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2022 Landau leavers

After five years at Landau Forte College and the challenges they have faced over that time, we finally got to celebrate and say goodbye to our fabulous Y11 students. We wish them luck and success in everything that they do!



Goodbye to Year 13

We said goodbye to Year 13 with in school celebrations and the annual Y12 versus Y13 football match! Y13 have been a wonderful year group to work with and we wish them lots of luck for the future!



Year 13 Leavers' Ball celebrations

It was a pleasure to celebrate with our Y13 students at their recent **Leavers' Ball**. Derbyshire Cricket Club was an amazing venue and our wonderful students looked fantastic! Such a pleasure to work with this remarkable group of young people - good luck for the future. We know you will go out there and make the world a better place. Stay in touch - you will always be part of the Landau Community!



Jubilee celebrations at LFCD

Students enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee! We had afternoon tea, ice creams and traditional fete games! The weather was glorious and students had a fantastic time.



Schools Diversity Week and Pride Month

Students have been celebrating Pride Month and Schools Diversity Week (20 -24 June) this year by purchasing rainbow ribbons to support the charity *Just Like Us*. Just Like Us is a charity that supports LGBTQ+ young people through free educational resources and educational talks in schools from their Young Ambassador programme.

Students have also been taking part in the 'Pride Art Competition' ran by the students Amnesty Group to create a Pride inspired creative piece. This includes any form of creativity including visual art, poetry, photos, videos and more.



Fresh Start Phonics

English teaching staff and support staff have recently received specialist phonics training following the programme Fresh Start Read Write Inc, from Ruth Miskin Training. This training will help us to extend our specially qualified team with expert phonic knowledge to ensure that students are best equipped with the right decoding reading strategies. The parents and carers of any students involved in the programme will be contacted and invited along to a parents evening in September, which will give more information about how their child can be best supported at home.

Celebrating Elmer Day

We celebrated **Elmer Day** in the Information Centre in May this year by creating our own individual Elmers. Through this we recognised and celebrated what makes us all unique, embracing our own individual talents and abilities. We received over thirty entries, and congratulations to our twenty prize-winning students who received a chocolate prize. Well done!



Outstanding literacy award



We have introduced a brand new Outstanding Literacy Award to recognise those students who consistently make excellent literacy progress and go over and above the College's expectations. Well done to Freya in Y8, our first

student to receive this award. Freya recently achieved her World Record Award for the College's reading programme, Reading Olympiad, and excelled in the hard-work that she put into achieving this award. Well done Freya!

Poetry SLAM day

On Wednesday 22 June, our Y9 pupils had a magnificent opportunity working with a number of writers and poets in a series of workshops in honour of celebrating National Writing Day.

The day was led by poets such as Jamie Thrassivoulou, rapper Quinton Blake, crime writer Sarah Ward, First Story Leader Sian Tower and former student Priya. Our students thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves into the workshops, collaborating with their peers and expressing themselves through spoken and written word activities. To end the day, we had a poetry SLAM competition led by Jamie Thrassivoulou. He began by reciting his poem 'We Are Derby', which was inspiring for all of our students. Following this, we had eight finalists from each English group who recited their poems in front of the Y9 cohort, judged by Chobe, Ms Brannick and Mr Gidlow. The overall atmosphere in the theatre was

great- all students were supportive of one another and created a real 'buzz' for creative writing and poetry which was so pleasing to see. Farhat's winning poem 'Bullying' was sensational and enjoyed by all. We look forward to Poetry SLAM 2023!



The Landau Forte Parliament visit to Westminster

Arriving at Westminster was an experience I don't think we'll forget, the building was imposing and intimidating but the grandeur of the palace put our minds at ease and emphasised its rich history. The palace was a mix of both original 13th Century gothic architecture and Victorian revived architecture which confused many of us as it all looks like it was built in the same century.

The tour of Westminster was insightful and changed our perspective of the government building. We learned about the building's historic significance, but also about how the building itself has changed over the years to adapt to the modern era of politics. The tour took us through Westminster Hall, central lobby and the members' lobby (which is exclusive to MP's when the Commons is in session), and then into the House of Commons.

We came to the general consensus that the Commons was a lot smaller than it seems when you watch it on television, but the importance of the room is definitely elevated when you're stood in there. The tour taught us about courtesy in Parliament and the many rules that MPs have to follow, such as: never addressing each other personally (they have to call each other 'My honourable gentleman/lady'), they have to speak through the speaker and never talk across the two sides of parliament, and they also have to stand to speak so they 'catch the speaker's eye' (if they don't catch the speaker's eye they must sit back down again and stand back up). We learned things that we didn't know such as the brave work of Emily Wilding

Davison who hid in Parliament on the night of the census so she could make a political statement by putting down her address as the Palace of Westminster. Her work inspired many women to attempt to take a more active role in politics.

