Phoebe Lees, Year 8

View of a cell in Derby Gaol, courtesy of www.derbygaol.com

Former Student Scales New Heights

Only a select few can make the claim to be a World champion. On the night of 15th August in front of 8000 screaming spectators, former Landau Forte student Tim "Livewire" Shieff performed the run of his life in order to win the World Freerunning championship at Trafalgar Square in London. The event was covered live on BBC3 and was seen by a worldwide audience of millions. In addition, the Youtube clip of Tim's final run has been viewed by a monumental quarter of a million people. Tim, who left Landau in 2006 has been training in freerunning (or Parkour as it is sometime called) for over five years. Last year he was the runner-up to Gabriel Nunez but this year was his opportunity to seize the crown.

Intrepid reporter (and Parkour enthusiast himself) Conor Aherne has interviewed Tim:

Conor: What was going through your head just before you did your final run?

Tim: The truth is that I was standing on the highest tower and I looked behind me and there was a man crossing the road coming home from work and I just thought to myself all I need to do is cross this road and I will be fine.

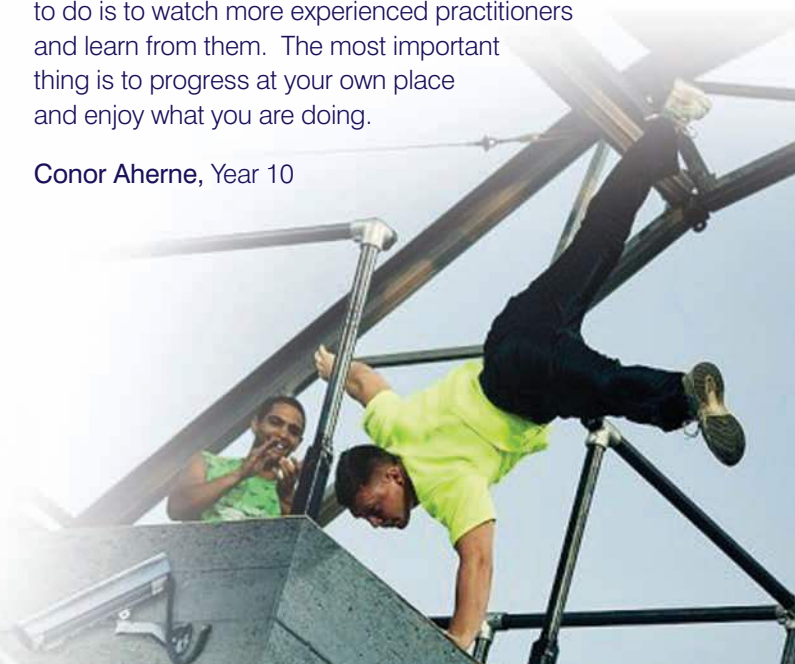
Conor: What has been the best experience of your career so far?

Tim: That has to be travelling to Los Angeles and working on a pilot for a programme for MTV on freerunning. Travelling all over the world has to be a real positive experience also.

Conor: Do you have any advice for people thinking of taking up Freerunning?

Tim: Start low with the basic movements for a few months and then as your confidence builds you can move on to more advanced moves. The best thing to do is to watch more experienced practitioners and learn from them. The most important thing is to progress at your own pace and enjoy what you are doing.

Conor Aherne, Year 10





HSBC Outdoor Academy

The HSBC Skill Force Outdoor Academy seeks to motivate and inspire young people from across the country. The course is a chance for young people to make new friends, experience new activities and gain confidence, all whilst offering important employability skills through accredited qualifications. This year, we were offered two places for the four day residential course held near Bromsgrove in July.

"When we first found out that we had been chosen to take part in the HBSC challenge, we were told that it was some of the tutors who had chosen us to take part. The HBSC challenge, we discovered, was going to be a camping trip that would help us, amongst other things, to become young silver first aiders.

