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MONTHLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Year 8 students celebrate the Centenary of the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic

On Friday 21 June, 11 year 8 students were awarded with a trip to Rolls Royce for their outstanding effort levels.

They were invited to experience the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight in 1919 and to witness the opening of the new aviation exhibition. John Alcock and Arthur Brown made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic in a Vickers Vimy aircraft powered by two Rolls-Royce Eagle engines. The Year 8 students experienced a day jam packed with exciting activities including a tour of the fascinating hall of the

heritage centre. When the students arrived they were quizzed on their knowledge of aviation, listened to speeches by retired engineers and observed the grand opening of the new learning exhibition by Sir Ralph Robins. Afterwards, they built a small scale engine and had the chance to look further into the making of an engine. A tour followed around the hall of the heritage centre by a retired Rolls Royce engineer, this included the physical evolution of the Rolls Royce engines through the ages and learnt how they operate using the "Suck, Squeeze, Bang, Blow" method. After their lunch break, they browsed the newly opened exhibition observing the

development of aircrafts and then each had a go with the VR device. The students loved how they could see the engines in 3D, and were able to zoom in on to the different parts. After a tiring and exciting day the students returned to Landau Forte College.



First Story Group

On Wednesday 26th June, our First Story group launched their own published anthology. This group is made up of a small selection of Year 8, 9, and 10 students who all contributed three pieces of work to be published. We celebrated this by inviting family, friends, and some very special guests to join us for the book launch. We are really proud of the hard work that students have put into this anthology and we hope this has encouraged them to continue writing for years to come.

Outstanding performance from Year 9 students

Ella-Louise and Joshua were the two Y9 GCSE Drama students who won places in the final of the Public Speaking Competition on Friday 5 July

The event took place at Speaker's Corner in front of a panel of judges and against other schools. Both Ella and Josh performed absolutely brilliantly; really impressing all of the judges. Ella went on to win the whole competition and will be visiting the House of Parliament in September as part of her prize. A huge well done – what an astounding victory!



Alton Towers reward for Year 10

At the end of their trial exams 74 hard-working year 10 students were rewarded with a visit to Alton Towers. This trip was for the students with the highest efforts in the year and included some students who had really got back on track, be it with their attainment, punctuality or attendance. The weather was kind and a great day was had by all! The students certainly appreciated

being rewarded for all their efforts.



Second ever Landau sports day!

On July 3 Landau students experienced and took part in the second ever sports day. The sun shone throughout the day as students competed in a variety of different activities. Well done to Equality who were the winning House for the overall event.



Supporting Cupcake Day

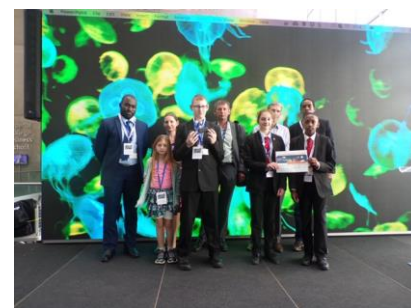
Students and staff supported the Alzheimer Society by baking and selling cupcakes for #CupcakeDay. Thank you to everyone involved who helped to raise just under £180 to support this great charity. We are united against dementia!

Landau students win prestigious national robotics competition

Landau Forte students who participate in an after school club have come out victorious in a national robot building competition. Landau Robotics is an recently started afterschool club for students with a passion for building and designing robots to solve practical tasks.

In the national competition the students came top of the class in the Parking Challenge, the Drilling Challenge, and even had two teams come joint first in the Terrain Challenge

The winning students, plus their parents and Mr Armah, were honoured at an award ceremony at the International Robotics Showcase in June held at the Royal Geographical Society in London. As part of their prize, the students have won a Miro-E robot for the school. Miro-E is an advanced AI robot adapted for education with robust hardware and a specialised programming interface to facilitate students' coding. Well done to all involved!