After our tour, we sat down in a committee room with Amanda Solloway, MP for Derby North. We had a lovely introduction from Amanda, with her discussing what she does, and then a lengthy Q+A session. Amanda took many questions, even the difficult ones, and answered them with passion. We could all see that Amanda was eager to get involved with all of us and was trying to inspire us to become the next generation of leaders. Amanda then went on to express her love for getting the younger generation involved in shaping the community they live in and emphasised her love of offering out work experience to as many young people as possible. We would like to thank Amanda for taking the time out to come and detail the working life of an MP and also to explain how an MP affects the community we live in.

The experience we had visiting Westminster was something that I know we'll never forget, as it truly showed the inner workings of the politics that shaped this country into what it is now, but also showed the inner workings of the politics that is shaping us today.

Y7 take part in Race For Life

Year 7 took part in Race For Life during their PE sessions. The aim of Race For Life was to complete as many laps as possible in teams and to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK.

All students showed great resilience and determination during the event and every student should be extremely proud of their effort. House points were awarded to the teams who completed the most laps and a medal was presented to everyone who took part.

Cancer Research UK is a vital charity to provide

support for those diagnosed with cancer and does great work searching for a cure for cancer. Without donations, Cancer Research UK cannot continue its great work. Y7 raised a total of £530 to donate which is a brilliant amount of money and will be put to great use by the charity.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, the PE team are very proud of you!



Tutor Time Cricket

Following a fantastic cricket tournament in 2019, tutor time cricket made the return to the Landau astro court to celebrate Women's Cricket arriving to the Commonwealth Games this summer for the first time in the tournament's history. The objective of the tournament was to get every student playing cricket during term 5 whilst promoting some friendly rivalry between the houses. Each year group had their own tournament which was fiercely competitive.

In the Y10 competition, Mr Hart spun his web as his tutor group charged into the finals before they met Mrs Siviter's tutor base in the final. However the calmness of Opportunity's (NCS) batting line saw a solid victory and some much needed points to the overall house leader board. At the same time as the Y10 competition, was the Y9 finale as Mr Abikan's (Diversity) tutor base lived up to the tag of being the tournament favourites, securing

another memorable win following an epic Sports Day victory.

The Y7 and Y8 finals were unbelievable and went down to the final ball in each game. Mr Cunliffe's team made a brilliant start with the bat and made early inroads into Miss Smithard's batting line up before a resilient batting display took her tutor base close but not close enough, losing by two runs. This meant a victory to Equality's tally. Equality's tally was soon to be added to as Versatility, represented by Miss Elliott's tutor base, faced Mr Tatlah's team. Mr Tatlah's team batted first, setting a total of 66, which was competitive but most definitely achievable. However, a determined fielding display and some great catching meant Equality took another victory.

Musa Memorial Tournament

2022 was the third year of the Musa Memorial Tournament and it was played in fantastic spirits by all participants.

The group stages were fiercely competitive and qualification for the semi-final was not decided until the final games. In the netball format of the competition, Equality showed their quality with strong performances throughout the tournament, securing victory in the tightly fought final 4-2. The football competition saw some notably strong teams fail to reach the semi-finals leaving Diversity as the clear favourites. Versatility however had other ideas, as they took on Diversity in the final. Versatility

found themselves facing heavy defeat trailing 3-1 at half time but battled back to take the game into extra time. Within extra time the nerves began to settle in, however, Versatility found themselves in front with an early goal and had one hand on the shield, before a goal from Diversity sent Mr Mycroft into jubilant celebration, with the last kick of the game taking the match into dreaded penalties. Penalties were calm and collected until Diversity struck the cross bar sending Versatility into wild celebrations and victory.

LFCD - The Chase

The final house competition of the year was 'The Chase' - well done to all involved in the very tense Landau version of the game show. Every point counted! It was very close but the winner of the overall house competition 2022 was **Opportunity**.

