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Principal's Message



The new academic year found us reflecting on WWW and EBI; What Went Well and Even Better If? Alongside the opportunity to celebrate, the twentieth anniversary has also provided an opportunity for reflection. During the first few weeks of the new term, working with all staff and students we have challenged ourselves, and each other, to consider and understand what it really means to be world class. As key stakeholders, and a vital part of our learning community, we would now ask that you do the same. Enclosed with this edition of NewsLink you will find a tool for reflection. Please use this (or download one from our website and complete online), to identify three areas in which you feel we are achieving well (WWWs) and one area where the College would be Even Better If...

We will always be reminded of our 20 Year

Celebration as we are greeted every morning by the new clock suspended over the reception area. I am sure you will agree the students, with the fantastic technical expertise and support of Smith of Derby have produced a timeless piece. The clock symbolises the twenty years that have passed from 6 September 1992 to 6 September 2012. As important, however, it embodies our vision for the future. Designed by our students, the clock project illustrates that when we put our trust in young people and empower them with the tools to do the job, they always deliver.

In our first twenty years, there have been a lot of WWWs.

We estimate that we now have almost 3,200 graduates of the College who between them have:

- attended 20,120,000 learning sessions
- undergone 4 full Ofsted Inspections
- achieved 27,300 final examination results
- seen 3 major building programmes
- achieved over 3 million REACH credits
- taken part in almost 500 educational visits.

So what is our EBI?

We must hold onto the vision that world-class learning is not so much about our desire to challenge young people but nurturing their desire to challenge themselves. We very much look forward to reviewing your EBIs and how you may be able to support the College on our journey to world class.

Liz Coffey

Principal

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Two Decades: One Outstanding College



Thursday 6 September 2012 – Landau Forte College's 20th Anniversary – was a triumphant culmination of many weeks' hard work and preparation from staff and students.

It was enjoyed by all those who have contributed over the last twenty years, enabling Landau to be the outstanding establishment it is today. With the exception of Landau's performing artists, for the majority of students the celebrations of the day commenced with a live broadcast from the theatre directly to their tutor bases. The theatre held an audience

of special guests including governors of the College and tutors both past and present to share in day of celebration.

Attendees were addressed by Mr Ashworth, Mr Whiteley and Mrs Coffey, three of the figures who have played a vital role in the development of Landau Forte College during the preceding twenty years. Each address referenced the undeniable success Landau Forte has achieved, paying tribute to all those who have, and continue to make it possible for the College to be such an outstanding institution. Mrs Coffey concluded events in the theatre with her inspiring speech outlining the College's journey toward becoming a world class establishment and directed guests to the main

reception area for the eagerly anticipated unveiling of the College clock.

Before the presentation of the clock, the prestigious guests Mr Landau and Sir Rocco Forte addressed the College and its visitors speaking of the excellent achievement and commitment to continued success with Mr Forte adding a touch of comedic value to the day's events with the comment: *'Little has changed since Landau opened its doors in 1992, except perhaps the length of the girls skirts!'*

The dazzling new clock, marking the achievement of the College's twenty years and designed in partnership with Smith of Derby, now stands proudly in Landau Forte colours in the main reception area on the 'bridge' of the upper mall.

It was unveiled by the post 16 students who contributed to its design. The extraordinary celebrations culminated with a scintillating performance from the Singers, cleverly choreographed by Mr Coffey to incorporate the newly placed clock.

For the students of Landau, the remainder of the day progressed with the normality of any other, in spite of the excitement that filled the air. Inspired by Mrs Coffey's speech, students and staff will progress onward and upward with rigour and determination as we navigate our way toward becoming world class.

Ellie Spare, Year 11

It's Showtime!

...and the party carried on from 'The Clock' celebration during the day into a fun-packed evening cabaret. A little less formal than the daytime ceremonies attended by Martin Landau and Rocco Forte, the evening saw 150 students sing, dance and act their way into the next 20 year era.

The 360° multi-sensory experience was lubricated by student council waiters and waitresses, ensuring the audience had the full cabaret treatment and the fashion show weaved between the tables before the models mounted

the catwalk.

Inevitably the theatre doors were not strong enough to contain all this talent and the show spilled out into the bar with live music and the song 'The Big Hand Said' performed under the new clock in the lower mall. Composed for the 20 years celebration, the song chimed quite nicely with our dignitaries during the day and wound up the interval very musically for our evening audience.

The Singers, Band, Junior Drama, solos and duets who made such a superb first half of the show

were followed by the Youth Theatre with their performance of Jack Be Nimble from the Olympic Torch Ceremony in Darley Park last June.

All heads were turned to the big screen, as a preview of Right up my Street; a combined project with the Broadway Cinema, Nottingham was shown, ahead of its showcase at the Broadway Cinema.

The exhibition of Art and Technology made the entire building a celebration of student success, as their creations filled the upper and lower malls. Even the table decorations were

constructed by Technology students.

The 20 years of Learning and Achievement celebrations on September 6th at Landau Forte College were the fireworks; the icing on the cake (there were even cupcakes beautifully decorated by students) – but it's actually Showtime every day at Landau Forte College!

A Wrampling







In a League of their Own

It was a real pleasure to work with students who rose to the challenge when representing the College and Derby County Football Club at a semi-final held at Aston Villa Football Club for the Premiership Enterprise Challenge.

The nominated students were: **Aarondeep Ray, Gurjinder Tamber, Millie Weston, Hamza Sharif and Megan Henson-Griffin**, Year 10. They were chosen for their enthusiasm and commitment to the DCFC Enterprise extension programme.

This year the challenge has been to come up with suggestions as to how customer service could be improved at our football club. The aim was to produce a five minute pitch and a business

plan to support the idea. The students worked tirelessly on their pitch for two weeks – the result was an amazing idea including a fantastic presentation.

I felt more proud than words can convey, of the way the students took on board my comments and produced a confident, well-pitched business plan. Our customer service idea was to re-produce the games makers of the Olympics (aptly named 'Rams on Hand' with the

slogan 'helping with pride') and use them around the stadium to encourage crowd participation and be on hand to sell refreshments on the terraces at half time to reduce the queues on the concourse.

It was a memorable experience and a chance to strengthen our links with DCFC. Watch this space... the Rams on Hand colleagues may soon be coming to a football ground near you!

T Fazekas



Poetic Success for Tajalla

Over the last four years, **Tajalla Rasool** has developed her passion for writing poetry.

I was never inspired to write poetry but I chose to write short 5-6 line poems about animals. The first poem I ever wrote was only 5 lines and it was about a Kangaroo.

