



THE LANDAU LEADER

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM LFCD

The Landau Forte Enrichment Fund

At Landau Forte College Derby, we put our students at the heart of everything we do.

Our students travel to us from their homes across Derby, with over 50% of them coming from the most deprived wards in the city. We know that due to the global pandemic, the last few years have been incredibly difficult for many of our students and their

families. Families have found money tight and the increasing cost of living crisis is only making the situation more challenging. We want all our students to be able to access high quality enrichment activities and exciting off site visits. We firmly believe that all our students should have the opportunity to experience visits that enhance their taught curriculum and

enrichment activities that develop new skills and broaden their horizons. If you feel passionate about helping us to do this for our young people aged 11-18 – please donate to our fund raising page, no matter how little or how much – you will make a difference to our students' lives and we will acknowledge this.



Remembrance Day

It was incredibly moving to see the whole school stand together in silence in remembrance of the fallen from conflicts across the years and across the globe. The Landau Community will never forget. Thank you to our students for creating this beautiful cascade of poppies.



Careers Focus at LFCD

At LFCD we understand the importance of high quality careers advice and guidance. It was a pleasure to host Derby College, who recently visited us and spoke to students from all year groups.

In the same week, we hosted a Careers Fair for our Sixth Form students. The focus was on degree level apprenticeships and employment opportunities from businesses in the construction, engineering, design and nuclear sectors. Thank you to YMD, Surepak, Balfour Beatty, JCB, Cooper Parry, Bowmer and Kirkland, Stephen George Architects, Stepnall and Rolls Royce for their attendance.

Amanda Solloway, MP for Derby North, visits LFCD

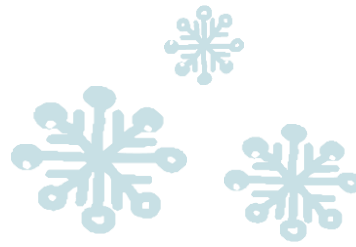
It was a pleasure to welcome Amanda to our school. Our Landau Forte MPs posed a series of challenging questions to Amanda in an event that was as rigorous as PMQs! Our MPs asked about the right to protest, the recent leadership changes within the Conservative party, crime levels in Derby and Amanda's thoughts on MPs participating in reality TV shows. Amanda was then taken on a tour of LFCD by Rumaisa and Ahmed - thank you to all students involved in this successful visit. Amanda was able to see first-hand what a happy, successful and thriving school LFCD is!



Diwali celebrations

Thank you to Jasmin and Mr Sakaria who recently delivered gatherings to all students sharing why the celebration of Diwali is so important to Hindus and Sikhs.

Mr Sakaria went on to share his family's story of their forced migration (expulsion) from Uganda to England in 1972. Thanks to both Mr Sakaria and Jasmin for delivering such interesting and inspiring gatherings.



Derby Theatre workshop

On Thursday the 13th of October Landau Forte GCSE Performing Arts and Drama students were visited by a representative of Derby theatre for a performance workshop and 'Careers in the Arts' keynote and Q&A session.

The workshop focused on devising theatre and exploring character. This supported the Year 10 students with their upcoming Devising theatre unit and Year 11 students with their upcoming Unit 2 project.

“Educational yet really fun! It was helpful to understand about future career options too” – Zoe Y11 Performing Arts

The careers keynote centred on the different pathways available for a career in the arts. It was incredibly insightful for students to hear first-hand what working in the industry entails and how to best approach it.

Landau Forte Parliament

In recent student parliament meetings, a few students said they wanted to do some work to help in their local community- particularly with the current cost of living crisis. Following this, we took a group of 10 students including some of our Landau Forte Parliament members to the Hope Centre on Curzon Street, Derby. The students helped the colleagues and volunteers at the centre to prepare for their fundraising sale the following day. They helped move items and get the centre fully stocked with clothes on rails and a tombola set up. The students were a fantastic representation of the College, and have been welcomed back to help at the centre!



Amnesty International Update

Thank you to Eric and Chobe, leaders of our Amnesty Group, who attended our Executive Team meeting to share their plans for this academic year. Last year Amnesty raised over £2000 for local and global charities. Student leadership is a real strength of LFCD.



Reading Olympiad Success

Well done to Yasin in Y8 who has completed our very challenging Reading Olympiad - what a fantastic achievement! Reading is power!



Congratulations Omari!

Well done to ex student Omari Kellyman who recently signed a professional contract with Aston Villa Football Club. Omari is an amazing role model for our young people. He was a respectful, humble, hard working and successful student throughout his time with us and we wish him lots of luck for the future. We are very proud of him!



