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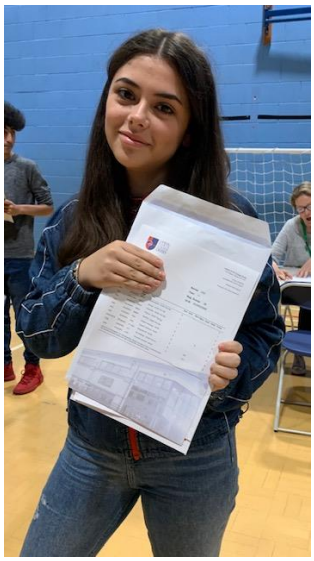
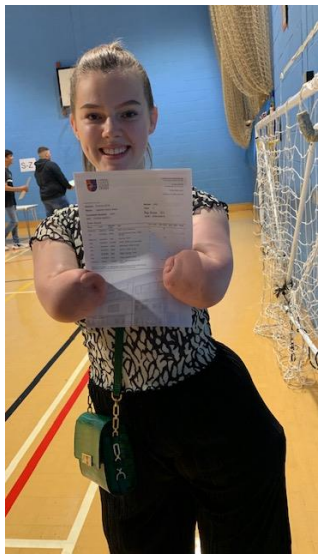
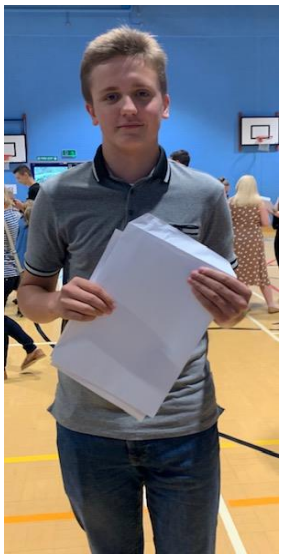
Record breaking exam results at the College!

Congratulations to students at Landau Forte College who celebrated another year of great GCSE results, 82% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher in both Maths and English, well above the national average of 64%.







Landau Forte College named as best secondary school in Derby and Derbyshire

In July we received some exciting news! We were very proud to discover that the Real Schools Guide 2019 named Landau Forte College as the best state school in Derby City and Derbyshire. The Real Schools Guide bases it's judgements on statistics such as students' attendance, progress, progression and attainment. We believe we provide a fantastic standard of education for all our students and its wonderful to receive the recognition for our school.
Well done to our school community – thank you to our brilliant students, staff, families and governors.

Congratulations to the Head Students Team for 2019/20!

After a competitive and rigorous selection process we have chosen Micheal and Precious as our Head Students and Talha and Navdip as our Deputy Head students. They delivered inspiring speeches at our Open Evenings and we know they will do a fantastic job in these key students leadership roles.

Landau Forte College celebrates another year of A level success

Staff and students at the College celebrated another very impressive set of A Level results.
The school saw a 100% pass rate at A Level, with 90% of all grades securing A*-C, and 25% of all grades achieving A*-A. The average A Level grade for students at the College is a grade B.
A number of students secured stunning results:

Jagveer secured a place at the University of Warwick to read Physics (Maths A, Chemistry A, Physics A)
Thomas is going to the University of Oxford to read Mathematics (Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Physics A*)
Harry is going to the University of Warwick to read Mathematics (Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Physics A)
Edmund will attend University College London to read Engineering (Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Physics A)
Jordan has secured a place at the University of Birmingham to read Physics and Astro Physics (Maths A*, Further Maths A, Physics B)
Nicole will be attending the University of York to read History (History A, Psychology B, English Literature A*)
A significant amount of students have secured places at Russell Group universities as a result of their success at A Level.
One particularly notable story is Paris who will be studying Psychology at the University of New Mexico after success in Biology (A), Psychology (B) and Maths (C). A talented footballer, who has played for Birmingham City and England, Paris has already flown out to America to begin the football season at her new university.

Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:
"We are absolutely thrilled with another strong set of A Level results. They are the end product of a lot of hard work from all the staff and students at the College and reflect the high standards that we have here at the College.
"I am so proud of every one of our students. They have been a wonderful group of young people to work with and we wish them every success as they go on to university, begin their apprenticeships or start their new jobs"

Landau Forte Enterprise Advisor wins prestigious national competition

An Enterprise Adviser working with Landau Forte College Derby has been named as Enterprise Advisor of the Year. Anna Smith, of A Logical Ltd, made it to the final three contenders for the *Enterprise Adviser of the Year* category in the annual awards run by the Careers and Enterprise Company. The awards recognise and celebrate the best career provision in schools, colleges and businesses across the country.