Luckily my poem was chosen by Young Writers and I was awarded a Merit certificate for it. Moreover my poem was published in the Young Writers Book. This was a huge success

for me and I was proud of what I had achieved.

After that, I had decided to continue writing poems whenever I had free time. For a few years my poems got published in the Young Writer anthology and I received a number of certificates but the biggest achievement of my life was last year when I was selected from the top 50 students in the UK who had entered Young Writers competition to go to

Peterborough and read my poems out in front of the judges.

There were two categories in the competition and I was awarded first place in the 11-16 year old category. I received a laptop for my poem. This success has built my confidence in writing and I hope I can do better and achieve more success with my poetry in future.

Tajalla Rasool, Year 11

Voyage to the Stars ★★

On Thursday 4 October Year 8 experienced Stardome. One learning group at a time, we went into the Sports Hall where there was a huge black dome. Inside it was pitch black and a screen projected on the walls. The sound of our noisy voices echoed around the dome.

Andrew Green (a member of the Royal Astronomical Society) explained to us the formations of the 8 planets; from Mercury to Neptune. He talked about the atmosphere of these planets, their moons, and went through the process of night and day, and gave us lots of other general information about our galaxy and solar system.

He then projected the constellations onto the inside of the dome and showed us all of the brightest stars and also the shapes that these

stars created in the night sky. Andrew told us about how the Ancient Greeks were the first humans to discover a lot of these planets, stars and patterns.

From this we learned more about the classifications of the planets and why dwarf planets are not eligible to be called a planet. Now that we have looked at the constellations in more detail we enjoy looking at the patterns in the night sky and understand our galaxy much better.

In this experience we really enjoyed looking at the constellations inside the dome because they were all around us and it made you feel like you were actually floating in space.

**Clodagh Holmes and
Verity Jackson, Year 8**



What's it like to be a Material Scientist?

On 19 September Year 10 Additional Applied Science students had the pleasure of a visit from Dr Steve Edmondson, a materials scientist from the University of Loughborough. Dr Edmondson explained why materials science is important; what he does on a day-to-day basis; the experiments performed at Loughborough; and demonstrated the properties of some fantastic materials.

He showed students how plastics go through a glass transition temperature – from being soft and rubbery, to hard and brittle. This was amusing when he took a flexible yellow rubber duck, froze it in liquid nitrogen and smashed it into a

million pieces! He also showed the students an amazing non-Newtonian fluid which sometimes behaves like a liquid and sometimes like a solid. Students also learned how to make goeey slime using PVA glue and borax.

Each student took away a University of Loughborough Frisbee made from the polymers that they investigated in the session. Students found it fascinating and certainly asked lots of questions! The students are currently working hard on their assignments in which they are investigating materials for use in an outdoor sports jacket. As a result of Dr Edmondson's visit, students are able to link their assignments to a

workplace context.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Edmondson very much for visiting the College and look forward to enjoying one of his talks again next year.

J Naughton and H James





It's Elementary

This year's fashion show was inspired by the different elements – water, fire, earth and air and aimed to incorporate them into the pieces that the students created.

Within learning sessions, post-16 students developed, designed and made a number of pieces reflecting their chosen element. Year 12 had the task of providing the accessories, whilst Year 13 produced a variety of garments.

The initial designs and eye-catching final pieces were the result of hard work, care and dedication from all of the students and this was clear

in the detailed workmanship. Two of the pieces included a headband, designed to mimic the colours and movement of water and an ethereal looking dress that gave the effect of wind.

On the evening of the fashion show, amongst the other 20th anniversary celebrations, the atmosphere was electric and the response was remarkable. It was a thoroughly well-put-together

and appreciated event; a perfect opportunity to showcase the creative flair of our students.

The designers and models were pleased to receive a number of compliments and the sheer amount of effort that had been devoted to this project was clear to all.

Ariel Draper and Sophie Middleton, Year 13



Landau Visits Loughborough



Year 13 A2 and BTEC Business students joined forces in September to visit Loughborough University to discover just what it would be like to study business at higher education.

We began our day with a lecture in International Business from a highly respected business lecturer, Dr Julie Holland. This was an insightful and fun speech which introduced us to the Spangler (more commonly known as a vacuum cleaner) as well as proving to us that we are products ourselves which need to 'sold' to universities.

Following the lecture we were given a tour of the campus so that we could see the environment at Loughborough University including The Towers, a listed hall of residence, famous for once being the home of Mr Bellamy!

We were humbled to see the many sporting facilities on the campus, knowing that we were walking in the footsteps of Olympic heroes.

The main challenge of the day was a very thought-provoking strategic brief to sell the Respibelt; a belt used to help train athlete's intercostal muscles which was used by Mo Farrah.

Our presentation skills were put to the test, as was our knowledge of International Trade but we rose to the challenge. We certainly learned how difficult it was for businesses to trade internationally and the barriers they would need to overcome.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enriching experience, made especially memorable by an unexpected encounter with Dame Kelly Holmes! A truly inspiring day.

T Fazekas and Yasmin Mitchell,
Year 13

Food Fusion: Food Glorious Food

Students are participating in a new extension activity this year focusing on Asian cuisine. Delivering the activity is Aruna Sharman Birch who, born in Malaysia growing and cooking her own vegetables as a child, teaches a fascinating blend of eastern recipes that includes: Malaysian, Indian, Thai, Chinese, Singaporean, Vietnamese, Japanese and Indonesian influences.

It is hoped that the students will

take their learning home and try out some of the recipes with their families.

The students that have been cooking this fantastic food this term are: **Shannon Clement, Shane Greenacre, Jacob Kinsley, Adam Daly, Philip Hutchinson, Vivek Kaushal, Bethany White, Maimoona Hanif, Edward Rose, Sabah Arshad and Sara Arshad.**

Students, staff and parents have commented on the lovely smells

coming from the food room on a Thursday afternoon where the students have been cooking up a storm making dishes including: Malaysian curry, Thai noodles and coconut rolls. The students are really enjoying learning about new ingredients and how to put them together to make truly mouth-watering dishes.

S Owen



Gills and Buoys Hooked on Dissection Opportunity

Science WOW! launched with a successful start to the year.

Students from years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to extract their own DNA to view with microscopes, make bouncy custard balls, manufacture coloured glass beads and construct reusable lava lamps.

One evening this term saw twenty students turn out in force for the lucky dip dissection. Salmon heads, squid and even a well-protected orange bream were available for students to dissect. Students practised and refined their dissection techniques through skilfully locating and removing vital organs. With the assistance of post-16 biology students, many were also able to identify

delicate internal structures and to deduce their role in the anatomy of the fish.

