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# THE PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

I hope you will enjoy reading about some of the many achievements our students and staff have made over recent months in this edition of NewsLink. Just past the midpoint of the academic year we are focused on the final weeks leading to public examinations and course completion for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. The College Calendar is as busy as ever with events and activities to support the students in their learning and their broader education. Our Year 10 students, for example have taken part in work placements this term and I am delighted to note that for the first time ever we have achieved a record 100% for student placements! Well done to the students and staff who have worked hard to secure placements, combating many hurdles, for this tremendous effort. We are one of the few schools who have retained our commitment to work placement for all students in Key Stage 4; we remain committed to providing our students with appropriate preparation for the world of work.

In early January we celebrated the success of our former Year 13 students. Staff, former students and their parents enjoyed a memorable event which included an opportunity for us to find out firsthand about their lives at university or employment since leaving the College last July. Our thanks go to Sir Roger Carr, Chairman of Centrica plc and President of CBI, who presented former students with their certificates. Sir Roger gave an impressive address wherein he noted seven simple rules to win in today's competitive world:

- Rule 1** equip yourself with the finest academic qualifications that are within your grasp to obtain – it will give you the best possible start – it won't guarantee success but it will certainly help
- Rule 2** look within yourself for the special talent that is yours and focus your energies on exploiting it to the full
- Rule 3** qualifications and skills provide the foundations of success but people make the difference
- Rule 4** place personal integrity above everything – to know instinctively right from wrong – to be guided by your conscience rather than ambition – to recognise that your reputation for doing the right thing can last forever but is lost in a moment of poor judgement
- Rule 5** *be resolved* – be determined to see things through – no matter how challenging
- Rule 6** *be confident* – but at all costs avoid arrogance. Be self assured but respect the rights, beliefs and contribution of others



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**Rule 7** *be enthusiastic* – it is contagious – it is the most important and effective ingredient of all – tackle every task with energy and vigour – be pessimistic enough to see the problem but optimistic enough to see the solution. Always remember – that average talent employed enthusiastically will beat pedestrian brilliance any day of the week

Wise words indeed.

Our preparations for our 20th Year celebrations continue apace. Our Alumni working group, including former students, have been planning events and the set up of the Alumni group itself. My thanks go to Steven Kew and Matthew Hughes, former students of the College who left in 2006, for their ongoing support with this project. The opportunity for former students and staff to register with the Alumni group is available via the College website [www.landau-forte.org.uk/alumni](http://www.landau-forte.org.uk/alumni) and details will be provided to all who register about the reunion event we have planned for September.

*E. A. Giffey*



# PLENTY FOR PUDSEY

Every year at Landau Forte College we host a fundraising day for the brilliant annual event Children in Need. The fun packed day involves staff and students coming to College in non-uniform and donating £1 to get the fundraising off to a start. Post 16 students are permitted to go out into the city and collect money and their day commences from as early as 5:00am to get their costumes on and buckets at the ready as they head out to brace the cold and get the public to make donations. Throughout the morning Pirates, Mime Artists and Superheroes were spotted everywhere and they became the talk of the town.

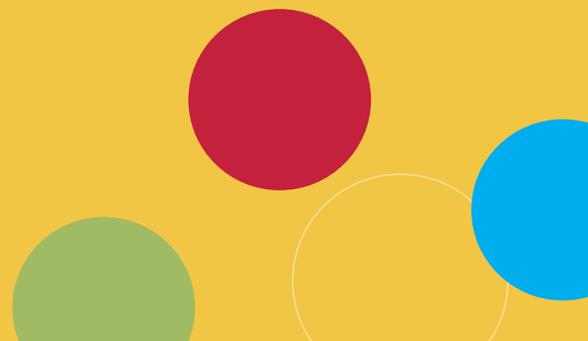
Collecting began as the city came to life. Waiting in entrances or walking casually past the high street shops walked characters from every aspect of the cartoon and animation world. It was clear to see that passersby were staring or double taking at the characters as they wandered through the streets. Generous amounts of money were given throughout Derby, with all characters gaining buckets full of change. The public couldn't help but smile as the city around them turned into a vicinity of make believe.

Meanwhile, back at the College there was a buzz around the building as the students set up their stalls and attractions straight after tutor time. There was so much to see and do during the afternoon from eating tasty burgers to playing minigolf and drinking unusual cocktails. Of course, the perennial favourite, Splat the Teacher, was out in force and many students queued up to throw a wet sponge at their "favourite" teacher!

Another highlight of the day was the Children in Need show; two performances took place and there was a lot of talent on display. Callum Sandhu and Matthew Tataryn in Year 13 hosted the show and kept the crowd on their toes and they also showed us their very convincing Kelly Rowland and Gary Barlow impressions! The show opened with the teachers' dance group, performing Michael Jackson's 'Thriller', in their very life-like zombie costumes. Other talent on show included, Jady Thompson singing 'I Believe I can Fly' and Amara Camphell and Olivia Morton giving us an impressive street dance compilation. The show was closed by Year 11 band, 'The Dirty Warehouse Pilots'. They played two upbeat songs that had the audience on their feet!

As the day drew to a close everyone went back and cleared up the College and every last penny was counted and weighed up by the staff and students that volunteered to carry out the duty. Then all everyone could do was await the final result and what a brilliant one it was: a grand total of £9,600 was raised for Children in Need. It was definitely a day to remember and a fantastic result to be very proud of.

Olivia Coughlan, Rebecca Hey, Olivia Roberson and Marina Torbica, Year 13





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# DIARY OF A DAY: CHILDREN IN NEED

It all started from the moment I got to the College gates: Post-16's in fancy dress costumes such as dogs, Mario characters, cave people and so on. I paid the price for wearing my "normal" clothes then a volunteer stamped my hand with purple, confirming that I was allowed to pass into school.

