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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first term of the new academic year, I would like to thank you for your support. We have had a very successful few weeks, with students all settling well into their new lessons and delivering some impressive work already.

### **Parent Drop-Ins**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parent Drop-In session at the start of the month. This was a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with senior staff at the College and to discuss any questions or queries they may have about life at LFCD. I look forward to meeting with many more of you over the next term.

### **Year 11/Year 7 Residential**

Our Year 11 students have just returned from a very productive, enjoyable residential at Mount Cook Activity Centre near Matlock, where they began revision for their all-important GCSE examinations. Alongside revision classes on the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, students had the chance to learn outside of the classroom – with activities including archery, fencing and high ropes. After the end of term holiday, our Year 11s will sit their first set of trial examinations, so the residential was an excellent opportunity to practise hard work, resilience and study skills in advance of the examinations.

At the start of Term 2, our Year 7 students will be attending their own residential trip – this time at Lea Green Activity Centre in the Derbyshire countryside. The focus of this visit is to build team work and collaboration with their new peers, as well as developing other key skills needed to be successful inside and outside of the classroom.

### **Term 2 Enrichment Timetable**

Please find enclosed the Enrichment Timetable for Term 2. There is a huge variety of interesting academic, sporting and cultural activities on offer across the College so we hope that students will all stay with us after lessons to participate in some or many of these each week. Our Information Centre is also open until 4.30pm each day for independent work and study. Likewise, Homework Club runs in T6 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.15pm until 4.25pm. This is staffed by our fantastic team of Learning Support Assistants who are on-hand to support students with homework completion.

### **Uniform reminder – jewellery and piercings**

Students may wear a wrist watch and one pair of stud earrings only. Scaffolding bars, stretchers, nose studs and other body piercings (including clear and plastic retainers) are not allowed.

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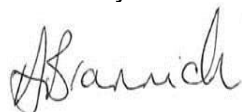
### **Travelling to and from the College**

As the dark winter nights draw in, we would appreciate your support in reminding students to follow safe, well-lit routes on their way home. Please ask your son or daughter not to take shortcuts into the city centre via Cathedral Green or the River Gardens and travel by the main roads that lead to the Bus Station.

We also have a number of students who cycle to and from College each day. If your son or daughter does cycle to College, we would ask that you please ensure they wear a cycle helmet and a high-visibility waistcoat. We appreciate that there is a cost to such equipment; if this is a concern please contact my PA at the College, Miss Walendziewski, ([lwalendziewski@landau-forte.org.uk](mailto:lwalendziewski@landau-forte.org.uk)) and we can support with the cost of a cycle helmet and provide a high-visibility waistcoat. We want all of our students to travel safely to and from the College at all times.

We wish you and your family a very restful end of term break, and wish our Year 11s good luck with their trial exam revision. We look forward to welcoming students back to the College at 8.20am on Monday 30 October.

With very best wishes,



Alison Brannick  
Principal