Most students decided to remove and dissect the eyeball as their first step before progressing onto something larger scale. By the end of the session many had a fully laden dissection board with all of the interesting components carefully laid out. It was another enjoyable and messy session with lots of smelly blood-stained aprons (and hands!) by the end.

Science WOW! runs on Wednesday of every week B. Look out for hints on posters around College as to what the next one involves!

S Hawkley



Enterprising Eminence Aim High



Young Enterprise is up and running this year, with ambitious sentiments running throughout the College's strong team of twenty one called Eminence. The scheme involves the Year 12 students creating and running their own business independently which will develop their entrepreneurial skills and qualities; essential for business success in the 21st Century.

The next step for the business will be to develop a final business idea and develop a business plan to enter into this business plan challenge this month. The team has high aspirations and hopes

to win the award for the best business plan in the South Derbyshire finals.

James Thompson who was elected by the team, and who is proud to be this year's managing director, highlights the team's mood:

"We are all very excited and enthusiastic about the products that we will be releasing – which are best left as a surprise! With every meeting the team is strengthened and I think that it is really important for the team to be in one accord and supportive of each other so that everything we do together drives towards the

success of the business."

Roles for functional directors were also open to all members of the team and, after intense competition, the best applicants were elected. Well done to – **Tom Bingham**, Company Secretary; **Catherine Greaves**, HR Director; **Saffron Millington**, Operations Director; **James Bates**, Sales Director; **Gurdeep Sohti**, Finance Director; **Chloe Davies**, Marketing Director; and **Kuldeep Sandhu**, IT Director.
Thomas Butler – Roberts, Year 12



School's on for Summer

Landau Forte College introduced the summer school scheme on 22 August for new Year 7 students and it turned out to be a great success.

The scheme lasted for two weeks and enabled around twenty students to have a taste of life at Landau before the new term began. The day started at 10am and finished at 3pm. Their day was filled with new and exciting activities which developed their team building skills.

The activities ranged from designing and creating their own animations in ICT; learning taekwondo; playing football with some of the players from

Derby County Football Club; and even Zumba classes! Students had the opportunity to go on two visits outside of College to study the ancient Egyptians at Derby Museum & Art Gallery and explore the solar system at Leicester's Space Centre.

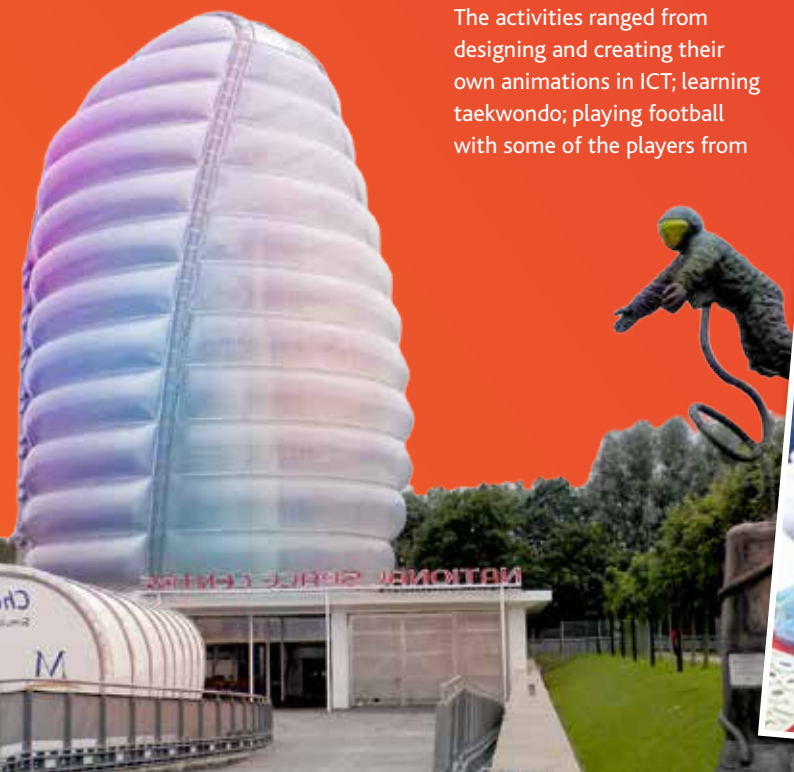
"I can't pick one thing I enjoyed the most, I enjoyed it all! I think it's helped me settle into Landau Forte College." Jay Foster, Year 7 "I thought it was a really nice experience to get to know the school better. I was able to

do things other year 7s haven't been able to do in the past."

Kiran Sidhu, Year 7

We hope to continue the summer College scheme next year. All the students who took part were a credit to the College and it's great to see all the year 7 students settling into Landau Forte College so well.

K Philpott



Alphabet Photography Competition

Well done to all the participants that took part in the photography competition to creatively photograph objects that look like letters!

Thanks to **Makhan Johal**, Year 13 for supporting this workshop and sharing his own highly successful techniques, graphic design and photography.

There were some fantastic entries and here are the winners:

YEAR 10: **Rumana Idris** (LEO)
 YEAR 9: **Kelsie Gilbey** (LYW)
 YEAR 8: **Jessica Fearn** (SHA)
 Thomas Dearsley (BMH)
 YEAR 7: **Tehjpal Dhau** (SCP)
 Runners up:
Navneet Rai (CJW)
Nothobeko Simba (LYW)
Lewis Richardson (CJW)

L Wahid



Thriving Council Inspires

The Sports Council was formed in 2010, consisting of thirty students. Students were appointed to not only promote and help organise extension activities and interdivision competitions, but to also endorse the Olympic and Paralympic values and games.

The continued hard work and enthusiasm from these students has inspired many more to take part in school sport. At the end of the last academic year, students were given the opportunity to join the Sports Council.

The applications were of a fantastic quality and its members have risen to fifty-three covering Years 8-13.

With the London 2012 games now over, we will be continuing our work: The commonwealth games in 2014 is being hosted in Glasgow and will be our next vision to help continue to inspire a generation.

Many congratulations to the members of the 2012-13 Sports Council.