We had to attend our usual learning sessions to begin with but it wasn't long before it was time to set up for the day. After some time, I managed to get everything set up for my gaming stall: my Xbox 360 on the whiteboard and my PS2 on a separate screen that I brought with me. During the afternoon, things were going visibly well; my contest idea was proving very popular and I even got some of the tutorial staff to have a go.

LFC:TV came to interview me but we had a small problem - I was taller than the reporter! I suggested that we sit down for the interview to get around this and then it was time for lunch.

After Children in Need Day ended and I had packed away, I counted up how much I made in total. I raised £36 for my stall and my tutor base which made me feel very proud.

**Andrew Chesterman, Year 11**





# DEALING WITH DRUGS

In October the staff and students explored the issues surrounding the dangers of drugs. The week involved a variety of different stimuli to get everybody asking questions of the subject and indeed of their own attitudes and personal experiences with drugs. This double page details some of the events of that week.

During learning sessions students were presented with questions to promote and provoke. The scientists asked, what do we mean by drugs? The answer, well pretty much any substance that we take into our bodies which alters the behaviour of our body and mind. Therefore drugs includes alcohol and tobacco and many would argue, these two drugs put young people at the greatest risk. The mathematicians analysed the statistics that would back up this argument, they also crunched

the numbers and asked, how many cigarettes you would have to smoke to buy a PlayStation? In PE the students were looking forward to London 2012 and asked, Would you cheat at the Olympics? Whilst in English students did some empathic writing, putting themselves into the position of someone whose life had been affected by drugs. The Year 11 English students were given the task to tutor the staff, as part of their GCSE English speaking and listening assessment, on the new Legal Highs. Many other engaging activities were presented by other subject areas and these discussions were encouraged to spill over into tutor time. The whole week was absorbed with a seemingly infectious debate.

Alongside all of the activities the whole College completed a confidential survey of drug usage so that the

College could identify any gaps in provision for drugs education. The results are in, and I can report that the findings were very positive, as the students' responses indicate that their experience of drugs is in general below the national average.

**N Harris**



## FRESH START

The College is still striving to improve its support and education around drugs. We are now collaborating with the NHS fresh Start Programme and currently Miss S Askham (Individual Needs) is undergoing training to become a Fresh Start Associate Advisor to support and motivate students to stop smoking. We also continue to work with Derby Young Addaction who also had a massive input to what was a very successful week.

# DRUG AND DRINK DANGERS

Year 9 students got to experience a special day dedicated to raising awareness of the terrible effects that both illegal and legal drugs can have on young people. The day consisted of a performance from the Solomon Theatre company, followed by an interactive workshop in the style of the Jeremy Kyle show, where the students could ask questions of the characters in the performance.

The performance brought with it laughter, sorrow, confusion but most importantly it brought about a mood of learning outside the classroom. It featured three characters whose lives were turned upside down by a series of events which started off with two friends experimenting with the contents of their parents' drinks cabinet. A particularly sombre moment was towards the end of the performance, where we learned that the story we had just witnessed was based around a true story, but in reality one of the girls had been killed in a car accident, which was the stimulus for this whole production.

The students responded positively to the performance and showed great interest in the workshop, where they interrogated the characters and asked questions regarding some of the decisions the characters had made.

We all really enjoyed it and felt as if we had become more aware of the issues, consequences and laws surrounding teenage drinking.

Rodwell Ndengeya, Year 9

# ALCOHOL AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY: IS THERE A LINK?



Three 'Real Care babies' were recently delivered to Landau Forte College as part of the Drugs Awareness Week. In College, we were exploring the links between the UK having very high rates of teenage drinking and also high teenage pregnancy rates, compared with the rest of Europe.

The babies are designed so that students can see how difficult it is to be a mother at a young age. They are programmed to behave just like a real baby so when they cry they need attention, either rocking, burping or feeding. The babies were based in the Individual Needs learning spaces but were taken to other learning sessions. They made us think about pregnancy and highlighted how drinking alcohol can affect your decision making skills, putting you at risk and in a situation that could lead to pregnancy. Staff and students also discussed the consequences of having a baby while a teenager, including the financial and time pressures of having a baby whilst still in education.

Two of the babies were demonstrations of how alcohol and drugs can affect your unborn child. It was very disturbing to see what consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs can do to your baby: problems which you are creating for another person for life. The drug affected baby had a terrible cry and would shake, whilst the alcohol affected baby looked different and would grow up with the challenge of learning difficulties.

Charlotte Timmins, Year 9



# NOT ONLY SANTA'S ELVES BUSY IN THE WORKSHOP!



The lead up to the festive period was an extremely rewarding time for the four Year 12 students involved in the Engineering Education Scheme. Luke Hill, Leah Houldsworth, Melissa Loonam and Liam Sheppard sacrificed the celebrations at College during the last week of term for a three day engineering residential at Birmingham City University. In the two months prior to this, they had been working on a real life engineering problem set by JCB Power Systems and the university residential would provide time and the facilities to produce a working prototype.

Their project brief was to design a quick attachment and release system for hydraulic hoses on the diesel engine test bed facilities at the JCB site in Foston, Derbyshire. Currently the task of attaching the hoses from the engine to the test bed is physically demanding and labour intensive and financially costly due to the time taken to complete the operation.