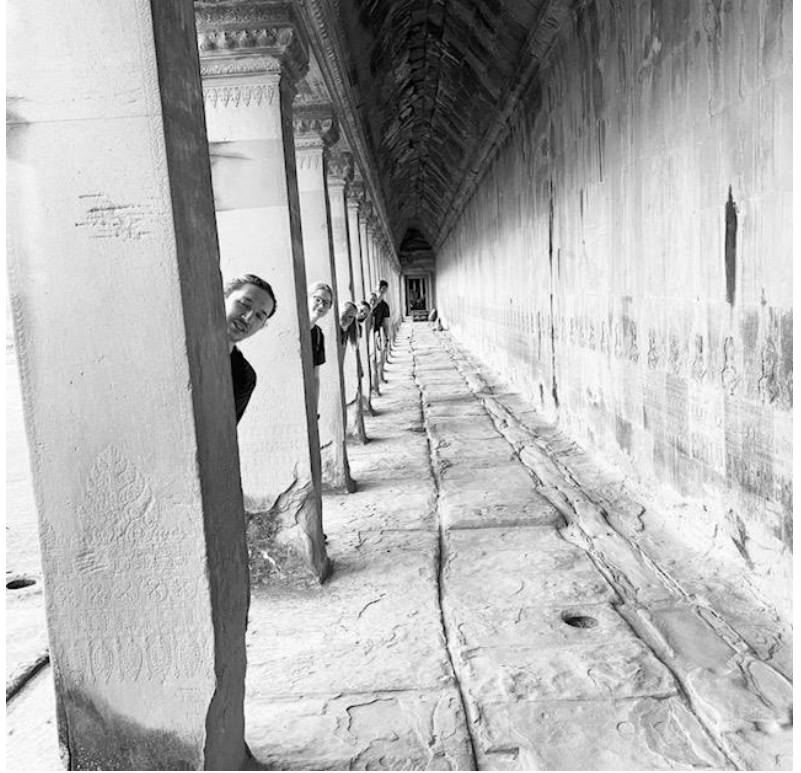


Bake Sale

Thank you for a very successful end of year bake sale organised by our Y10 Hospitality and Catering students! Raising £213 for the Red Cross. Well done to everyone involved!

Landau Forte College Sixth Formers on tour

Students have immersed themselves in Cambodian culture, visiting Ta Prohm Temple, Angkor Wat, the night markets and completing a four day jungle trek. Our students participated in a community project, gathering and planting mangroves. It's hard work but they are determined to do a great job! Prior to this trip of a life time students had to fundraise and have shown real commitment and determination to make this trip happen. We are really proud of our young people, travelling across the world to support a project which they are so passionate about.





Culture Week – unity and understanding of our cultural identities

The last week of term was Culture Week, an idea created and brought to life by a group of Y10 students.

The week focused on celebrating the Landau community's cultural identities and what makes us all unique. Many exciting events, such as themed meals in the restaurant and focused activities in tutor time, took place throughout the week but the pinnacle of the event was Friday! Students paid £1 to attend school in dress which best represents their cultural heritage and best represents them. Money raised from the non-uniform day was donated to BRAC, a charity which supports social development, social enterprise and education in Africa and Asia. Our students and staff attended school on Friday in amazing outfits, representing countries from across Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South

America. The school was a sea of beautiful colours and very special outfits! Staff and students were welcomed into school by African drumming and a Caribbean steel band played through lunchtime. Students participated in Latin American and Chinese dance workshops and African drumming workshops – there was an absolutely wonderful atmosphere throughout the event and our students had a wonderful time. Needless to say, Culture Week will now be an annual event! Noor, Armeen, Iqra, Momna, Rani and Mariyah, Y10 students who organised the event, said ' We can't believe how successful Culture Week was, students really enjoyed it, everyone was interested to find out about each other's culture!' 'We have students from across the world at Landau and it was amazing to see everyone dressed in their finest, celebrating their heritage. We can't wait for next year's event!'



Landau Forte College students' success on A level results day!

Our Sixth Form students celebrated some fantastic achievements after receiving their A Level and vocational qualification results. The grades mark a return to normality after being determined by students' performance in examinations rather than the previous two years, in which grades were decided by teacher assessment.