On Friday 10th July we arrived at the Outdoor Education Centre and prepared to spend a long weekend camping. First of all, we met the instructors and set up our tents. Having spent what seemed like hours putting up the tent with numerous arguments

and tripping over, we were ready to make our food. The next day was the best day of the whole stay; we got in groups of six and seven and worked together to make a raft, which we would have to race later on in the day.

Overall, the experience was a great chance to meet more people from different parts of the country. We made new friends and aim to keep in contact with them. We also discovered that, when we set our minds to something, we can achieve anything!"

Alicia Williamson and Josie White, Year 11



Come to Cookery Club!

Landau Forte College is constantly providing its students with exciting opportunities to learn new skills, and this year is no exception as this term sees the introduction of Cooking Club to the after school curriculum: every Tuesday at 4 o'clock ten students in Years 7, 8 and 9 meet with Mrs Hacking to cook a different meal or dessert each week. During the one hour session after school, students learn valuable skills that will help them later on in life, such as how to properly prepare vegetables and follow a recipe which will come in especially handy should they choose to move away to university and find they have to cook for themselves! Throughout the duration of the term, students will cook a variety of different meals, desserts and snacks from chilli con carne to vegetable curry, before the next term starts and another ten students will be selected to attend the club.



Two students in year nine, Connor Smyth and Matthew Ong, said they chose to attend cooking club because they really enjoy food technology lessons at College and wanted to spend time outside of school learning how to cook and prepare tasty food for their families to eat when they get home.

If you are interested in getting involved with cooking club next term and you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 then speak to Mrs Hacking or Mrs Edwards during your next food technology lesson to see if you can become one of the lucky ten learning to cook delicious meals for you and your family next term.

Olivia Stilwell and Lindsay Bowler, Year 13



Great College Citizens

Richard Janezco and Anna Kingwell are the joint winners of this year's Citizenship award and their parents attended a Gathering in the last week of term where they were awarded the shield for 12 months.

The Award was set up by Miss Keogh who was Curriculum leader for R.E. and was leaving to work in another school. She wanted to leave behind an award which would go to student(s) who had been nominated by staff at the end of their Key Stage 4 for demonstrating Positive Citizenship qualities over their five years with the College.

Both Richard and Anna were widely nominated for their qualities of reliability, responsibility, support for and working with both students and staff and positive outlook.

Tim Riley was also rewarded for his outstanding attendance throughout five years at the College, during which he was not absent for a single day.

Well done to all: these are a major awards within the College!

J Carey



English Experiences

As part of the Year 12 Work Placement, six of our students spent a couple of weeks at Granada College in southern Spain in February of this year. The return visit for the Spanish host families has just taken place and four students from Granada College have spent ten days with their Year 13 hosts. Three of the girls spent their time here working in Zara in the Westfield centre, however Juan Carlos decided he would prefer to experience life in a British school. Here are his thoughts on the exchange:

It all started when Linda Hollinger, Head of the Language Department at Granada College, talked to us about the possibility of an exchange with Landau Forte College. I jumped at the chance as I had always wanted to take part in an exchange.

In February the girls arrived in Granada, South of Spain. I was very excited about the prospect of hosting an English student and was looking forward to showing my guest Granada. The other hosts and I did our best to ensure that the students had the best time possible and I think they did.

Now, six months later, it was my turn. We arrived at East Midlands Airport where the girls: Jenny Lin, Thea Turner, Georgina Donohue and Annie Rodgers

were waiting for us with smiles on their faces. I was a bit worried about the people in the school, but all my worries disappeared when I got there on the first day and both students and teachers were pleased to see me and were very helpful during my work experience.

In Landau Forte I found the most interesting mixture of cultures, people and religions, something that in Spain doesn't happen. I would like to thank all the students their help and of course to Mrs Holding and Miss Crocker and my teacher in Spain, Linda Hollinger, without whom this would never have happened.