On receipt of the brief in October the team headed to the test bed facility at Foston to see the problem at first hand and later onto the Claymills Victorian Pumping Station at Burton on Trent to research lever systems, gear trains and locking mechanisms and valves. From these two visits the team set about designing a solution for JCB Power Systems. Armed with working drawings of their solution they set off for Birmingham City University on Tuesday 13 December. On arrival they were designated workshop space and a place to hold production meetings and quickly began to familiarise themselves with the facilities.

The second day again saw them hard at work in the workshop: the prototype was taking shape, leaving only a few adjustments to be made on the final day. On the morning of the final day the prototype was assembled following the necessary modifications and the team began to prepare a presentation. The team presented extremely well, and gave an eloquent, professional and informative account of their project, detailing what had been achieved and how the project will be developed further.

The team were supported throughout the residential by William Turner of JCB Power Systems and Mr Wright from Landau Forte College Derby and both agreed that the future of engineering would benefit greatly from the determination and enthusiasm demonstrated by each of these students. Good luck to the four of them making a significant contribution to the world of engineering in the future.

C Wright



## TELL ME ABOUT IT!

This spring the English Speaking Union brought the local branch heat of their Public Speaking Competition to Landau Forte College and once again our team gave a fine account of themselves. The aim of the evening was to challenge teams of Year 11 students from around the Midlands to speak as maturely and convincingly on a pre-arranged topic as they could.

Each school entered a team with a speaker, a chairperson and a questioner, each of which have to perform to a strict set of rules and a strict series of timings. The English team at Landau Forte put forward Year 11 students David Hutchinson, Ryan Foulds and Saffron Millington to represent the College with Tom Butler-Roberts as our substitute and front of house coordinator.

The standard was particularly high this year from all schools and our students dealt magnificently with our topic: "Detention

without trial is the greatest threat to democracy." Ryan Foulds delivered an engaging and convincing response to this proposition, agreeing with the sentiment of the statement and drawing on such examples as Stalin's regime and the ongoing incarceration of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. He was rewarded with a special prize for Most Promising Speaker for his superb performance.

The overall winners were the English Martyrs School West team from Leicester and the runners up were from The Beckett School, Nottingham who thoroughly deserved to take first and second prize respectively. A fantastic evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all and a special mention must go to Mrs Dutton for her hard work behind the scenes. We look forward to hosting the event again next year.

**G Davies**

## A-MACE-ING!

In December last year, I took part in my first ever English Speaking Union MACE debating competition. When I started at Landau Forte College I was extremely interested in getting involved in debating. I have always been a thoroughly keen, enthusiastic and dedicated English student and so when this opportunity arose, I just couldn't resist!

Alice Church and I had been working on our motion for a month before the competition and so we felt relatively confident when

### DEBATING THE

### EVIDENCE

this day finally arrived. I was very nervous as I hadn't taken part in a MACE competition before and so I was unsure what to expect. I remained focused throughout the debate and embraced every moment of the competition! We were debating that "compulsory organ donation without exception should not be allowed" against a team from Nottingham High School and found a number of relevant and interesting arguments to make, including the point that the United Nations Declaration for Human Rights gives a person the right to decide what happens to their body: we argued that this right was still relevant post-mortem.

Unfortunately we did not win the competition, taking third place, but we were given constructive criticism and praised on our speeches by the judges. This was extremely useful as I will hopefully benefit from the advice when I compete in my next MACE competition. It was an absolutely brilliant experience and I'm thrilled that I was given the opportunity to take part. It really helped me to gain more confidence and knowledge. I can't wait for the next competition!

**Yasmin Mitchell, Year 12**





# YOUNG ENTERPRISE

## Young Enterprise

Landau Forte's Young Enterprise company, Infinite, is a charity business aiming to improve young entrepreneurs' business skills.

Currently, we are creating personalised T-shirts through our theme based trademark of 'Social Net-Wearing.' Quotes like 'Poke Me' and 'I'll follow you...on twitter' will bring humour and fun to what our customers wear. We will be visiting Tutor groups and asking for your input on any improvements we could make to our T-shirt designs.

Last but not least, as part of the Young Enterprise scheme, there will be an annual trade fair held at the Westfield shopping centre in Derby on Wednesday 22 February. We will be competing against the other schools in the district. So come and support us and Landau Forte College as we aim to make the most sales on the day. As students of Landau Forte College, **Infinite is offering a 10% discount** for the first T-shirt you buy on the day. In order to qualify for this discount, you must bring the attached coupon when you are purchasing the T-shirt.



**INFINITE SPECIAL DISCOUNT 10% OFF**

YOU MUST BRING THE ATTACHED COUPON WHEN YOU ARE PURCHASING THE T-SHIRT.

As a final notice, we thank you for getting involved with the successful Infinite Candy Canes project as we made a fantastic £109, which allowed us to further our development of our products. So please keep supporting the Infinite team!

Ruman Hayre, Year 12

# BUSINESS BONANZA

The Business Team is very excited to be launching a new extension programme, in partnership with Derby County Football Club. Over a 10 week period, the programme aims to help Year 9 students understand the basic principles of business, through a range of interactive learning opportunities both in the classroom and at Pride Park. As well as discovering more about how a real business operates, the students will also receive an OCR Business and Enterprise entry level qualification. Students will learn about a range of issues that are crucial to the successful running of a large business like Derby County Football Club, including organisational structure and marketing, business objectives and customer services.

The chosen students who will take part in the extension programme will also have an opportunity to represent the College at the 'North West Challenge', held at Newcastle FC in April. This will be a 'Dragon's Den' style event in competition

with students nominated from other football clubs, including Manchester United. Derby County are also committed to providing work placements at Pride Park to students who have taken part in the programme.