Action for Children Bake Sale in memory of Her Majesty the Queen

Thank you to our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering group who held a bake sale in aid of Action for Children, one of the Queen's favourite charities. Our students crafted some beautiful comments in our book of remembrance for Her Majesty the Queen.



Fundraising for Pakistan Floods Appeal

Well done to our Amnesty Group who raised £257 for the Disasters Emergency Committee Pakistan Floods Appeal by holding a samosa sale!



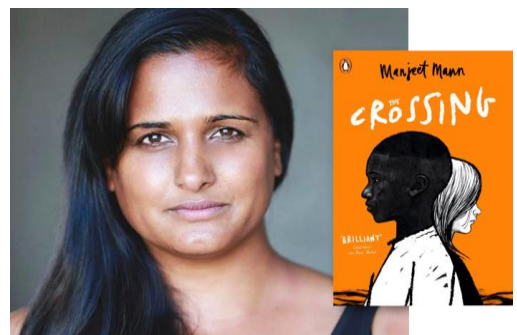
First Story

Forty year 9 students are taking part in the **First Story** programme for 2022/23. Students take part in a series of eight creative writing workshops led by an experienced First Story writer to produce and publish a young writer's anthology. It is a fantastic opportunity to work creatively with their peers and a professional writer and go on to appear in a published book.

As part of the programme, students will also be invited to attend the **First Story Young Writers Festival 2023** at the University of Cambridge. Here they can listen to readings from authors, take part in writing workshops and enjoy a tour of the University. This year's festival will be headlined by the award-winning children's author Manjeet Mann.

For more information about First Story

visit: <https://firststory.org.uk/>



BHM 2022 display



Thank you to all our students who contributed to our amazing, inspiring Black History Month display. The pieces of work on what it means to be Black and British are particularly impressive. Well done to all contributors!



University of Derby public speaking workshop



Following the completion of their end of year exams, all Year 12 students completed a new, extended programme of activities designed to better prepare them for their futures. As part of an expanding programme of sixth form 'non-qualification activities' which will enable them to make more informed choices about their career aspirations and to succeed beyond academic achievement, all students firstly visited an Open Day at York University, a member of the prestigious Russell Group of universities. Students were able to both attend mini-lectures and talks within specific departments as well as taking a closer look at the university facilities. Following this, and despite some challenges remaining from the pandemic, we were delighted that all students secured and completed a week's 'live' external work placement, a key part of their core curriculum when they receive first-hand experience of the world of work. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from so many placement providers about the way that our students engaged with the experience, displaying initiative, maturity, responsibility and the ability to collaborate with others. This was then followed by a series of activities within College over three days, including public speaking training, a CV writing workshop, certificated first aid training and an individual 30 minute mock interview with local external employers. Employers were effusive about how articulate and reflective our students were during their interviews, particularly when it came to understanding their own strengths and development needs and in knowing where to seek required information. In other activities, students learnt more about apprenticeships, received advice from Loughborough University about personal statements and then in tutor-led sessions, started applications to UCAS, the universities admissions body.

Students were delighted with their experience. Vlad stated "I honestly thought that the interviews we did were amazing. It got people out of their comfort zones, and it was good for everyone because everyone had at least one thing to improve on, and if you did well overall it was a big confidence boost, and if you didn't it was a great learning opportunity." He also reflected that "It's also great that [the first aid course] statistically increased the chances of someone's life being saved". Estelle commented that "The mock interviews with local employers was one of the most valuable and useful opportunities I have ever been given in my academic life. It has provided me with a unique and individual experience that has not only boosted my confidence and exposed my strengths, but has also demonstrated what is expected from me in order to succeed in my future career. I would encourage every student to take advantage of this great opportunity!" Matthew thought that "The public speaking activities helped build my teamwork and leadership skills, especially as we worked to strict deadlines; the thought-provoking and imaginative interpretations of the presentation briefs demonstrated the value of each of our unique perspectives, and helped us to understand how we all have valuable contributions to make when faced with potentially uncomfortable and difficult challenges in education and the workplace."



Frantic Assembly's Othello at The Curve

On Thursday 29th September, Landau KS4 Drama and Performing arts and KS5 English classes were taken to The Curve Theatre, Leicester, for an unmissable performance of Shakespeare's Othello by Frantic Assembly.

In Drama and Performing Arts, we are honing skills to evaluate live theatre, as well as studying the work of the Physical theatre company, Frantic Assembly. We were delighted to have the opportunity to take students to experience first-hand the work of the GCSE studied theatre practitioner. The students were afforded the opportunity to see how the leaders in Physical theatre perform, and stage one of Shakespeare's finest works.

"A captivating experience" – Kavanpal, Y11 Performing Arts

For our post-16 students, watching the play was a valuable insight into how the play should be performed and understand the nuances of the characters from their English set text.