Juan Carlos Barragán





Art Extension with Michael Harris

Ex-student Michael Harris is back! After successfully completing his Art Foundation at Derby College he has returned to share some of the skills he learnt! Every Wednesday 4-5pm for the three weeks he has been teaching Landau Forte students how to make tape objects!



Michael Harris will also be doing further workshops related to TYPOGRAPHY with Year 9 on the last two weeks of Term 1. If you are interested in doing Key Stage 3 art extension on a Wednesday 4-5pm, listen out for the dates in tutor notes and sign up in the art workroom!





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To enhance their TYPOGRAPHY project, Year 9 were given the opportunity to enter a photograph competition in which they had to creatively and imaginatively photograph letters of the alphabet that are not really letters at all! There were some fantastic entries and well done to all those involved.

WINNER:

(1st PRIZE: Digital Camera)

David Hutchinson – Winner for the diverse range of letters and creative photo taking.

RUNNERS UP

(PRIZE: Disposable Camera)

Bethany Owen – For imaginatively making the letter 'A' out of garden seats and wall brackets

Carly Croft – For creatively arranging soft balls into a giant q!

Kiran Nanuan - For good quality close-up photography creatively seeing a 'P' in a Landau Forte staircase

WELL DONE TO all the other participants (credits have been issued to you too!) and look out for more alphabet photography coming soon in LFCTV!





An Evening of Creative and Performing Arts

For the first time in three years, I didn't spend the Gala Evening performing on stage, but sitting on the judge's panel instead. Not only was it nice to have a break and be able to watch from the audience's point of view, but it was also fantastic to see a wave of new talent participate in the Dramatic Monologue and Musical Performer of the Year competitions. In the Junior Dramatic Monologue category the standard was higher than ever, with Rose Martin's comical performance about tourism in London selected as winner. The Junior Musical Performers were no less captivating, with a variety of fantastic performances, including a selection of traditional folk songs played by Leah Morgan on a melodeon! Overall, James Thompson triumphed with his version of 'That's What Friends Are For' by Burt Bacharach.

The Senior Dramatic Monologue saw the audience rooted to their seats with four performances that were thoroughly moving, and the winning entrant, Jonathon Levers, kept the audience on edge with his portrayal of mental illness. In the Senior Musical Performer section we were treated to displays of inspiring musical talent. Nick Ward won with his lively performance from Jesus Christ Superstar.

Other awards on the night were given to Cherelle Barley and Beth Davidson for outstanding contribution to technology, and also to Molly Coffey, who received the Honker of the Year trophy.

At the end of the night, when I was asked to give a small speech about the entrants, I struggled to find words to describe just how taken aback I was by the sheer talent of the performers. There was also superb art work on display throughout the College and terrific performances from our extension groups, ensuring that the evening was a huge success. Well done to all who were involved!

Adam Horvath, Year 13





Excitement, Exhaustion and Enchiladas on the Expedition to the Emerald Eire



On 4th July, Landau Forte Singers and Youth Theatre packed up the bus and themselves and headed to Ireland for a performance tour around County Kerry. The atmosphere was buzzing and, in true LFC PA Tour style, we were singing and playing at the back of the bus before we'd even got onto the ferry. Everyone was filled with excitement, especially me, the other Year 13 students and Lauren Millet, for whom this would be our final outing with the Performing Arts.

The following day, after checking out the venue for the evening's performance, we booked into the hostel in Tralee, a wonderfully charismatic B&B called Finnegan's which had been built from the old Town Castle in 1826. The rooms were very cramped, especially with all our instruments and suitcases, but the building had a lot of character and the staff were incredibly warm and friendly to us.

The performances were electric, from the sing-song at the Tralee Folk Club and the showing of 'Brain Baru' at Ross Castle, to the Year 12 piece at Blennerville Windmill and our appearance on Radio Kerry. Despite all this work we still managed to find time to relax and enjoy the sights of Ireland: visiting Castelgregory beach, hiking the not-so-small hills at the Gap of Dunloe and attending a show by Siamsa Tire, the national folk theatre of Ireland which Mr Coffey had spoken very highly of in the past.