Year 9 students attended a Gathering during Week 3, where Adam Thorley from Derby County launched the new programme. Congratulations to Libby Stokes and Sam Rose who quickly volunteered to design a new logo for the club as part of the activities.

T Fazekas



# INSPIRING DESIGN



In the very early hours of 29 November, Year 12 and 13 Product Design students assembled in the College foyer, excited about the annual visit to the 'Inspired by Design' lectures held at the Institute for Education in the centre of London. This is the fifth consecutive year that we have attended the talks and eagerly we boarded the coach to London.

Jon Marshall from the BarberOsgerby design studio gave the first talk about two projects he had been involved with from conception to final product. The first was the Tip Ton chair which had been designed for Tipton Academy. It was very interesting

for the students to see that the design process they use for developing projects in College is identical in many ways to the processes used in industry. The second project was truly inspiring as he talked about the design for the Olympic torch to be used for London 2012. This was amazing and the students even got to see a close up of the first prototype for the torch held by David Beckham for the promotional posters.

In addition, we heard from Michael Korn who designed a method for preventing doctors and nurses from injuring themselves using hypodermic needles and Emily Cummins who talked about how the work she had completed for an A level project was now changing lives in Africa. The final lecture was given by Bibi Nelson from the company Bare Conductive, who explained how she had designed a non-toxic electrically conductive body paint. We were shown a video of how this had been used to create a human synthesiser which could be used to create music!

It was a thoroughly inspiring day where we learnt about the hugely important role that the product designer plays in the commercial world.

**K Bellamy**

# CARING AT CHRISTMAS

**Landau Forte College has excelled again! We have been involved with the Operation Christmas Child project for over 15 years and this year we reached the dizzy heights of filling 384 shoe boxes for charity.**

Students and tutors collected shoe boxes, wrapped them, filled them and paid for the cost of transportation of each box. We do this as a tutor group project from September until November. The generosity, thoughtfulness and energy that goes into this project is outstanding, with students and tutors working together to complete some wonderful boxes full of suitable presents for children who do not have much in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. With the support of The Derby Rotary Club, who collect the boxes on behalf of Operation Christmas Child, we can be assured that we make a difference to the recipients' lives. Derby

Rotary said when they collected the boxes:

"A very big thank you for the absolutely fantastic number of shoe boxes collected - I am sure this is a record single collection from any contributor within Derbyshire. A very big thank you again from the Rotary Club of Derby and more importantly the ultimate recipients."

Well done everyone! If you are interested in helping next year please look on the website below for more information and remember to get the shoe boxes ready in September 2012.

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

**R Pioli**





# START THE CLOCKS!

In our second term of studying AS level Product Design, we were set a project to commemorate 20 years of learning at Landau Forte College. As you may be aware the College will be twenty years old on the 6th September this year and to mark this day, we were asked to design a clock for the College. This sounded very daunting but luckily we discovered we would be working in association with the clock maker Smith of Derby. They are a local company that has been passed down over six generations and with a history spanning over 150 years. We felt sure they would be a massive help with this task. It was really exciting and a little scary to think we would be working as real designers on a 'live' project with real deadlines!

On our first visit to Smith of Derby we were greeted by Mr Bob Betts, the managing director and we were straight into a meeting where we discussed the brief, before going on a tour of the factory. On the tour we saw all of the workshops and facilities they use for making the beautiful bespoke clocks for clients all around the world. Back in the conference room, we discussed and developed the

background to the clock and the message we wanted to convey. We learned all about the many different factors going into the design of a clock for a client that we had to ensure we take into account, such as allowing enough distance between the hands going past each other to avoid hand lock, how the clock would be maintained and how to select materials amongst many other things. One of the biggest factors to consider was the budget to make the clock which was set at £5000! We returned to College buzzing with ideas and we discussed the events of the day. We looked around the building for a location to site the clock; somewhere visible but not in the way. We had a quick chat with Mrs Coffey to get her thoughts and ideas.

*Smith of Derby*

By the second visit we were fairly confident about what to expect. We had all drawn out a range of concepts considering the function and aesthetics of the clock. However the visit this time was very different to the previous one and we discovered that we were to lead this session, collaborating and presenting our thoughts and ideas to Mr Betts. We talked for well over an hour, creating and developing rough sketches of the clock and working out many of the logistics and details. We spent quite some time debating the merits and advantages of using Arabic or Roman numerals on the clock. By the end of the meeting we were quite exhausted but it had been a very fascinating and stimulating session. We left with a long list of tasks to accomplish before the end of term but we were happy that the design was coming together.

We still have a lot of work ahead of us, to ensure that the completed clock is installed and fully tested by the end of August, ready to be unveiled on the 6th September. Besides measuring up the foyer for sizes we have created a virtual computer model of the foyer to help us test the design and see it in context before returning to Smith of Derby. We are all really happy to be working on this project. Even though we will be in our final year at College when it is unveiled we will take great pride knowing that a little part of the College we helped to create will be in place for future students to enjoy for many years to come.

**Lauren Collings, Year 12**





# GUTEN TAG, HOLA, NI HAO, HELLO!

Many of us have been abroad and experienced the diverse language and culture of that country at first hand and have somehow managed to buy a goat when what you really wanted was an omelette! Well, never fear, help has come to Landau in the form of three overseas assistants. Imanol Garcia comes from St. Sebastian in the Basque region of North Spain and speaks Spanish, Basque, Russian and English. Magnus Makeschin has come from Southern Germany and speaks French, English, German and even Latin! Finally, Karen Liang from Fo Shan in China speaks Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Magnus and Imanol are students and are here as part of their studies. Karen Liang is a teacher in China and is, in part, here to learn about education in English. All three of them have been helping students in their learning sessions and getting to grips with English life.

