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Dear Parent/Carer

As we move towards the busy examination period, I am writing to thank you for your continued support and to inform you of several new developments within the College.

Since taking up the post I have had the pleasure of meeting many parents and discussing with you our thoughts on the College and how we can ensure each child gets the very best out of their time here. I've also hugely enjoyed getting to know our students and staff and working with them across all Key Stages. We have some amazing young people here and I continue to be impressed by the hard work and dedication of both staff and students.

After listening to the views expressed by students and parents who were present at the Year 9 Pathways event and Year 11 Parents Evening, we have decided to review the policy of setting homework (extension) within the College. As students move into Years 11, 12 and 13 they are required to complete a significant amount of work, independently, at home. It can be difficult for students to adjust to these demands and it is important that good habits are formed in early years at the College. Therefore, we are now going to be formally setting homework for all students.

Students will have the opportunity to complete homework tasks in Tutor Time with the support of their Personal Tutor, after College in the Information Centre and in the Inclusion area with the support of staff and at home. This will ensure that independence, organisation and resilience are developed as learning habits in students from Year 7 onwards. As students progress through the College, the amount of homework will increase. Enclosed is a letter about 'Show My Homework', a package which enables students, parents, carers and tutors to have a clear view of the homework set.

I am confident that introducing this will help prepare all our students for their latter years at the College and will address the concerns raised with me by parents and students alike.


A number of parents have also talked about the importance of our extracurricular and Enrichment activities but I am conscious that not every student currently takes full advantage of this. Sometimes it needs parents to push their child towards trying something new that they will enjoy. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the Enrichment timetable with this letter. We run a wide variety of exciting extracurricular events at the end of the College day and I would urge you to discuss the timetable with your child and encourage him/her to attend as many of these events as possible. If there is anything we are not offering that you think we should be, please get in touch and we will see what we can do. Enrichment activities are a very valuable part of every child's learning and we want to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to engage with this part of their education fully.

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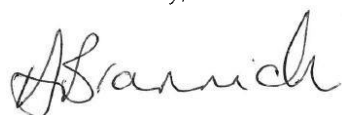


Therefore, to assist this we are also currently looking at the structure of the school day and consulting on changes for the new academic year. We are considering moving tutor time to the end of the day and slightly reducing the length of the College day. The purpose of this change is to enable students to move from tutor time straight to Enrichment activities and Personal Tutorials. We would like more students to be involved in these valuable activities and it is hoped that the change to the timings of the day will encourage more students to remain in College at the end of the day. If you have any comments on the proposed changes please email [academicday@landau-forte.org.uk](mailto:academicday@landau-forte.org.uk). I will write to you over the forthcoming weeks to confirm the outcomes of the consultation.

Thank you once again for everything that you do as parents and carers to ensure our students make the most of their time at the College. I am conscious that I have not had the opportunity to meet every parent and carer yet but would like the opportunity to do so over the coming months. If you would like to meet with me please email my PA, Mrs Kerrie Broderick on [kbroderick@landau-forte.org.uk](mailto:kbroderick@landau-forte.org.uk).

We wish every one of our students about to begin external exams the very best of success.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Alison Brannick