G Harris

Landau 1

Hannah Abraham
 Miles Barton Black
 Simranjit Choudhary
 Chloe Davis
 Amelia Griffiths
 Marshall
 Umary Iqbal
 Natasja Joyce
 Kamaal Khaliq
 Callum Lacey
 Oconnell
 Sophie Mee Bishop
 Ben Murphy
 Rachel Patterson
 Tajalla Rassol
 Helena Thomas
 Cameron Wilton
 Ayman Yahya Ali

Landau 2

Tyrone Forster
 Chantelle Grounsell
 Barry Record
 Reece Limbert
 Phoebe Lees
 Charlie Stokes
 Fezan Mahmood
 Journay Moulton
 Clodagh Holmes
 Emily Fletcher

Forte 1

Tiara Samuel
 Brandon Lee
 Southall
 Emily Torry
 Komal Pervez
 Saffron Jackson
 Phoebe Torrance
 Adnan Ahmed
 Demi Marie Croft
 Kyra Jackson
 Olivia Tataryn
 Abigail Woodward

Forte 2

Jessica White
 Harriet Collins
 Prithpal Johal
 Raj Nizzer
 Chloe Hadfield
 Lauren Ward
 Ryan Roberts
 Callum Redfern
 Annie Johnson
 Bethany Hill
 Fezaan Arshad
 Connor Parker
 Makhan Johal
 Bronte Sutton
 Joel Footring
 Charlotte Green

On your Marks...

Jonas Hey, Mateusz Cibor, Callum Armstrong, David Parker and I are part of the Formula 1 in Schools extension activity. We design and race miniature gas powered balsawood Formula 1 styled cars. The challenge inspires students to learn about computer aided design and manufacture, physics, aerodynamics, branding, graphic design and marketing with a big focus on teamwork.

Participating schools form a

race team of between three and six students. Using 3D CAD software teams design a car and then test each design using Virtual Wind Tunnel software to analyse drag efficiency and make the car more aerodynamic. Cars race side by side along a 20m track and teams are judged on car speed, as well their presentation and exhibition boards. The challenge is an enjoyable way of learning about CAD CAM.

Joel Shinu, Year 9



The Landau family



Alumni



Catherine Handley
(née Bathurst)

Class of 2007

Then: Biology, Chemistry, Business

Now: Foundation Year Doctor, Merthyr Tydfil Hospital



Lisa Warwick

Class of 2007

Then: English Language and Literature, History, Psychology

Now: PhD research into the role of touch in residential care, University of Nottingham

Upon the successful completion of her A Levels, Catherine made the progression into higher education and began a five year Bachelor of Medicine degree at Cardiff University.

Catherine spent five weeks working in the heart of the African bush at a rural mission hospital. This extreme work experience was all part of her elective project which she was required to undertake in the months between finishing her final exams and beginning work.

Functioning in such a remote and rural area gave Catherine the opportunity to experience medicine in a completely different environment and in spite of little electricity and sparse supplies, Catherine relished finding creative solutions to problems when resources were lacking. The medicines, machines and tests available in Zambia were in stark contrast to those that we take for granted here in England as

Catherine reflected: 'It was hard when the wrong decisions were made and the right medicines weren't available, resulting in patients dying that would have been saved in the UK'.

Whilst at Landau Forte College, Catherine was a keen performing artist; an extension activity to which she attributes her team working skills, her confidence and clarity of speech. Catherine states: 'I wouldn't have managed to progress into higher education, or to complete my degree, without the transferrable skills I learnt at Landau and the character traits I developed there.'

Catherine is enjoying every moment of the lifelong learning that is included in her job. She plans to complete two foundation years at Merthyr Tydfil Hospital in Wales before progressing on to becoming a community doctor in a local surgery.

I studied at Landau Forte College between 2000-2007; it was a great College and I have lots of fond memories. At College, I wasn't the best-behaved student and I didn't particularly love any of my sessions, I just went because you had to. When I left College, I travelled to India and worked in a children's home for orphans in Mumbai. I had enrolled onto a Theology degree at the University of Nottingham but quickly changed to social work as this was, I thought, something that would make me want to get up in the mornings.

My first placement at uni was in a children's home and I absolutely loved it; it definitely made me want to get up in the mornings. I also loved the studying which really complemented the practical element which I enjoyed so much. I met some inspirational lecturers who encouraged me to apply for funding into social work research, which I was awarded.

I've just started back at Nottingham for another four years of study to do a PhD researching the role of 'touch' in residential care for children, which is something I'm really interested in and wholeheartedly believe that: 'Kids need hugs, not drugs!' My biggest piece of advice would be: 'Do something that makes you want to get up in the morning.' Mornings were never my favourite time of the day, yet now I love getting up and am excited to see what the day has to offer.

I didn't appreciate how many opportunities were available at Landau or how lucky I was to get a place until I left – especially when speaking to friends who went to school elsewhere. Make the most of every opportunity; appreciate what you have; and dream big. Thank you to all the staff that looked out for me and encouraged me to believe in myself.



Clare Lambert

*Class of 2004
Then: Business, ICT PE, General Studies
Now: Assistant Vice Principal at Derby Pride Academy*

'Loved it.' That's how Clare Lambert describes her seven years at Landau Forte College. The College helped to prepare her for her future, Claire explained, through the longer working day and the College's ethos of promoting independent learning; this especially helped at university. Following her time at Landau Forte, Clare went on to study a four year degree consisting of PE, Sport and Dance, and then trained to be a PE teacher at Liverpool John Moores University.

After completing her degree, Clare found herself in her first teaching post at Pingle School in Swadlincote. After being made redundant, the confident Clare later found a new post at Ascot College. The independent school posed a challenging environment as it largely deals with students who have behavioural and

learning difficulties. Clare has recently been appointed to a new post as the Assistant Vice Principal at a new provision of education, the Derby Pride Academy, which is based at Pride Park Stadium. The Academy accommodates students who have been excluded from previous schools and help them to get back on track through vocational studies, diet and nutrition advice, and even sessions with Rams players.

Clare describes her tutors at Landau Forte as being hugely 'committed' and really wanting her to succeed. At Clare's young age that's exactly what she's done. The confident young woman has ambitions of being a future school head, enabling her 'to put her own stamp on the school' and implementing her own vision.



James Burke

*Class of 2003
Then: Chemistry, Geography, History
Now: Barrister, No. 5 Chambers, Birmingham*

After leaving Landau Forte College, I read Law at Christ's College, Cambridge. The only reason I applied to Cambridge was because of the support and encouragement of my personal tutor at the time, Ms Brett.

My law degree was certainly a challenge, but it was one I was well equipped to meet because of the strong academic foundation Landau Forte had provided me with. Much like Cambridge, Landau Forte teaches not just knowledge and how to pass exams but, more importantly, how to think; how to research; how to analyse, argue and evaluate; and how to present. These are highly transferable skills and they have certainly served me well in my pursuit of a career in the Law.