Alexandra Sheppard visits Landau Forte College!

In October we were very lucky to welcome the acclaimed teenage author Alexandra Sheppard to Landau Forte College. As a former student Alex was keen to visit the College and see how things had changed since her time here.

All our year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to listen to Alex talk about her experiences and inspirations as a writer, and receive some top tips should they wish to pursue a career as a writer or within the creative industries. Alex also ran writing workshops for students, using ideas from her book **Oh My Gods**, to inspire students to create their own modern day God and to begin writing the opening of their own short story.

Some of the Gods that students created included Timo the God of time, Daria the God of dreams, Sinthia the God of nature and even the God of Pizza!

Well done to all those students who took part and thank you to Alex for working with our students.

Alex was very positive about her visit, commenting, "It was such an honour to be invited to Landau Forte! As a former student, it was both very surreal and very exciting to be back talking about my book and author career. The students in my workshops were so imaginative and skilled, and I am sure there will be many future writers in their midst."





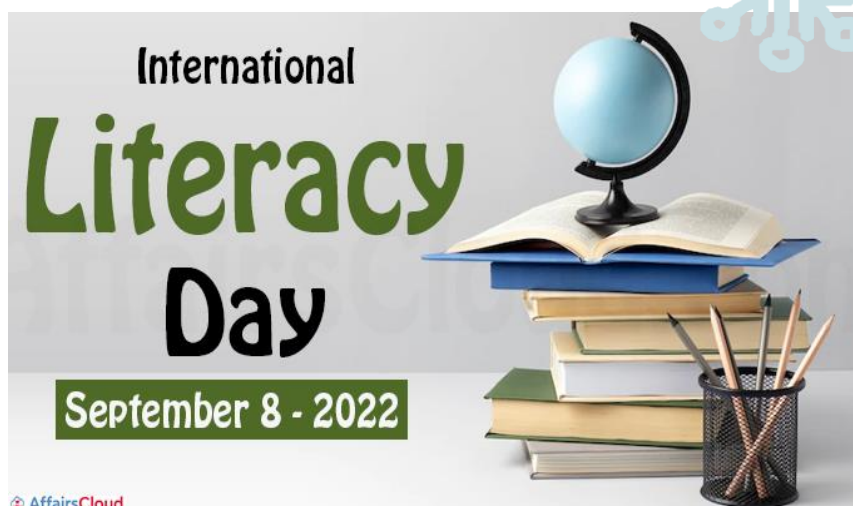
Roald Dahl Day

Students took part in our 'Brilliant Book' competition to celebrate Roald Dahl Day, researching into Roald Dahl book characters. Well done to Ameerah, Amanda, Jack and Teena for their winning entries!



International Literacy Day

To celebrate International Literacy Day this year we invited students to create a short piece of writing about themselves, be that a monologue, a poem, a diary entry or a letter to their future selves. We were delighted to receive 52 entries from year 7 students through to year 10. Well done to Lucas, Teena, Tristan, Andrew and Saeed for their winning entries!

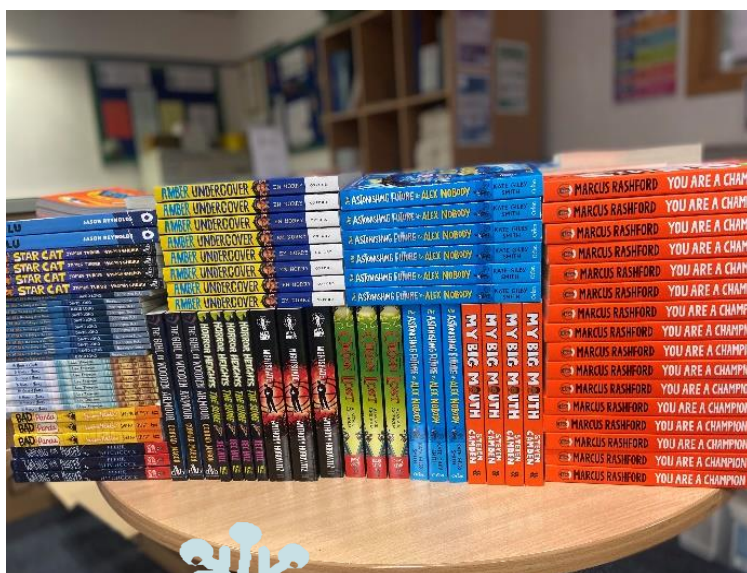


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BookBuzz Free Books

All students in Y7 once again took part in the BookBuzz programme from the BookTrust this year. The College buys into this programme which provides an opportunity for all Y7 students to choose a free book from a shortlist of 17 titles.