Our final performance of the week was at the Brogue Inn, back in Tralee. Emotions were at an all time high as the Year 13 students (and Lauren!) sang and played through our last renditions of all the old Singers classics. There were many tears from the older and younger students alike.

For students such as myself, who have been with the Landau Forte extension groups for the best part of seven years, the Ireland tour was the ideal curtain call for our LFC performing careers. For me, the Singers and Youth Theatre have been such an important aspect of my time at the College, and our tour around County Kerry was the perfect way in which to say farewell and celebrate our experiences before leaving for the wider world. My thanks go out to Mr Coffey, Miss Wrampling, Mr Collington and Miss Taylor for enabling us to have such an unforgettable experience.

Matthew Ripley, Year 13



It wasn't until I was stood singing in a café at the port in Hollyhead with strangers stopping to watch that I realised quite how much I enjoyed performing. Once we had arrived in Tralee and done our first gig in a little quaint folk club, myself and the other AS level performing arts students had the joyful job of performing in the local windmill. We had created 'The Ballad of Blennerville' ourselves. Set in 19th Century Ireland, the piece used period costumes, much to the delight of the tourists. Everything from singing on the ferry to watching the National Folk Theatre of Ireland was an enjoyment!

Beth Davidson, Year 13



Day of Dance at Sudbury Hall



In July, the Junior Dancers performed at a dance festival held at the National Trust venue, Sudbury Hall. This is an annual event that we have been involved in for over 10 years and this year the Dancers were as good as ever!

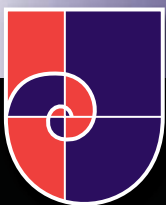
As this is an outdoor event, the weather is something that is always on everyone's mind and this year, unlike the previous two years, we had some bursts of sunshine which made the day something to remember.

Following on from their success at the U.Dance Event in March at the Assembly Rooms, The Junior Dancers performances were polished and professional. They performed two pieces of Contemporary Dance to music from the film Kill Bill, followed by Devised Work Performances from Year 9 students, Rose Martin, Emily Edwards and Sophie Middleton.

Overall, the day was very successful and I for one was extremely proud of all the girls involved.

C Cresswell





Landau Forte College Sports Presentation Evening July 2009

Landau Forte College hosted their Sports Presentation evening in front of a capacity audience of parents, students, staff and guests. Our guests of honour were Mr Michael Forsyth who is a former player and also part of Derby County's coaching staff and Mr Collins who has now retired. 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	Reece Limbert	Amelia Griffiths-Marshall
Yr8	Sam Treece	Carly Croft
Yr9	Thomas Berrisford	Lauren O'Kane
Yr10	Toby Hawken	Angel Williams
Yr11	Hargobind Atwal	Anna Kingwell

BASKETBALL

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Ranj Satar / Vincent Hlomayi	-----
Yr8	Brandon Blair-King	-----
Yr9	Thomas Berrisford	-----
Yr10	Finlay Holland	-----
Yr 11	Dean Fletcher	-----

NETBALL

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	-----	Ellie Spare
Yr8	-----	Chloe Aubeeluck-Davies
Yr9	-----	Emily Edwards
Yr10	-----	Kayleigh Hardy
Yr11	-----	Zara Yaqoob

CRICKET

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	Fezan Mahmood	-----
Yr8	James Taylor	-----
Yr9	Reece Jeffrey	-----
Yr10	Ankush Kumar / Niall Thompson	-----

ROUNDERS

	BOYS	GIRLS
Yr7	-----	Rosie Mason
Yr8	-----	Abigail Woodward
Yr9	-----	Terri-Ann Palmer
Yr10	-----	Leanne Walker
Yr11	-----	Elisha White



**BADMINTON**

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr7	-----	-----
Yr8	Joseph Barry	-----
Yr9	Joseph Wright	-----
Yr10	Hayden Shaw	-----
Yr11	-----	-----

CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr7	Matthew Mould	Amara Campbell
Yr8	-----	Tayo Rose
Yr9	-----	Chantelle Grounsell
Yr10	-----	Lauren Faith
Yr11	Ross Keeling	-----
Yr12	-----	-----

RUGBY

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr7	Callum Redfern	-----
Yr 8	Mathew Ong	-----
Yr 9	Reece Sims	-----
Yr 10	Harry Rudkin	-----

TENNIS

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr7	Harry West	Katie Levers
Yr8	Daniel Maginnis	-----
Yr9	Joseph Barry	-----
Yr10	Aaron Barrett	-----

GYMNASTICS

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr 7	-----	Emily Fletcher
Yr 8	-----	Hannah Parker
Yr 9	-----	Molly Brown
Yr 10	-----	Catherine Harper
Yr 11	Tiela Brown	-----

TRAMPOLINE

BOYS		GIRLS
Yr7	-----	Jessica Riley-Heenan
Yr8	-----	Katie Stevenson
Yr9	-----	Nuala Kelly/ Cerian
		Spencer/ Katherine
		Stewart
Yr10	-----	Rebecca Hey/
		Bianca Malomvari
Yr11	-----	Katie King





FULL COLOURS

Swimming	Kyle Lucas
Rugby	Benedict and Fraser Brown
JuJitsu	Christine McDonagh
Cricket	Anila Farooq
Athletics	Charles Mason
Judo	Harry Rudkin
Rugby League	Harry Rudkin



Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership

Brittany Anderson
Keyan Whitehurst-Schloss
Nicola Caley
Kate Patterson
Simon Tomlinson
Catherine Wragg
Amanda Silver
Olivia Smith
Alex Hubbard
David Wilson
Cherrelle Barley
Sebastian Howell
Rebekah Drew
Nicholas Woodward
Kelly-Ann Hutchinson
Alicia Poulter
Robert Graham
Sayf-Al-Din Hussain
Jacob Martin
Salma Ali

George Martin
Sam Moorhouse
Liam Endsor
Dean Fletcher
Jerome Smith
Paul Rawson
Daniel Beesley
Ruth Shepherd
Thomas Cunningham
Tarandeep Hayre
Lauren Millett
Ashley Weston
Kyle Lucas
Samuel West
Hafizah Khatoon
Gemma Parker
Peter Temple
Mark Woodward
Catherine Magee
Elisha White

Rebecca Lambert
Sharan Nanuan
Anila Farooq
Zara Yaqoob
Christopher Griffiths
Jordan Edwards
Thomas Buckner
Monique Foster
Rachel Evans
Danielle Randle
Georgia Edwards-Grant
Anna Kingwell
Chantelle Cartwright
Jack Hunt
Taibah Yasin
Thomas Roethenbaugh
Daisy Doherty
Chelsea Lee
Lauren Hughes

TEAM OF THE YEAR

BOYS

Year 10 7 - aside Football Team
Year 8 Rugby Team

GIRLS

U14 Football

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

Rebecca Abbott, Hannah Cornell, Kayleigh Fletcher.



MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

BOY

Joseph Barry

GIRL

Katie King

THE SAM ROBINSON AWARD

BOY

Dean Fletcher

GIRL

Anna Kingwell

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

BOY

Finlay Holland

GIRL

Christine McDonagh

Netball Organisers Award

During Term 5 the Netball Organisers Award was completed by Year 10 students. As part of the course, students had to manage a team in a Netball tournament with over 70 Primary School students from Village Primary School. Additionally, students had to umpire, score and time games, as well as being team managers. The day was a huge success with all students contributing to the smooth running of the tournament.

Year 10 Basketball

The Year 10 Boys Basketball team played their Derbyshire County Cup Final Match against West Park on the 18th June at Chellaston School. Despite great teamwork and individual effort the boys narrowly lost by 7 points, with the final score 52-45 to West Park. At one stage West Park were winning by 14 points so the team deserve congratulations for making it such a close game in the dying stages.





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