

September 2017

Our Ref: 2017/200

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome all our students back to College after what I hope was an enjoyable Summer break and congratulate our former Year 11 and Year 13 students on their examination results. Both our GCSE and Key Stage 5 academic and vocational results were very strong. At GCSE, 72% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in Mathematics and English. We were particularly pleased with the significant increase in the number of students gaining the top grades of 7-9 or A-A*, up from 18% in 2016 to 28% in 2017. The results of our Year 13 students were equally impressive and with a considerable increase in students gaining the top grades of A*-B and four students taking up places at Oxford University. Students also secured high quality apprenticeships with local and national providers.

We especially look forward to receiving our new intake of Year 7 and 12 next week and I know that existing students will be on hand to welcome them and help them settle in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the following:

Leave of absence requests

May I respectfully remind parents that all requests for leave of absence should be made in writing to the Principal and submitted as soon as possible and no less than four weeks in advance of the proposed absence. I would also like to stress the importance of keeping travel arrangements within the published holiday dates, to avoid a negative impact on your child's attendance record and rate of progress.

We have recently seen a number of requests for extended holidays of over 5 days. I must advise parents that, unless there are exceptional circumstances surrounding such a request, it is unlikely an absence over this length would be authorised and the College reserves the right to issue a Fixed Penalty notice. Should any student be absent for 20 consecutive days, as per College policy, they will be removed from the College roll and their place reallocated.

Chicken Pox, Measles and Shingles

One of our students is receiving medical treatment for cancer which puts them at risk of becoming very unwell if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox and shingles. If they are exposed to chicken pox they will need to be given treatment as soon as possible. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox please let us know immediately.

Your child is not at any risk from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our student who is at risk, does depend of the cooperation of all other parents and carers and we ask for your help in this. Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact the School Nurse, Mrs Askham, on 01332 204040 or paskham@landau-forte.org.uk.

Student Identification

In the interests of student security and safety students should wear their College Identity card at all times in the building; they need the card in the College restaurant, Library and Information Centre and to gain access to the buildings. Please check that they have a card and a lanyard; replacements can be purchased from the College Reception for £3.50 and £1.50 respectively.

Data

During the Summer holiday we were made aware of a minor data breach which had occurred within the College. I would like to reassure parents that as soon as this was brought to our attention we took immediate action, shutting down key systems, and we were able to identify both the source of the breach and the means by which it occurred extremely quickly. Acting with urgency and appropriate attention, all steps were immediately taken to prevent this from being able to re-occur and this has been reported to the Information Commissioner's Office and the Department for Education.

Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact my PA, Miss Lauren Walendziewski, on 01332 204040 or lwalendziewski@landau-forte.org.uk.

Parking at College

If you collect your child in a car from Fox Street please observe the parking restrictions and road safety. The road quickly becomes grid locked, which means that students who wish to cross Fox Street have to walk out into the road between parked cars, with limited visibility.

We appreciate that there is limited space whilst waiting for your sons and daughters but we would ask that, if possible, you car share with other families or make arrangements to meet your child on an adjacent street.

Parent drop in sessions

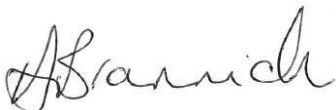
This academic year Parent Drop In Sessions will take place at the College on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 26 September 2017: 8.00am – 9.30am and 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 13 December 2017: 8.00am – 9.30am and 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 14 March 2018: 8.00am – 9.30am and 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 20 June 2018: 8.00am – 9.30am and 3.30pm – 5.00pm

These sessions give parents & carers the opportunity to drop in to College without a prior appointment and meet the Principal and other members of the Leadership Team to discuss any issues or topics. We hope you will be able to attend one of these sessions.

Please discuss the above with your son or daughter and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms A Brannick
Principal