## What is your job here in College?

**Imanol:** I have to help students first with their work in sessions and the things that they normally do. I prepare activities and games to complement the main learning session. I also try to help students with their pronunciation and accents and teach them about the Spanish culture as well as the language.

## What do you think to Landau Forte College?

**Imanol:** I like it! At first I was surprised by all the computers. Everything's so modern here; it was nothing like my school. The kids are normally quite committed to learn. So yeah I like it!

## Can you see the difference between the schools in your country and the schools here in England?

**Karen:** Yes it's quite different. The timetabling and also the subjects the students learn. I think the days in China are slightly longer as we have a break in the middle of the day.

## What's been your most positive experience and what's been your biggest challenge coming to Landau Forte College?

**Magnus:** Well, the privilege it is to work with colleagues and students. Also how they interact with you and watching the students learn. It's the people that make the place so happy!

## Why do you think learning a language is important?

**Karen:** I think learning a language is becoming more and more important in the world. If you can master a foreign language it can make it easier for you to communicate with people and to foster cooperation. Being in an increasingly global world, we need to be aware of the importance of understanding foreign languages.

**Magnus:** Well, it is key to communication and gives you access to other countries with other habits and cultures and you can experience them much more and meet interesting people. Also, it is nice to express yourself in more than one language. It's nice to know you can order a coffee when you want one!

## Tell us something interesting about yourself and your country

**Karen:** I have lots of hobbies. I like sports, especially badminton and swimming. Fo Shan, my home town, is a famous place in the local area for ceramics, martial arts, Cantonese food and opera.

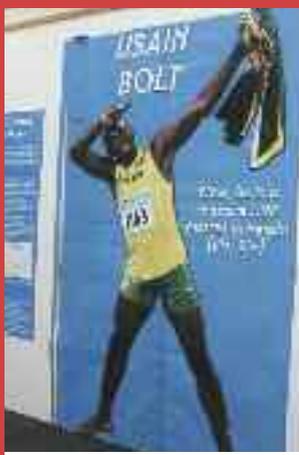
**Imanol:** Well, I grew up totally bilingual by learning both Basque and Spanish! My city, St. Sebastian, has more Michelin starred restaurants than anywhere else in Europe.

**Magnus:** My favourite food is Sauerkraut. I love it. Talk about stereotypes! Germany - well, it's a wonderful country! Actually, in Germany there are over four hundred types of bread!





# THE VISION



At the beginning of the Olympic academic year an Olympic Working Group was set up by staff from all subject areas to liaise with the Sports Council to share ideas and provide support to one another to make the most out of this iconic occasion. One project we created was called 'The Vision', which hoped to revamp the upper mall area. With help from staff in Art, PE, Science and Maths, images were produced in learning sessions to be displayed alongside the College Mascots and Olympic values. Additionally, Sports stars' profiles as well as Olympic records such as the high jump were also visualised.

Students who helped create the vision were Kyle Croft in Year 9 who cut, painted and put together the Olympic rings as well as Monique Gill, Raj Nizzer and Emily Torry who cut the banners out. Also, Year 8

students in Art produced sporting figures participating in Olympic sports and abstract pieces of art and in PE students created letters in Gymnastics to spell out some of the letters for the Olympic values.

We are hoping to update The Vision every term, so you might see your work being displayed soon!

G Rowland

# ADOPT A SPORT



With the Olympics now less than 200 days away the Sports Council wanted to mark this occasion which would involve all of the College in a project.

Each tutor base have been given at random an Olympic or Paralympic Sport and has been asked to produce a display on that sport. This would mean in learning spaces across College students and staff would be able to read about and find information about all of the Olympic and Paralympic sports which will be at the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics this summer.

They have until the end of this academic year to have their display ready and can add to it with news and key information about Team GB as qualifications take place.

Look out in future editions of Newslink where some of the displays will be reported.

G Rowland

# LFC WINS DAVID NIEPER 'FASHION FOR FREE' COMPETITION

The David Nieper 'Fashion for Free' competition was a fashion design competition run for all of the schools in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and it was a wonderful experience. The designing of the dress was easily my favourite part and my entry was for the category '*dressed to thrill*.' This gave me thousands of ideas and I just had to choose my favourite one!

I started planning my dress in Term 5 last year which tied in with my Year 9 art project of 'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.' Ellice Wymer made a great model for my dress and it fitted her perfectly.

When I found out I had won the David Nieper competition I was ecstatic! I was so happy, not only did I win for my age category but I also won the overall design choice and best of all: Princess Anne saw my design!

The day of the tour at the David Nieper factory was wonderful; Ellice and I were shown where everyone worked and we met the pattern maker and the head of design. I had only seen a factory on television before and it was smaller than I expected but extremely busy! I had a chance to work on some of the machines, such as the button maker, the bow maker and the knitting machine. They were harder than they looked.

Then the awards were given out and it was amazing! We were given a beautiful glass trophy made from recycled glass from the Isles of Scilly. Overall, the competition was a fantastic experience and I encourage anyone who is interested in a career in fashion to enter.

**Jessica Wesson, Year 10**



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The 'Fashion for Free' competition was a really great way to highlight the importance of sustainable practice in the Fashion Industry, whilst the visit gave students a real insight into the working practices of a successful company like David Nieper. The standard of entries submitted by Landau Forte students was very high and we were all very proud to see Jessica receive her award. The competition will run again this year, so look out for details around College.