Anna started work with Landau Forte College in June 2017 with the aim of supporting the careers lead to raise the profile of careers provision within the school and providing professional insight in engaging with business. She also works directly with students at the college, delivering workshops on demystifying psychometric assessments and other interview and assessment techniques.

During her time working with the school, Anna has helped in the mapping of careers education, resulting in her writing a guide for employers who come into school to deliver careers education activities. This ensures they can pitch their activity at the right level to make the most impact.

Year 9 students complete Food Hygiene certificate

A group of dedicated Year 9 students have been studying after College each week to achieve their Food Hygiene certificates. This is a really useful qualification which increases students employability and access to jobs in the catering trade. Thank you to the staff who supported the students and well done to each young person involved.

The Mathematics Department paves the way for the 2019-20 House Competition!!

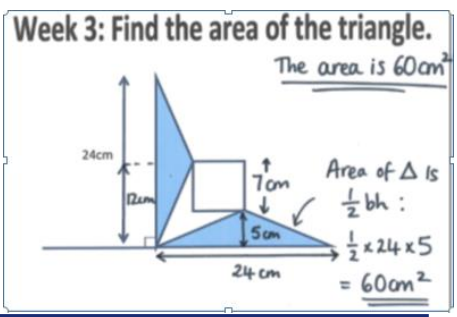
A new competition has taken Landau Forte by storm this year and it is called the *"Weekly Maths Problem Solving Challenge".*

This challenge will form part of the 2019-20 House Competition and was one of the opening competitions of the year; the other being the ERNI Puzzle of the Week (also run by the Maths Department!)

Each week, a different mathematical conundrum is displayed on the screens around college and emailed out to all Personal Tutors. Tutor bases can then earn house points for successfully solving the problem.

As an incentive, the opening week's entries were worth double points with the winning house having their number of entries tripled. The problems so far have been geometrically based, requiring students to draw on their mathematical knowledge and apply it in new situations. Whilst the problems are aimed at the Key Stage 4 year groups, many of our younger students have shown innovative approaches using simpler, but equally valid, mathematical techniques. The idea behind the competition is to build a resilience in our students and a willingness to persevere with these types of problems, which are now prevalent in the Maths GCSE.

So far, Versatility House is leading the way in the Weekly Maths Problem Solving Challenge with more tutor bases submitting entries than any other house. Liberty and Opportunity are hot on Versatility's heels with Equality and Diversity lagging behind somewhat. However, it is still early days with all to play for!



World Challenge 2019

In July this year Miss Edwards took a group of 17 students to Nepal for a trip of a lifetime. Below are two summaries from some of the students who came along on the expedition…

Our Nepal Expedition (By Emma) - For 3 weeks in July this summer we went on an adventure to Nepal. However, before we could arrive in country, we had to get prepared. We spent almost the entirety of the 29th June unpacking and the re-packing our stuff appropriately which took a long time. Once we were all packed up it was time to head to the airport. We bid farewell to our family at Birmingham airport and got ready to endure 12 hours of flying. After arriving in country and taking a load of photos we headed to the hotel we would be staying at for our time in Kathmandu. We spent the next four days acclimatising and experiencing this new country. I soon realised that traveling through Kathmandu involved dodging a lot of motorbikes, people and dogs. We also went on a day hike which was very hot but helped to get me prepared for the upcoming trek. We then travelled up to Pokhora on a very bumpy bus journey and spent 5 days trekking up Poon Hill, which was such a breath-taking experience. This was certainly a challenge with many ups and downs, including walking down a land slide. The trek involved 5 days of hiking and 4 nights of staying in Tea Houses, which were small wooden hostels, they always provided us with a lovely breakfast, lunch and dinner. Along the way we travelled through a range of different terrains from rocky paths to jungles, and we even saw some monkeys. Next we travelled to Pokhora for our project, in which we were staying and helping at a school in the village. While we were there, we performed lot's of different tasks such as building a bus ramp, moving debris and also painting classrooms. When we weren't working we spent time getting to know the local children who were very active and much better dancers than us. After working very hard on the project and before taking the long flight home, we had some Rest and Relaxation. Our group had decided to give ourselves 3 days of R&R so we didn't have much time to cram in all that we wanted to see. However, with good planning we did manage to see lots of the sights Nepal had to offer. Some highlights were the Peace Pagoda and Gurkha museum, but my definite favourite was the monkey temple which we visited on our last day in Nepal and was certainly an enjoyable send off.