Whilst at Landau Forte, I was a member of the Youth Theatre and Choir, so it is perhaps no surprise that I chose a career at the Bar, rather than becoming a solicitor. It is a long path, so I took two gap years during which I enjoyed travelling, as well as living and working overseas. It is also competitive and expensive, but

few other jobs offer such freedom, diversity and exhilaration. The first time I appeared in court; winning my first trial; losing my first trial; and negotiating my first settlement are all memories that will stay with me. No doubt there will be many more to come too.

Aspiration and self-belief are perhaps the most important qualities Landau Forte instilled in me, and did so right from the start. And it is perhaps this, above all else, that has kept me on track and helped me to persevere through the inevitable setbacks that arose along the way.

As a civil practitioner, I don't quite experience the drama of the criminal courtroom (and, most likely, I'll never defend a murderer or a terrorist) but whether it's a personal injury claim, road traffic accident, unfair dismissal, eviction or bankruptcy, practising as a barrister is filled with daily challenges and the manner in which one rises to and resolves them makes for a very rewarding job indeed.

Masters of Technology

The Year 6 CAD CAM master class is underway, giving students from local primary schools the chance to work with the latest 2D Design software and CNC machines.

The students are learning how to use 2D design software which will enable them to design and make their own creations using laser cutters. These designs will be themed and include fridge magnets, key rings and clocks based on Halloween and Christmas as we move towards the festive period.

S Needham



State-of-the-Art Learning Space



A dramatic new look to one of the learning environments within Technology greeted students when they returned in August.

Gone were the traditional workbenches and white walls and in was an exciting, vibrant learning space with specially designed workstations.

The concept was to model industry and university Product Design and Computer Aided Engineering studios.

The learning experience of Product Design and Computer Aided Design and Manufacture will be enhanced giving students a feel for what it would be like to study or pursue a career

within these fields. Raj Nizzer, a Year 10 Product Design student spoke about the area saying, 'It makes you want to produce more creative work, it's colourful and the environment enhances your learning and suits the subjects we are learning in it'.

Our thanks go to our Governors and Trustees for supporting this venture.

C Wright

Interdivision

The last academic year witnessed the largest ever involvement for the Interdivision competition. As usual, many students and staff took part in the competitions, playing, helping to organise or supporting their division. It was great to see so much sportsmanship in the close matches. One credit was awarded for every student that took part and three credits for every student in the winning team.

This is how the results for 2011/2012 broke down:

Football Winners

YEAR	BOYS
7	Landau 1
8	Forte 1
9	Landau 1
10	Landau 2
11	Forte 2
P16	Landau 2
STAFF	Forte
GIRLS	
7	Landau 1
8	Landau 1
9	Landau
10	Forte 1
11	Forte
P16	

Badminton Winners Singles

YEAR	BOYS
7	T. Mason (F2)
8	M. Barton-Black (L1)
9	J. Ball (F1)
10	H. Mertens (L1)
11	G. Sohti (L1)
P16	A. Brown (F2)
STAFF	Mr Middleton
GIRLS	
7	J. Green (L1)
8	K. Jackson (F1)
9	T. Samuel (F1)
10	
11	
P16	
STAFF	Miss Liang

Badminton Winners Doubles

YEAR	BOYS
7	T. Mason & N. Nath (F2)
8	M. Barton-Black & D. Varley (L1)
9	T. Samuel & E. Wang (F1)
10	T. Hlomayi & C. Talwar (F1-L1)
11	G. Sohti & D. Hutchinson (L1-F2)
P16	M. Parker & T. Wakefield (L1)
STAFF	Mr Thompson & Miss Faulknew (F1)



Goings-on in the City

With the Derby Christmas lights switch-on just last week, it's fair to say that the festive period is only just around the corner.

There's good news for all you ice skaters – novice or expert – the Derby Christmas ice rink will be returning to the market place on 1 December and operating throughout the festive season. If pantomimes are your thing then you may be pleased to hear that Derby Live's pantomime for this year is Peter Pan. It stars Britain's Got Talent winner and Waterloo Road's George Sampson as Peter Pan. Performances are running throughout December to the

start of January. Halloween might seem a distant memory but if you're still in the mood for a fright then Derby's ghost walks might be for you. Explore the 'most haunted city in the UK' with expert guides around the city centre. Tours last for three hours and booking is essential.

Meanwhile at the Quad, they are holding several free entry exhibitions to coincide with their season of light. One of them is an exhibition called

Illuminated which features artists who incorporate sculptural, photographic and metaphorical light into their work. Also for any budding artists out there, the Quad is also holding portfolio reviews on Wednesday 5 December. This is a great opportunity to get advice on your work from critiques as well as Quad's artistic director.

Tom Bingham, Year 12



Basketball / Netball Winners

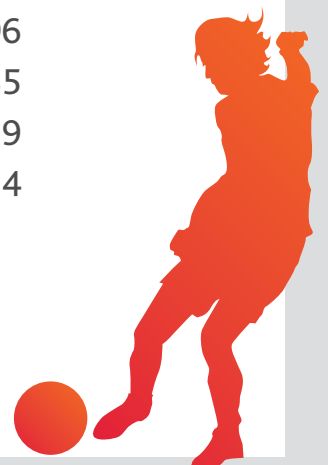
YEAR	BOYS	GIRLS
7	Forte	Forte
8	Landau 2	Forte
9	Landau 1	Forte 2
10	Landau 2	Forte
11	Forte 1	
P16		
STAFF	Forte	Forte

Cricket / Rounders Winners

YEAR	BOYS	GIRLS
7/8	Forte 1	Forte
9/10	Landau	Landau
P16/		
STAFF	Draw	Draw

Credits

Division	Football	B.Ball	C.R	Total
Forte 1	138	115	43	296
Landau 2	127	57	51	235
Forte 2	111	79	39	229
Landau 1	72	85	67	224





Marriah's Inspiration

As part of her English curriculum, Marriah Hafeez, Year 11, was asked to devise a presentation about who inspires her the most. She chose Oscar Pistorius.

'I have not always been in a wheelchair but due to a medical condition, I am now. I chose Oscar Pistorius because he inspires me; his disability doesn't hold him back,' Marriah says.

Born on 22 November 1986 with his fibulas missing (the long slender bone from knee to ankle), Pistorius' consultant and parents decided it was better for him to have no limbs rather than ones that wouldn't support him. Pistorius had a bilateral below-knee amputation. His

nickname is Blade Runner as he runs on blades – flexible prosthetic limbs made of carbon fibre which are fitted to his knees.