The Brilliant Club

From February to May of this year a number of year 10 students took part in The Brilliant Club. This is a project designed to encourage students to aspire to attend top achieving universities. The start of the project certainly lived up

to this as we visited the lovely setting of St Hugh's College in Oxford for our launch visit. We had a tour of the facilities of the College (which was one of the earliest colleges in the university to admit women, and there were lots of inspiring stories of pioneering women in academia.) The students got to spend time with the undergraduates and also had their initial lecture with our liaison tutor Jessica Runacres – a PhD student whose area of expertise is data-mining, a fascinating and sharply contemporary topic. Jessica's first degree is in psychology so this formed the basis of the project the students explored. It concerned the issue of memory and as part of the project students had to conduct fieldwork and recruit subject for their experiment. Over the course of the weekly seminars students built up their data and their findings with Jessica. The pressure was great – the

students were actually creating an undergraduate piece of work – that was going to be marked to degree level standard. Jessica proved to be an admirable tutor, giving the students timely feedback on their work through the projects VLE.

The students worked amazingly well – a final viva session with Jessica secured their grades and we travelled to the equally sunny and lovely Nottingham University campus for our graduation ceremony. There were student there from all over the East Midlands and a selection of them outlined their projects in fascinating detail. Eventually Landau Forte went forward to receive their certificates. Of the eleven students who completed the project six students gained first class honours and all of them passed – a stunning achievement. All of the young people are now considering attending university and having been shown the workings of Russell Group universities, these are the top achieving universities in the UK, many of the students are considering applying to these prestigious establishments. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

On Friday 28 June we marked the culmination of eleven years of determination, resilience and growth to maturity of our wonderful Year 11 students.

The Leavers' Ball was a wonderful night of celebration, filled with laughter and a few tears but most significantly it was filled with our wonder at how stunningly mature and beautiful our young people presented. The night began with the arrival of the students in the most lavish and impressive outfits. Special mention must go to Ethan whose fabulous suit absolutely represented his outgoing and zany nature. The striking outfits of our young ladies highlighted just how ready they are to face adulthood, and we were wowed by their meticulous attention to detail. The boys arrived fashionably late, but what an entrance. However, our favourite arrivee, Josh, on his little scooter, brought a refreshing reminder of their youth. As the students walked down the red carpet, we were able to capture the true celebrity element to the evening reminding of us of just how special our young people are. This year has been challenging in too many ways to mention and every one of our students has faced an independent struggle to move

forward and find their own success. We are proud of the efforts they have made to tackle each of these challenges. During the evening, we took a walk down memory lane marvelling at each stage of their development throughout the five years they have been with us. Awards, nominated by the students, were given to Rahik, Thea, Ben, Aiza, Eve and Bart with Ben and Jess being named Prom King and Queen.



Landau Forte Parliament

Following the successful launch of LF Parliament, over 40 students across all year groups applied to be LF Parliament candidates.

On Election Day, there was a fantastic turnout of voters for the LF Parliament of **80%** of students voting. The highest turnout for a year group was year 10 with a brilliant **86.9%**. This was wonderful to see and is down to the exciting campaigns carried out by the candidates and excellent promotion from members of staff who supported the election. In the first few weeks of LF Parliament we have worked together to establish four committees, these committees are as follows; enrichment, environment, wellbeing and multiculturalism. Our plans for the end of term have been focussed on maximising funds raised on the last

day of term for Teenage Cancer Trust and Cancer Research UK. LFMPs have sold green ribbons and sweets to students and staff and have also organised fundraising games during lunchtime, to raise even more money. Looking into the new academic year, LF Parliament are currently working towards arranging a multicultural food festival to celebrate all the different cultures of students at Landau and a talent show. Students and staff are encouraged to continue to send their suggestions for LF Parliament to our email address: LFParliament@landau-forte.org.uk

Year 9 Residential

Once again, Year 9 headed northbound for the eagerly anticipated trip to Hesley Wood Scout Activity Centre in Chapeltown, South Yorkshire. Once students were unpacked and changed out of the famous sliders, students split into groups ahead of the highly competitive team building activities. Each group progressed through a range of carousel activities that included building structures out of spaghetti, scavenger hunt and blind folded square which were well led by sixth form students supporting the residential. Following some high energy in the first round of competitions, Mr Fox's famous Bolognese was served before an great quiz was delivered by Miss Watson and Miss Wilton. As the staff sniffed a famous victory they were defeated in the last round of music by the students. Day two was to be an exciting day as students participated in a number of activities led by Hesley Wood as students battled to stay on their rafts and balance on their canoes. If balance and nimble feet were not tested enough in the canoes, they were certainly required through the obstacle course and trying to set the Hesley Wood Crate Climbing record. With students demonstrating their fantastic efforts for the week, a BBQ was had by all as staff and students reflected on another excellent week of activities.