**S Wright**



# THE BROADWAY EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday 17 January, the Year 11 4BTEC Art class and a range of students who study Performing Arts visited the Broadway Cinema in Nottingham. Broadway has received funding to create a short feature film about issues that young people want to raise and bring forward to a public audience. Landau Forte College and a number of other schools across the Midlands will be taking part in this and each student will take on the different roles and responsibilities necessary for successful film production. Each school will make a five minute section of the feature film and then all school groups will come together at the end to make the final production.



The day was intended to give us all an idea about what role we would like to do when it comes down to filming it, whether it be related to an interest in a future career or something we could do in our free time, it gave us all a really good chance to find out how best to utilise our individual skills. We watched extracts from exemplar films to help inspire us, and participated in experiential workshops including: costume design, character development, film-making and acting. Then at the end of the day, we reflected as a whole group in one of the theatre rooms to discuss what we had learnt. The project will continue over the next three months with visits to and from Broadway Cinema. Each student will have their specific role to play and collaborate together to create the

film which will then be a red carpet event at the cinema which any who took part in will be invited to as well as any of the general public who wishes to see it.

The workshop I enjoyed the most was film making in which I took the role of a director for our own short film that we created in our small group. Being director means I had the final say in any decisions made, such as who said what line, how it was said and how the final shots would look. This experience made me realise that film making is very interesting and requires a lot of hard work from lots of different people.

Gemma Sahota, Year 11

MADE AT  
**broadway**  
CINEMA | CAFE BAR | NOTTINGHAM

# IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME...

To kick off our Christmas celebrations at Landau Forte College our Year 12 Performing Arts students put on their wigs and dresses, lipstick and false eyelashes (and that was just the boys!) to give one hundred senior citizens a Christmas treat with their version of Cinderella. There was singing, dancing and comedy with tea, sandwiches and cake and not forgetting a Christmas cracker which helped to make the afternoon a very special occasion. You do not have to be too "senior" to attend – if you can remember when The Beatles played Buxton you're in! Then later in the week it was time for a yuletide spectacular, The Christmas Celebration 2011...

The theatre was filled with awe and wonder as Adam Woolley took to the spot light in the Christmas Concert and the disco ball gently sent a sea of twinkling stars throughout the space. The opening verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' was both beautifully played on acoustic guitar and sung by Adam. From behind the audience rows of singers then came forwards; carrying lanterns as they accompanied Adam and made their way into the performance space. While the Singers reached the climactic notes of the song, the intake of breath could almost be heard from the audience, as they were dazzled with this delicately electric opening to the Christmas Celebration.

To say it was a jam-packed evening would be an understatement. There were beautiful moments from the Singers and Dancers, Comedy from the Year 10 and 12 Pantos, dramatic moments from Junior Drama Group and Devised Work winners, and three different bands playing, in addition to a mind-blowing version of a Beethoven piece from Guitar Group.

Just one of the many highlights of the evening was Daniel Woolley's performance of 'Lady is a Tramp'. He was cleverly brought on stage by cupid firing his arrow at him at the end of the Year 10 performance and then performed in true smooth Sinatra-style, whilst being perfectly accompanied by the Band and the Singers.

Find a better show with so much talent anywhere in Derby that night? You would struggle! A massive well done to all involved!

## A Coffey and A Wrampling





# LIVING IN A DREAM

Inspired by our exploration of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, all Year 9 students combined their talents in singing, guitar, piano, xylophone, ukulele, drums, bass and pipes to produce fantastic arrangements of 'Dream' by The Everly Brothers. The rehearsal process began in October with every Year 9 student joining one of the 30 bands. Following the performance in the College Theatre, students voted for the most successful arrangement and presentation.

The winning groups were 'The Bards': **Mariam Nawaz, Luke Crisp, Alana Moran, Ellie Shervill, Paul Hardy, George Smith, Shakur Steadman and Ashley Hearn**; and 'The Mechanicals': **Gabi Green, Rodwell Ndengeya, Alexandar Cadd, Miya Marshall, Javaria Nawaz, Kobi-Kazia Thompson and Eva Wan**.

Well done to all our Year 9 students who have lived The Dream!

C Collington



## MUSICIANS MAKE THE GRADE

Congratulations to the following students who recently passed these music examinations:

- Adam Woolley**, Guitar Grade 8 with Merit
- Lauren Collings**, French Horn Grade 7 with Merit
- Isabelle Moss**, Clarinet Grade 4 with Distinction
- Freddie Newberry**, Euphonium Grade 4 with Merit
- Eleanor Burgess**, Clarinet Grade 2
- Chloe Hadfield**, Clarinet Grade 1 with Merit

An enormous well done to all!

# LANDAU HOPE AND GLORY...

It might not be the Royal Albert Hall or Hyde Park, but the Derby audience for the Last Night of The Proms, on the Big Screen, were treated to the lush sounds of Landau Ballet as a pre-prom treat. This slick outfit of musicians are getting quite a reputation for the quality of their professional presentations. Rich vocal harmonies, supported by the expertly delivered instrumental playing, created an exciting, potent, foot tapping mix that the 'Promers' found irresistible. Well done, guys and gals!

A Coffey





# THE DEVISED WORK COMPETITION 2011

Once again standards were extremely high at this year's Devised Work Competition with some inspired and original dance and drama performances. In dance we saw a range of performances taking inspiration from images and music with many polished and mature performances from our younger students. The majority of drama pieces were created in the comedy genre and displayed quite a range of loveable characters from stereotypical old ladies to sheep!

This year, the Dance competition was judged by Carla Bolstridge, a former student of the College who has recently gained a First Class Honours degree in Dance at De Monfort University. The Drama competition was judged by Laura Smith who teaches Drama at Chellaston Academy and has been involved in performances for Derby Live. Both judges shared some informative and encouraging advice to all of our performers.