Marriah explained that Pistorius' strength is what inspires her 'because some days when I don't feel well and I'm expected to still do my exercises, I want to give up. He trains every day no matter how he feels. His determination makes me more determined. Sometimes as a wheelchair user, you have to amend the rules.'

'I know how difficult it is to balance with limbs that aren't strong. Pistorius will have to work hard to achieve his balance, just as I do. I find it uncomfortable where people who don't understand stare at me. He runs in front of crowds and seems to be confident and happy to do it. This inspires me to go out and not worry about what people think.'

D Slater



Ben's work placement began in March 2012. He has been going twice over a two week period; has never missed a shift; and is always on time. Ben is really enjoying getting some experience in the retail industry and meeting new people. He is also developing skills to take

into his working life.

Since starting the placement, Ben feels his confidence has increased as he is meeting new people. He has been collaborating with others and with different departments and believes that he has learnt to work alongside others well.

Conquering the Cavendish Co-Op

Ben's communication skills have improved greatly – something that has been noted around College. He feels that he has definitely settled in at the Co-Op. His organisation and time keeping skills have really enhanced as he gets himself to and from the placement by bus. Ben would be very keen to take on a part time role within the Co-Op. He would love to do some training on the tills and have experience working in the shop. However, he has

really enjoyed stock taking as he has been able to use his mathematical skills that he has gained in the College. Thinking about the future is the next step for Ben. He has enquired about doing an apprenticeship within the Co-Op group. If unsuccessful, he would like to do an apprenticeship within the business or travel industry. We wish Ben the best of luck with his applications.

H Cadman

Home is Where the Heart is

curriculum

'My Derby' is a project that Year Seven students complete so that they learn about their city and where they live.

It involves the whole school curriculum, ranging from History to ICT, the project included most subjects.

The aim was for every student to have completed a handmade brochure that contained vital information about Derby. At least one page was allocated for every Humanities subject studied at the College.

All of the students in Year 7 participated in an interesting series of different activities based on the project that focused on Derby. Our tasks incorporated elements of Derby's history, the Cathedral, Rolls-Royce and Landau Forte College! We were assigned to try and sell the city.

The brochures were accurate, informative and bright as well as clear to read. We created

an itinerary for tourists in our Geography sessions. In Mathematics, we used data related to Derby whereas in English we wrote about Derby and ourselves.

To enhance our learning experiences, we visited a variety of different places in Derby for the afternoon. First of all, we were introduced to the places we planned to visit and then we were directed by a guide around the building. The places that we visited were: the Cathedral, the QUAD and the Silk Mill.

Overall the project broadened our perceptions of Derby as our own city and this assisted our understanding of the significance of the city in which we live.

Navneet Rai, Year 7

My Derby



Stepping into Whitehall



During August, sixty students from across the United Kingdom were given the chance of a lifetime to have a two week internship working within the civil service; I was lucky enough to be one of them.

The scheme, set up by the Social Mobility Foundation, sent us into the various departments of Whitehall. I was allocated to the Ministry of Defense in which I spent the majority of my time working within the offices of Industrial Policy.

During my time in the MOD I had the opportunity to attend

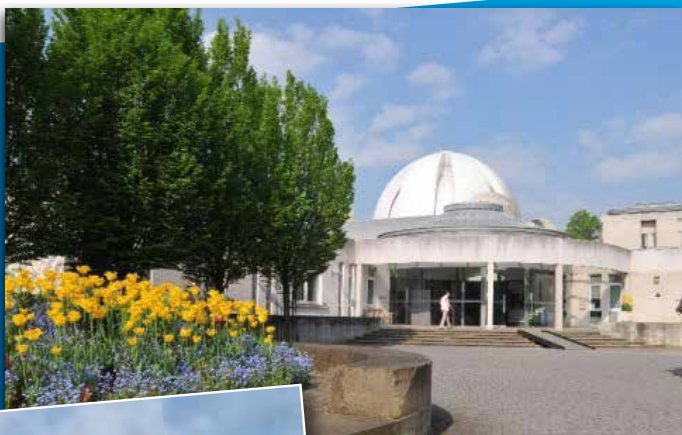
meetings, shadow my manager and meet various other civil servants and armed forces personnel. In addition, I was given numerous projects to work on, mostly relating to the White paper which the MOD had recently completed.

It was great to meet so many people from the profession and

for the first time I had a clear insight of what work within the civil service was really like.

The experience was inspiring, enriching and definitely one I will cherish forever.

Sarah Hutchinson, Year 13



On Wednesday 4 July 2012 I travelled to the University of Cambridge to immerse myself in the Pathways to Success Programme hosted by Murray Edwards College. The programme is an opportunity granted to the most promising female students in Year 12 from schools and post-16 colleges across the United Kingdom.

Promising Pathways

From the outset, the level of talent each student possessed became clear and it was no surprise that they had been nominated by their teachers to attend the course. As I introduced myself to others, I was awestruck by their outstanding achievements, immense enthusiasm and drive for success. I felt honoured to have been selected alongside them.

"Success is simply the movement from one failure to the next without losing enthusiasm," declared Frances Edmonds. The guest speaker and an alumna of the University of Cambridge was quite frankly one of the most inspirational women I have had the pleasure of meeting. Enthusiasm abounds

within the Pathways to Success programme whose maxim is: Exploring aspirations, sharing information, celebrating achievement.

After being wholeheartedly inspired by the alumnae speakers, a spectacular supper awaited us. The meal was littered with surprises at every turn: stands of magnificently decorated desserts were hoisted majestically into the dining hall by a concealed central elevating platform in an elaborate ceremony.

My experience was truly empowering; it has left me in no doubt that Murray Edwards College is 'for women who expect to lead the way'.

Agnes Milner, Year 13



What a Yorker!

During enrichment week, Year 8 had a two day residential visit to York and Leeds.

We had a long coach journey to York. Before we reached the centre of the city we stopped at the National Railway Museum, where we looked at different sorts of trains, we also saw a lot of railway platform signs, including the platform 9¾ sign from Harry Potter! It was a day to remember because we were able to explore the fascinating equipment.

Once we arrived in York, most of us went to the York Dungeon. The smell was disgusting, it was dark and the enclosed spaces made it feel like anything could happen at any point! They were lit up with torches and students heard talks about ancient

methods of torture. We were shown equipment used such as a guillotine.