Students achieved some phenomenal results, below are the impressive headline figures:

22% of all grades were A*

48% of all grades were A*- A

74% of all grades were A*-B

The following students all achieved 3 A*grades and have secured places at some very prestigious universities:

Fernando – Computer Science at University of Warwick

Kevin – University of Cambridge to study Computer Science:

Jenna –University of Sheffield to study History and English

Ben – Loughborough University to study Chemical Engineering

Kimberley – University of Bath to study Pharmacology

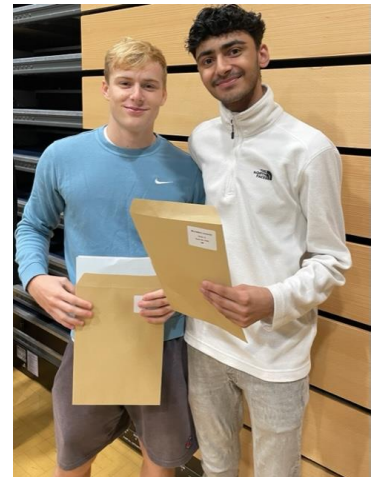
Molly – University of Durham to study Chemistry

Cherena – University of Cambridge to study Geography

Jan - University of Durham to study Chemistry

Rebecca – Newcastle University to study Medicine

Alison Brannick, Principal, said "I am so proud of all our students who have worked incredibly hard and who have listened to the advice of their teachers to secure these grades which they very much deserve. Even with the adversity of the global pandemic and two whole school closures, our young people have shown determination, commitment, and resilience to do their very best. We are so proud of them all and it was a real pleasure to be able to celebrate these results with our students and their families. All our students have done incredibly well and we want them to stay in touch with us so we can hear about their exciting next steps!"



Celebrating incredible GCSE results! Well done to the class of 2022!

On Thursday 25 August, staff and students at LFCDC celebrated an amazing set of GCSE examination results, the first since 2019. In 2020 and 2021, students' GCSE grades were decided by teacher assessment. This year exams returned with students demonstrating what they know and understand in the exam hall.

To support the Year 11 students, staff at the College laid on additional support for students, including providing additional lessons for students after school in all subjects, employing additional tutors one day a week in English and Maths, a February holiday school and employing a creative therapist to support students' wellbeing.

All these efforts paid off, with students securing some brilliant results, including:

Amber – seven grade 9s, three grade 8s

Isla – seven grade 9s, three grade 8s

Arun – three grade 9s, seven grade 8s

Jasmine – seven grade 9s, two grade 8s, one Dist*

Iman – seven grade 9s, one grade 8, one grade 7

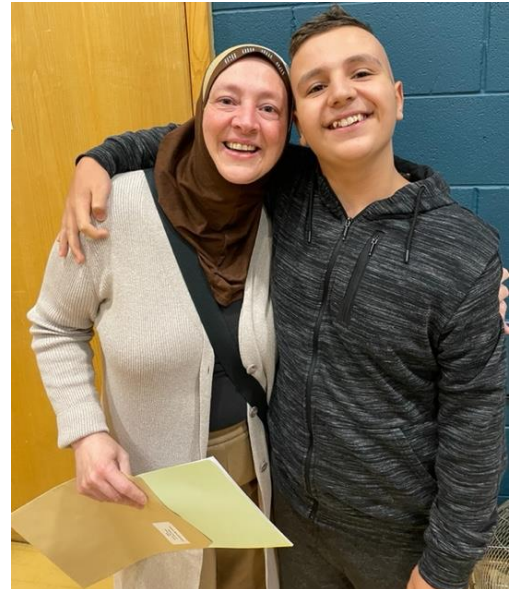
Erin – five grade 9s, three grade 8s, two grade 7s

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Alison Brannick, Principal, said:

"I am so proud of all our students. They have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at school, despite the adversity they have faced over the past couple of years.

It is a real privilege to be part of this community and our students' remarkable GCSE results show their hard work has paid off. Well done to them all."



SPORTS NEWS

On 12th July 2022, Y7, 8, 9 and 10 travelled to Harvey Hadden Stadium in Nottingham for the first Landau Forte College Sports Day since 2019. All students took part in an event and enjoyed watching and cheering on their peers.

We are so proud of all of our students for going out there and trying their very best in their chosen event to represent their house. There were so many wonderful aspects to the day; great competition, students supporting one another, overcoming nerves and incredible efforts from all students to name just a few.

Students were commendable in their representation of the College and we were blown away by the incredible atmosphere around the event. Diversity and Liberty houses particularly stole the show with their flags, banners, homemade t-shirts and chants.

A particular favourite for the students was the staff relay race at the end of the day. After much anticipation, the Versatility staff team finished in a convincing 1st place, leaving the remaining houses in the dust.

The final results of the day are as follows:

Diversity	545	1 st
Equality	534	2 nd
Versatility	496	3 rd
Liberty	462	4 th
Opportunity	401	5 th



OPPORTUNITY
2370
HOUSE POINTS

VERSATILITY
2144
HOUSE POINTS

DIVERSITY
1914
HOUSE POINTS

EQUALITY
2136
HOUSE POINTS

LIBERTY
2174
HOUSE POINTS