Nepal 2019 (by Emily & Freya)- Before we left we took on last minute preparations ready for the trip of a lifetime, with excitement and nerves in the air and our final goodbyes done we were raring to leave and ready to climb on board the plane. Our trip began in the heart of Kathmandu, the bustling streets took some getting used to, and we were definitely not in England anymore, fish and chips was well out of sight. Exploring the city's honeypot sights allowed us to acclimatise before leaving for the trek. Seven days later we were hot sweaty and in need of a shower. We gained valuable experience of different cultures, our team work was tested and we were relieved to be back in the city on solid ground. Before our project began our rest and relaxation time meant we had chance to recuperate, tasting new Nepalese dishes and embarking on further cultural experiences meant we gained valuable knowledge of our location, momos were defiantly a favourite. The best part of our trip was yet to come so our enthusiasm grew further. After being welcomed into the village we immediately became aware of our work ahead, we were looking forward to getting started. Our project manager Ella let us know of our jobs and the plan for the next week. After having trouble communicating with the village members we fought hard to ensure we made the biggest impact in the community and therefore turned out very successful. The entire trip was a major learning curve, early mornings, communication and sickness were just some of the struggles we faced however as we returned home we reflected on our amazing adventure.

European Day of Languages

In September a group of 15 Year 8 students went to the University of Nottingham in celebration of the European Day of Languages. As part of the event the were given taster sessions of the different languages they could study at university and had their own language skills put to the test as they subtitled a video in Spanish. The students learnt how to introduce themselves in a range of languages, including, Greek, Arabic, Portuguese and Japanese. They had the opportunity to learn lots about different customs and cultures, bowing conventions in Japan, food in Lebanon and they even got to do some dancing while learning about Greece! The students also took part in a language themed scavenger hunt, getting to explore the university campus and learn about the opportunities in studying languages at the same time.

Polite Notice

Please ensure your child does not arrive on site before 7.45am each day. The College does not open for students until then.

Museum of the Moon visit

Thank you to Mrs Kenworthy and Dr Moazzam who took their tutor groups to visit the fantastic Museum of the Moon at Derby Cathedral. Students were enthralled with the amazing spherical sculpture!

Thank you! Over £6000 raised for global, national and local charities last academic year

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SPORTS NEWS — Landau Forte College football update

The new season has started in positive fashion with the majority of the Landau teams challenging at the top of their respective divisions. Mr Dobson's Year 7 team has started in an extremely positive fashion with two wins from two games as they swept a side Da Vinci with an emphatic 6-1 victory which followed a strong opening day performance away at CODA as Joshua led the way with three goals.

Mr Harvey's year 8s have started in the same dominant form as they current sit top of the division with three wins from three with fine victories away at Woodland's, Leesbrook and Derby Moor following their promotion last season. In tough condition's as a swirling wind made defending challenging, Landau quickly found themselves in a 4-1 lead before Derby Moor fought back. With the game tantalising balanced at 4-3, Landau scored securing an excellent away victory. Three wins secures a well-deserved play off place.

The year 9s unfortunately were on the end of a heavy defeat against Da Vinci but will be looking to mount their own charge on the play-offs as they return to action against St Benedict's following a couple of cancellations. Year 10 have had a mixed start after a strong performance at Murray Park saw an early three points with a 3-1 victory before an agonising defeat away at Noel Baker leaves their season wide open.

Year 11 started with a brilliant performance at Merrill with 7-3 victory before suffering heartbreak against Littleover having led 3-0. With tremendous resilience, they fought back to take 5-3 lead as Tyrell scored, completing the scoring of his fourth goal of the game before three late goals from Littleover snatched victory away from Landau. Sixth form have only played one game due to the rain but were part of a scintillating 3-3 draw against Woodlands as Mr Mycroft took the reins of his new side.

OPPORTUNITY	VERSATILITY	DIVERSITY	EQUALITY	LIBERTY
45	98	51	41	42
HOUSE POINTS	HOUSE POINTS	HOUSE POINTS	HOUSE POINTS	HOUSE POINTS