Next we went shopping on the Shambles; it is the oldest shopping street in England. There were some beautiful little shops and our favourite store was the sweet shop. Around the corner from the Shambles was the town square where there were people doing magic on the street. It was great!

On the second day, we visited the national armoury which was awesome! We saw many weapons and some very detailed suits of armour.

We had such a fun visit to York and Leeds; I hope this year's Year 8s enjoy the visit as much as we did.

Elise Roberts, Macauley Goss and Zara Sharif, Year 9



A Hesley Wood Experience

During enrichment week 2012, year nine students had the opportunity to take part in a three day camping trip at Hesley Wood Scout Camp, outside Sheffield. This was an exciting new opportunity for many students.

Over the three days, all of the students took part in different activities to earn points for their team in order to compete for prizes. Rock climbing, tower building and archery were some of the activities that the students took part in. As students were in teams, it gave them a chance to form new friendships and meet new people.

Along with all the fun, students also had to ensure rooms were clean and took it in turns to prepare meals for the rest of the group throughout the day. In the evenings, the talent



show was the biggest hit with different acts taking to the stage including Mrs Watson who performed her very own version of the Britain's Got Talent rap 'Where's my Keys, Where's my Phone'.

Overall, the camping trips were a great success and all the students enjoyed their camping experiences!

Leah Houldsworth and Josh Hanlon, Year 13

Getting to Grips with Granada

To exceed as linguists and immerse ourselves in Spanish culture, we had the exciting opportunity to participate in a work placement exchange with Granada Bilingual College in southern Spain.

As well as advancing our language skills, we left the experience gaining new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

On 2 July, **Frances Cadd**, **Ruth Webster** and I flew to Malaga Airport which was very daunting as we had never travelled independently before. We were completely out of our comfort zones living with host families for the two weeks. However, our hosts were really hospitable and after a few days we already felt at home.

During our placement at the college, we worked with students from the age of 4 and 15 in their English Summer Camp programme. Our main duty was to help develop their English language skills and understanding of English culture which we achieved through sports, cooking and performance activities. During breaks we spent our time in the outdoor swimming pool and sunbathing in the 40 degree heat which gave us an opportunity to converse with the teachers

in Spanish.

In our spare time, our hosts took us out to experience life and leisure in Granada. We visited many tapas bars and the beautiful Alhambra palace that overlooks the city.

Our time in Granada was a life changing experience that not only allowed us to flourish as linguists, but also develop close friendships from across Europe which will always cherish.

Rose Martin, Year 13

A Spanish Encounter

Molly Coffey reflects on the College's visit to Tossa de Mar in Spain.

'Having the opportunity to visit Spain as part of learning the language has to be a big plus. Getting the chance to practise the language with native speakers has supported, not only my learning of the language but

my enjoyment of it. However, getting native speakers to speak in their language can be a challenge; once they realise you speak English, they usually answer in English!'

'Our visit to Tossa de Mar and Barcelona was a mixture of art, culture, language and fun! The highlight of the trip for me were

the visits to the art museums and then applying what I had seen and learnt to the sketch book we were given for the week. I was proud of what I produced and it has helped my study of Art and Design, something I hope to continue to study at Post 16.'

'Finally, the chance to spend

a little time relaxing, taking in the sun, listening to the sea and walking on the sand, was just what I needed after another busy year at Landau.'

Molly Coffey, Year 11



Opportunities in Osnabrück

In July Alicia Gwinnutt, Charlotte Allseybrook, Nuala Kelly and I travelled by mini bus, plane and train to Osnabrück to complete a work placement, which allowed us to use and improve our German speaking skills.

Charlotte and I worked as classroom assistants in two different primary schools, whilst Alicia was at in a baby unit in the local hospital and Nuala experienced employment in a veterinary surgery.

Alicia explained: 'I was really happy with my exchange partner and found that we got on really well. The opportunity was enriching to both my German studies and my University application as my exchange partner managed to find me a placement within a hospital. Because of work placement laws in Germany, I was able to participate in a wider range of activities so, in some ways, it was more valuable than a placement in England. I found the entire trip

really enjoyable and I remain in contact with my exchange student and her family who were very welcoming.'

Charlotte shares her experiences: 'In the primary school where I was placed, the children and teachers barely spoke any English which was a fantastic opportunity to use the German we had learned but also a difficulty that I soon overcame. I helped the children with their Maths and English and helped in their bicycle training classes. The placement was both interesting and fulfilling, especially when I had the opportunity to help out on a school trip to the safari park and with the school sports day.'

Throughout our stay we took part in social and cultural activities, allowing us to learn more about the German lifestyle and culture. We met at barbecues, cooked together and went to the Abi-ball, the equivalent of our post-16 prom. During the time that we were socialising we spoke both English and German to each other. It was very relaxed and it didn't matter if our German wasn't 100% correct as our new friends understood what we

were trying to say.

We all enjoyed our stay in Germany. It was the perfect way to develop our skills in German and understand the local culture. It was an experience that we would recommend to students looking to expand their horizons and improve their self-confidence.

Demi-Marie Croft, Year 13



Spanish and German MFL Spelling Bee Regional Finals



Jaya Jaspal
German Winner

Kasim Mohammed
Spanish 2nd Place Winner

Maryam Barkat
Spanish Winner

Making More than a Buzz

Last year **Isabelle Moss**, Year 9, not only reached the final of the Languages Spelling Bee, but went on to become the national Spanish champion!

This year Landau Forte again fielded a strong team. 26,000 students across the country participated in the *Routes into Languages* Spelling Bee last year. Year 8 students **Maryam Barkat, Jaya Jaspal and Kasim Mohammed** went through to the semi-finals in Cambridge on 6 July 2012.

There were 35 semi-finalists for Spanish and 32 for German. **Jaya and Kasim** acquitted themselves well, but narrowly missed out on a place in the final four. **Maryam** went through to represent the College in the final for Spanish and came second in a very tense sudden death round.

Students in Year 7 have just learnt the alphabet in Spanish and German and are preparing to do battle in this year's Spelling Bee.