Musa Memorial Tournament

Well done and thank you to all our Year 8 students who participated in the recent football and netball tournaments, held in memory of our dear student Musa who sadly passed away earlier this academic year. The competition was strong with Diversity winning the football tournament and Opportunity winning the netball tournament. We also raised money for the Kashmir Orphans Relief Trust (KORT). Thank you to Musa's family who joined us for the event and presented the trophies to the winning teams.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

On Friday 28 June, 86 Year 13 students and 21 members of staff arrived at Derbyshire County Cricket Club for the annual Year 13 Leavers' Ball.

The sun was shining and both the students and the pitch looked stunning! We enjoyed welcome drinks in the sunshine before sitting down to a delicious three course dinner, followed by speeches, awards and disco. As always, the Year 13 students behaved in an exemplary manner, whilst also enjoying themselves. We are all exceedingly proud of them and wish all of Year 13 the best of luck in the next step in their lives.



Celebration of Success Evenings

Our first ever Celebration of Success evenings were absolutely fantastic! All subject areas nominated students who had made outstanding academic progress. Both evenings were very well attended by students and their families. It was a real honour to see so many of our students from all year groups receive their prestigious awards and get the recognition they deserve for their hard work and commitment. Thank you to our Chief Executive Officer, Sarah Findlay Cobb, for presenting the awards on both evenings.

House Competition Celebration Event

On the final day of the academic year students who had been awarded a Golden Ticket in their house gatherings packed into the theatre to witness the announcement of the winning house in the hotly contested, inaugural House Competition. The event was live streamed into all classrooms to ensure no one missed out! Ms Brannick led the proceedings, introducing two amazing student performances from Leo on the drums and a piano solo from Sarah. The event celebrated the great achievements of the College this academic year and culminated with the announcement of Liberty House as winners of this year's competition. The release of a net full of multicoloured balloons also added to the excitement of the afternoon! Well done to Mrs Rowe and all the students and staff in Liberty House. We look forward to the competition starting again next academic year and thanks to all the staff and students of the five houses, Liberty, Opportunity, Versatility, Equality and Diversity for their commitment, excitement and interest in the House Competition.



SPORTS NEWS

Landau Forte Cricket World Cup

To celebrate England and Wales hosting the Cricket World Cup for the first time since 1999, we held our very own World Cup. Our main objective was to get every student in college involved in a game of cricket during the month of June.

The World Cup was to be battled out between the five houses which are formed by the 42 tutor bases across college. Competition started fiercely in the initial qualifying rounds but this dampened by the British Summer as matches were played sporadically as it appeared we were facing a washout in similar fashion to the cricket World Cup. However, with a turn in the weather the competition sprung to life as Dr. Holroyd's tutor base became the early firm favourites swashbuckling their way through to the finals through their excellent fire power in the batting department. The rest of the competition were sizing each other up Mr Whiteley and Mr Bruckshaw's team scrambled through to the semi-finals. With Mrs Brocklebank and Mrs Jones tutor base beaten at the hands of Dr Holroyd's, Mr Whiteley held all of Diversity's hope of the finals. Unfortunately the power of Equality's Mr Bruckshaw was too much as Diversity experienced double World Cup misery as both teams exited in the semi-finals.

The college was all set for the World Cup final as the sun beamed down and the astro was surrounded by a jam packed crowd as Dr Holroyd (Versatility) and Mr Bruckshaw's (Equality) tutor bases competed for World Cup Glory. In a tense affair, Versatility batted first posting a competitive score of 73 which was no doubt going to be a pressure chase. However, following an inspirational team talks Equality batted admirably surpassing the total to secure World Cup Final victory.

An excellent tournament was enjoyed by all and competed in a fantastic manner.

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