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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome all our students back to College after what I hope was an enjoyable and restful Summer break. We have especially enjoyed welcoming our new intake of 196 Year 7 students. This academic year we have accepted an additional 28 students into Year 7 to try and go some way towards meeting the significant demand for places at the College. We are also particularly excited about our new cohort of Year 12 students joining us from the College and other secondary schools in Derby and Derbyshire. All year groups have made an impressive start to the new academic year and we look forward to another successful and exciting year ahead.

I would like to pass my congratulations on to our ex Year 11 and ex Year 13 students who achieved wonderful Key Stage 5 and GCSE examinations outcomes in the summer. Our Key Stage 5 vocational and academic results were superb with 100% pass rate at A level and 90% of all A level grades A*-C. Our Sixth Form students have progressed on to study at several prestigious Russell Group universities including the University of Oxford and University College London, some of them have secured high profile apprenticeships and others have secured exciting employment opportunities. We wish them good luck in their next steps.

Our GCSE results were the best the College has ever achieved and we are incredibly proud of this cohort of young people. 82% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics, 58% of students achieved a grade 5 or above in English and Mathematics and 18% of students achieved a grade 7 or above in English and Mathematics. These are phenomenal results and reflect the dedication and hard work of the students and our staff team who supported our young people so well.

With this letter, we have included the key dates for each year group for this academic year. We hope you will find this useful. 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.

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Parking at College/ on Fox Street

If you collect or drop off your child in a car from Fox Street please observe the parking restrictions and road safety. Please do not double park on Fox Street. Unfortunately, parents are regularly parking on double yellow lines on both sides of the road. As you can imagine, the road quickly becomes grid locked. This 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 dropping off/ waiting for your sons and daughters but we would ask that, if possible, you car share with other families or make arrangements to drop off or meet your child on an adjacent street. Thank you for your support. It is vital that we keep Fox Street and the College driveway safe for our students.

Student Identification

All students have been provided with new lanyards in their house colours. 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 £4.50 and £1.50 respectively.

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.

Parent drop in sessions

Our popular Parent Drop In Sessions will take place again this academic year. The dates are listed on the key dates sheet included with this letter. 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.

Parentpay

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from College we are asking parents and carers to only use our e-payment system to pay for their child's meals, educational visits and any other College activities they may be involved in. This can be done online using a secure website called ParentPay. If you haven't yet activated your account please do so as soon as possible. Activation letters have been sent home. If you need any assistance with activating or using your Parentpay account please contact the College Finance Assistant 01332 204040 option 4.

Free breakfast bagels

We would like to invite your child to join us for free breakfast bagels which are served every day in the Restaurant from 8.00am until 8.25am.

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