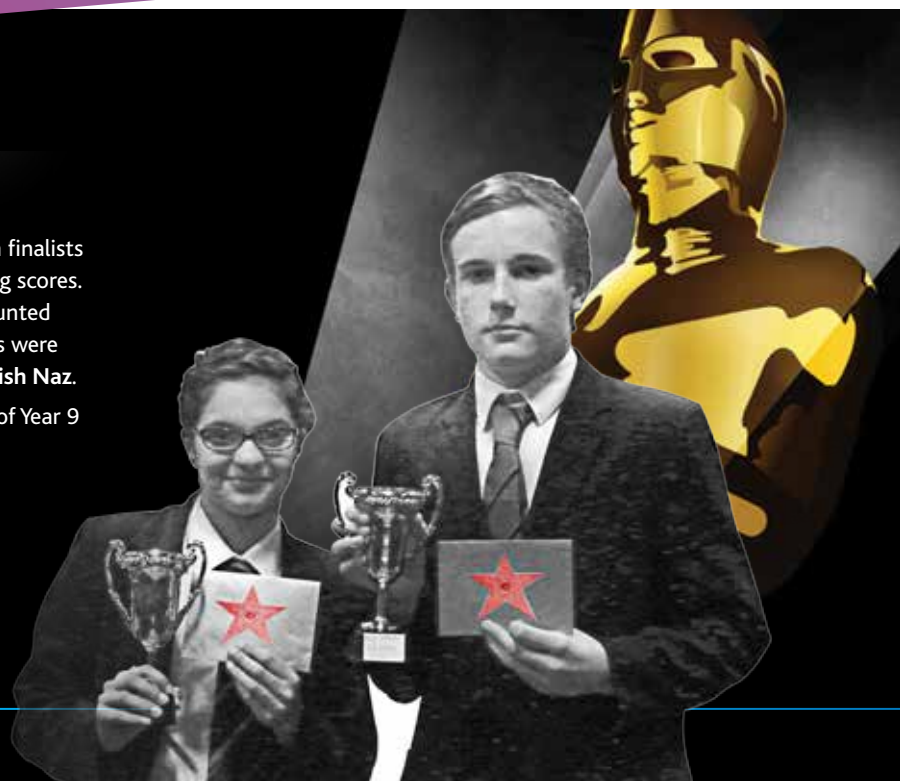
L Watson

And the winner is...

Year 9 students once again wowed us with The Film Score Oscars Ceremony. Students were challenged to compose music for a short film using motifs, hit points and a wide range of instrumentation. The pieces were then recorded using special computer software to create a mood and texture for the short film drama.

This year's entries were outstanding and the ten finalists presented Oscar-winning scores. After the votes were counted and verified, the winners were **Niall Meakin and Mehvish Naz**. A huge well done to all of Year 9 for their compositions.

C Collington





The Review Rounders

2011-2012 was another successful year for our year 7, 8 and 9 rounders teams.

Individual matches against other schools and colleges in Derby allowed the girls to notch up some valuable wins in preparation for bigger competitions to come.

Taking part in tournaments held at Chellaston Academy, the girls were able to show off a vast range of their skills. Some particular highlights came from Clodagh Holmes (Year 8) whose

fielding skills were second to none; and Rabia Hamza (Year 8) whose batting shone through in the final stages.

Through team work and hard work during their learning sessions and extension, the girls were able to win more games than ever and even challenge for the top spots in the competition.

With even more training and dedication this year, the girls hope that they will get even closer to that first place position that they hope to achieve.

L Ogdan

Team of the Year

Girls Y7 Sportshall Athletics

Most Improved Student

BOY: Sujan Anand

GIRL: Carly Croft

Young Leaders of the Year

BOY: Tyrone Forster

GIRL: Natasja Joyce

The Reece Jeffrey Award

Reece Limbert

The Sam Robinson Award

BOY: Makhan Johal

GIRL: Rachel Patterson

Sports Person of the Year

BOY: Barclay Izzard

GIRL: Kelsey Burton Evans

Splendid Sportsmanship

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 Natalie Faulkner

and Peter Thompson. Over 100 students across all key stages were recognised for their sporting successes within the curriculum and beyond.





Let the Games Begin

This year saw the very first whole-college Olympic Sports Day held at Moorways Athletics track.



The Olympics Sports Day was a celebration of all forms of talent at Landau Forte College and a fitting occasion to mark both the London 2012 Olympics and the anniversary of 20 years of learning at the College.

Held on Monday 2 July, the order of the day began with tutor group activities which included ice breakers, learning songs, chants, dances, and creating their very own team flag which was to be paraded around the athletics track.

After breakfast, students hopped onto buses and made their way to Moorways to take part in the opening ceremony. Despite the rain, both students and staff were full of enthusiasm and excitement at the thought of

the day to come.

The students sign up was a massive success. This was largely due to great commitment from all students at Landau Forte College but also down to each of the division team captains who were:

LANDAU 1 – Cameron Wilton, Natasja Joyce, Hannah Abraham, Amelia Griffiths-Marshall, Ben Murphy.

LANDAU 2 – Reece Limbert, Phoebe Lees, Fezan Mahmood, Tyrone Forster, Chantelle Grounell.

FORTE 1 – Tiara Samuel, Komal Pervez, Saffron Jackson, Adnan Ahmed, Demi-Marie Croft.

FORTE 2 – Raj Nizzer, Ryan Roberts, Annie Johnson, Fezaan Arshad, Connor Parker.

It was also a pleasure to see that even the students who decided not to participate in the events were able to help out with such as officiating which included timing, measuring and keeping score.

The day ended with all students who had come 1st, 2nd and 3rd places being presented with their gold, silver and bronze medals by Mrs Coffey.

It was a great achievement for all who took part and we look forward to the next one!

L Ogden

An Olympic Honour

Landau Forte College had the honour of starting off the Derby Community Torch Relay on 11 June 2012. Many students lined the corridors so that our own Year 10 torchbearers – **Komal Pervez, Aarondeep Rai and Victoria Taylor** – could perform their own relay around the College.

Next we paraded to Derwent Primary School where we were greeted by the whole school lining the playground to the soundtrack from *Chariots of Fire*. The relay then went onto a total of forty-eight schools in Derby; each creating a torch and reproducing a relay. The community torch relay was completed by Ashgate Primary School arriving at Landau Forte College to cross the finish line to complete the torch's journey.

The next location was the Assembly Rooms where all of the student torch bearers were gathered. From there, we went onto Derby Cathedral for a service to celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic values.

Finally, we had the honour of lining the path the official Olympic torch took through Derby's market place and held our torch up high for the whole world to see on international television!

East Midlands Today also commissioned Landau Forte to create a torch for their programme. Our torch bearers visited the studios and met with the producers and presenters to help them create a design for the torch.

This torch was then handed to them live on the show.

Huge congratulations to the three students who took part in this unforgettable experience.

G Harris



How it all began



Artist impression of interior



The plans are drawn up



Overhead image of site



Construction gets underway



Interior starts to take shape



Almost complete

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