Whilst the judges were making their final decisions, **The Junior and Senior Dancers** showed artistry and professionalism during their performances of two original pieces of contemporary dance, **Dance Off** and **Shadow**. Alongside these was a piece from Senior Drama Group titled **Oppression** where you were challenged to come up with your own interpretation.

Judging was tough with so many talented young performers, but finally the awards were decided upon.

### And the winners were:

- Most Original Piece of Dance:** Rose Martin, Chantelle Grounsell and Sophie Middleton.
- Most Original Piece of Drama:** Rose Martin and Cian Nation
- Outstanding Performance in Dance:** Harriet Collins
- Outstanding Performance in Drama:** James Thompson

As always, events like the Devised Work Competition would not be possible without the help and hard work of everyone behind the scenes. We would also like to thank **Year 11** Performing Arts Students for running **Front of House** and **Box Office**, alongside our **Year 12** and **13 Hosts** and **Techies**.

Congratulations to all who took part in Devised Work 2011!

**C Cresswell**

# NETBALL ROUND UP

Netball extension has seen a big increase in the number of students attending the sessions. This has had a large impact on the results we have been able to achieve over this academic year as seen in the City league as the results table below shows. A particular well done to the Year 9 girls who consistently attend training and play in fixtures, giving strong performances throughout the year.

We have also had a massive help from Miss Cadman who has been able to share her expertise with many of the girls enabling them to improve their knowledge and understanding of the game!



## U14

LFC V Noel Baker	Won	13-2
LFC V Murray Park	Lost	4-12
Derby Moor V LFC	Won	3-7

## U16

LFC V Noel Baker	Won	1-0
Derby Moor V LFC	Lost	13-5

G Rowland

# RUGBY ROUND UP 2011/2012



The Boy's Rugby teams across the key stages have enjoyed a number of successes this year. With the help of Mr Bathew, the boys have been able to learn many new skills and implement them during the games that they have attended but also during their learning

sessions where they have been able to share their knowledge and good practice with their classmates.

Training has also enjoyed a boost in numbers this year with the team being able to utilise the facilities of Derby Rugby Club, including the use of their flood lights to enable them to train throughout the year.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 teams were all lucky enough to be invited to some emerging schools competitions where, faced with tough opposition, they were able to show off their skills and understanding of the game.

After a successful application to the English Rugby Football Union, Landau Forte College has been lucky enough to secure around 20 tickets for the British Universities and Colleges Male and Female Rugby Finals that take place at Twickenham. It will be a great opportunity to see some of the best emerging talent on the rugby stage!

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# GYMNASTICS COMPETITION



Since the beginning of October a group of students has been coming to gymnastics training sessions on Monday evenings to practice for a Derby City Gymnastics competition which was to be held in December. The girls had to devise a routine to music, perform a vault and a body management sequence. The girls trained diligently over several weeks, working alongside each other and coaching one another on methods and ideas for improvement.



I was delighted to announce that the College could buy some leotards for the girls to wear and “look the part” for the event and the girls looked exceptional in their new attire. The day finally came and on Thursday 15 December we arrived at Derby Gymnastics Centre. The Gymnasts were divided into two sections for the competition - Level 1 for 'non-competitive' or non-club gymnasts and Level 2 for competitive gymnasts.

### The Results:

From the Level 1 Gymnasts the following girls will now be representing Derby West at the County Final: Becky Anderson, Olivia Fahy, Mia Taylor, Saffron Jackson, Ella Taylor and Jaye Ferguson. Additionally special recognition went to the Level 2 gymnasts where Simran Jandu achieved a Gold certificate for her performance and Mollie-Anne Osborne achieved Bronze. Well done to all of the gymnasts who represented Landau Forte College, you did yourselves very proud:



