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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Newslink & Key Information**

Please find enclosed a copy of our latest edition of Newslink. I hope you enjoy reading about the success of our students and staff in the first edition of the new academic year. Further digital copies are available to download from our website [www.landau-forte.org.uk](http://www.landau-forte.org.uk).

I would also like to draw your attention to other important information:

1. For years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, you have recently received separately a letter regarding the **Enrichment Programme** for July 2015. The first instalment for payment is due on Friday 30 January 2015.
2. A reminder that the **2015 – 2016 Academic Term** dates are available to download from the College website [www.landau-forte.org.uk](http://www.landau-forte.org.uk) for your reference. Please note the specific term dates in May for students in Year 11 and Post 16.
3. Further to our letter issued on 7 November 2014, please note that all students in Year 10 will be sitting **GCSE examinations** in the first week of the May holiday 2015. There will be examinations for GCSE English Literature on **Monday 18 and Friday 22 May** for all students and additionally, for students studying AS Statistics, there will be an examination on **Wednesday 20 May**.
4. Please see the attached information regarding **Digital Communication & Information** which I hope you will find helpful and about which we welcome any feedback (or support) you might have.

Finally, I am delighted to note that on Children in Need Day the College, led by the Student Council raised another staggering amount, £9,473. Thank you to all parents who made donations. We still have a 3ft teddy bear to raffle over the next couple of weeks. Tickets are available via College Reception,

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. A. Coffey'.

Mrs E A Coffey  
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## Digital Communication & Information Update on Developments

### College Website

Our Web & Electronic Media Manager, Mr J Marshall, has recently launched the new look website, [www.landau-forte.org.uk](http://www.landau-forte.org.uk). Here you can easily find such useful information as Parent/Carer Letters, Academic Year Dates, Termly Calendar of Events and headlines of recent events at the College. Please take the opportunity to view our Learning at Landau video produced by our students and recently winning a competition for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. Feedback on our website design and user friendliness is always welcome. Please use the Contact section of the website to send us your views.

### College App

In January we launch a customised Landau Forte College app. We hope this will further support effective communication with our Students/Parents/Carers and wider community. The app is free and provides access to the College's Calendar of Events, latest news and will have the capacity to report your child's absence and contact the College directly. The app will also alert you, via push notifications, to important information for you and your child.

### ParentPay

More and more of our Parents are using ParentPay as an effective way of paying for College meals, instrumental tuition or visits. Clearly, this system is effective in reducing administration costs, allowing us to target resources effectively into student support. If you have not taken advantage of this system then please be encouraged to do so and if you have misplaced your login please contact Mr K Stone at [kstone@landau-forte.org.uk](mailto:kstone@landau-forte.org.uk). Over time we intend this system to replace completely any other payment processes.

### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Currently in development, the College is trialling visitor and student use of their own electronic devices in the building and safely connecting to the network. This project is in the early stages of development and has not been without challenges. However, we hope to work towards a position where this will be widely available.

### Mobile Phones

A reminder of the College policy with respect to mobile phones. Students are encouraged to use their mobile phones appropriately within the building and during College time. The College policy, over time has adapted to the 'real world' use of mobile technology as a learning resource. Increasingly, phones are used in learning sessions as they are a valuable resource for learning.

### E-Safety

The College remains committed to educating the students in their safe use of online technology. Students in Year 9 have recently seen a production of Chelsea's Choice, which covers the content of sexual exploitation and online communication. The College has trained 100 students as peer mentors with part of their responsibilities to act as cyber mentors. To link with this, the focus of College Gatherings in this term will be cyber bullying.