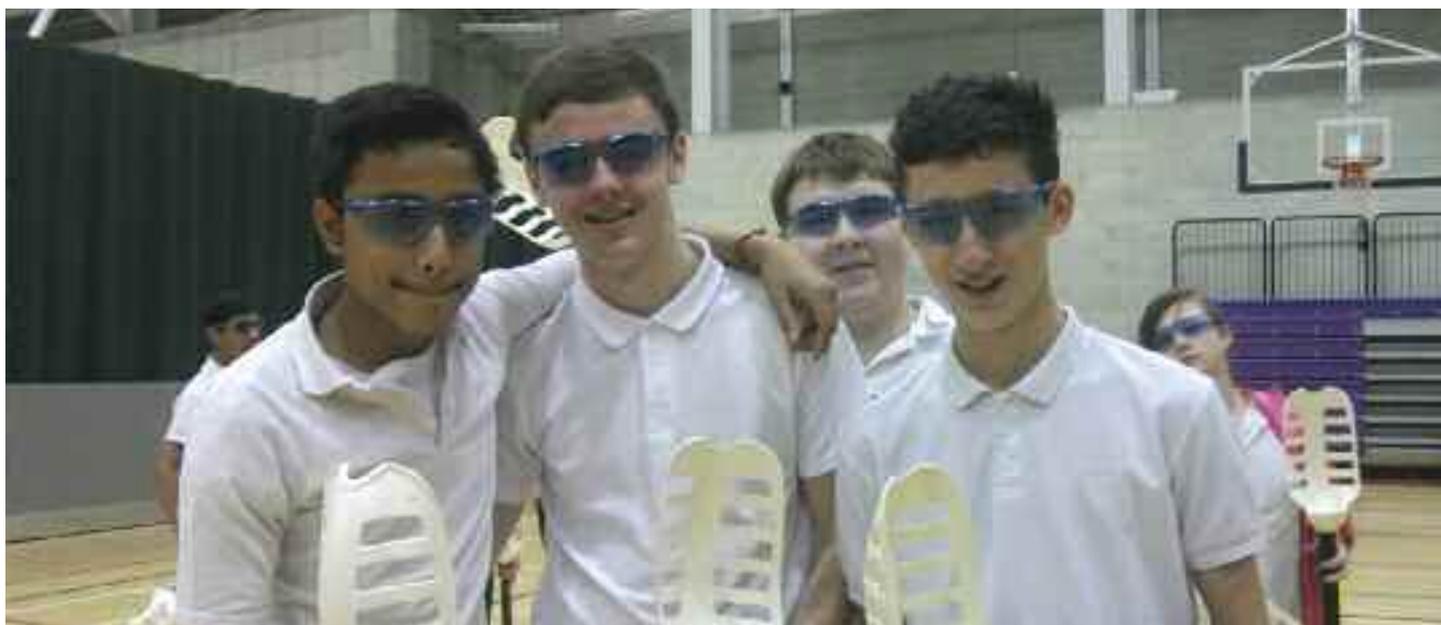
<b>Becky Anderson</b>	Year 8	<b>Rachel Merkelt</b>	Year 8
<b>Caitlin Barton</b>	Year 9	<b>Charlotte Mould</b>	Year 8
<b>Shannon Clifton</b>	Year 7	<b>Molly-Anne Osborne</b>	Year 8
<b>Olivia Fahy</b>	Year 8	<b>Lauren Simpson</b>	Year 8
<b>Jaye Ferguson</b>	Year 7	<b>Heather Swain</b>	Year 8
<b>Kyra Jackson</b>	Year 8	<b>Ella Taylor</b>	Year 8
<b>Saffron Jackson</b>	Year 8	<b>Mia Taylor</b>	Year 8
<b>Simran Jandu</b>	Year 7	<b>Jenny Thwaite</b>	Year 8



The Derby East events were won by Chloe Gilman (Leesbrook) at Level 1 and Charlotte Wray (West Park) at Level 2. Derby West winners were Becky Anderson at Level 1 and Simran Jandu at Level 2 (both from Landau Forte). Four teams from the city were selected to advance to the county final, where they will compete against teams from all other districts of Derbyshire. Thanks go to Derby Gymnastics Centre for hosting the event in a fantastic facility and to the judges for their time making the event possible.

**N Faulkner**





# LOUGHBOROUGH SPORT'S THE DIFFERENCE DAY

On Monday 5th December 2011 our OCR Sport National Level 2 students went on a visit as part of their GCSE course to Loughborough University. The day was an organised event which catered for students interested in sport and who show the ability to study this at Further and Higher Education level.

The day was divided into mini-courses and activities, including a campus tour, careers session, Sports Psychology, footwear focus and a rock it ball master class. The day was well received by the students who could then use the information within their coursework assignments.

N Faulkner



# INTERDIVISION SPORTS COMPETITION 2011/2012

The 2011/2012 academic year Interdivision Sports Competitions kicked off with football during Term 1. As usual one credit was awarded to every student that took part and three for every student in the winning team. More credits were awarded for this competition than any other before and this was due to the large number of students in the College that took the opportunity to get involved and compete for their division. Here are the winning teams:

Year	Boys	Girls
7	Landau 1	Landau 1
8	Forte 1	Landau 1
9	Landau 1	Landau
10	Landau 2	Forte 1
11	Forte 2	Forte
P16	Landau 2	Cancelled
STAFF	Forte	Cancelled

In Term 2, Badminton was trialled as a new Interdivision Sports Competition. Singles competitions for boys and girls in all year groups were offered and an open doubles competition for each year group also. Many students entered this new activity and subsequently it was a great success. Here are the winners:

## Singles

Year	Boys	Girls
7	Thomas Mason (F2)	Juliette Green (L1)
8	Miles Barton-Black (L1)	Kyra Jackson (F1)
9	Jonathan Ball (F1)	Tiara Samuel (F1)
10	Harry Mertens (L1)	Cancelled
11	Gurdeep Sohti (L1)	Cancelled
P16	Andrew Brown (F2)	Cancelled
STAFF	Mr Middleton	Miss Liang

## Doubles

Year	Boys	Girls
7	Thomas Mason & Nico Nath (F2)	
8	Miles Barton-Black & Dion Varley (L1)	
9	Tiara Samuel & Eva Wan (F1)	
10	Vincent Hlomayi & Chandan Talwar (F1/L1)	
11	Gurdeep Sohti & David Hutchinson (L1/F2)	
P16	Matthew Parker & Timothy Wakefield (L1)	
STAFF	Mr Thompson & Miss Faulkner (F1)	

P Thompson

# GIRLS FOOTBALL LOOKING GOOD ON THE PITCH!

Both the Under 14 and Under 16 girls football teams have enjoyed a number of successes this year. Playing all of their games at Derby Moor Community Sports College, they have faced strong opposition from teams such as Sinfin and Derby High School.

The Under 14 girls in particular have enjoyed numerous successes this year, led by Miss Roberts, which included beating off different opponents with only 5 players!

With the continued success of both the Under 14 and Under 16 football teams, we were delighted to have been approached by First Grade Clothing, based in Nottingham, to sponsor the girls very first new football kit.

The girls were delighted with their new look and have been enjoying attending fixtures to show it off. With a brand new look and expectations still high to secure a top finish in the league, the girls are looking forward to playing the remainder of their games and continuing with their successes!

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