Happy reading!



The Winter Fair

On 3 December we saw the return of our 3rd Winter Fair. This is a fantastic event that welcomes the local community to come on site, do some shopping, enjoy some festive treats, listen to the school band and even a trip to Santa. This year's event was bigger and better than previous years and we even raised £144 for the newly launched Landau Enrichment Fund. We look forward to welcoming you to next year's event on 2 December 2023.



Forthcoming Parents' Evenings

Year 7

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

Year 8

Thursday, 30 March 2023

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Year 9

Tuesday, 31 January 2023

Wednesday, 5 July 2023

Year 10

Tuesday, 4 April 2023

Year 11

Wednesday, 11 January 2023

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

Year 12

Thursday, 4 May 2023

Year 13

Thursday, 5 January 2023

Thursday, 16 March 2023

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to all our Duke of Edinburgh participants who have achieved their Bronze and Silver Awards. Ms Brannick presented students with their certificates and pin badges earlier this term.



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Celebrating National Poetry Day



Students were invited to celebrate National Poetry Day this year by creating a poem to share their views about the environment and what the environment means to them. We received an outstanding 60 entries with some really creative and heartfelt poems.

The three winners were: Jacob in Year 7, Morgan in Year 10, Matilda in Year 11

Environment By Jacob

Beautiful blue oceans

Colourful diverse forests

Millions of bright fish

Breath taking landscapes.

Oceans flooded by plastics

Forest fires consuming life

Fish can't escape from plastic

Land being covered up in heaps of rubbish

That was one huge change

But it takes one person to say that's not okay

They could change this make a better world for everyone

Will that be you?

What is the environment? By Morgan

What is the environment I hear you ask?

Well, that is a rather difficult talk.

All the way back,

Way before blu-tac,

Is where we start figuring out the task.

Roman times when the problems start

Farming released methane, not good for the heart.

Roman times when the problems start

Farming released methane, not good for the heart.

She the scarred world by Matilda



Our winners receive an 'Outstanding Literacy' certificate, a Golden Ticket and a large chocolate bar. Well done!

Look out for the next literacy competition in the Information Centre.

Ready steady cook!



Sixth Form students have embraced their new cooking challenge with palpable enthusiasm and much creativity! Based on the long running BBC TV programme “Ready Steady Cook”, this latest addition to the sixth form extension programme involves teams of three students being provided with identical bags of ingredients and 40 minutes to produce a dish which is then judged against other teams. The first event focussed on savoury dishes whilst the recent ‘Christmas edition’ saw students produce desserts. The quality and variety of dishes has been hugely impressive and have challenged the judges, including the Principal and the Heads of Houses, to identify a winner on both occasions. Ellie has commented that “this is great fun” whilst Chloe stated that she really enjoyed “trying new activities”. With entries to both events heavily oversubscribed, this event will now be ran every term.

If I were Prime Minister...

I am a 13 year old candidate who is participating in this election.

I use a wheelchair to get around and can face many struggles every day.

If I was to become Prime Minister I would make many changes to help make life a little easier.

If I were Prime minister I will ensure that more ramps are installed on our streets so there is easier access for people to get around.

I would make sure there are lots more job opportunities that people like me could do.

I'd provide more SEN schools with well trained staff, so children are fully supported and have the same access to education as everyone else.

I will make sure that there are more activities children can join in outside of school and provide funding so these can be led by trained staff who are experienced with disabled children.

There will also be better funding for families to support their children and be able to go for days out and participate in hobbies and sports.

I want there to be more accessible housing for disabled people in the UK and a better lifestyle for them.

That is all I want to say today.

The future goes to your decision and who you vote.

By Saeed in Y10





Netball at Landau

Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation

In September our GCSE students took part in their athletics assessment at Moorways stadium. Despite the cold weather, the students worked hard to achieve some good marks to contribute to their final grade. Before the October break, the GCSE students also took part in their Rock Climbing assessment. We were so pleased with the outcome, the group worked so hard and were extremely focused across the two days and were successful in achieving some excellent grades that will contribute to their summer examination grade. The PE team were very proud of them.

Basketball at Landau

A strong start to the year in Basketball. Y7 & Y8 have both competed in tournaments this year, with some mixed results but both teams registering wins and proudly representing Landau. Y11 are preparing for their county cup fixtures, with us hosting Noel Baker on the 18th of January.

LFC football update

Y7 boys have so far only been fortunate enough to compete in one tournament, however have had fantastic numbers training with 28+ students, consistently attending. At the tournament, we played five matches, winning three, drawing one and losing a tight affair 2-1. The matches won, we were prolific in front of goal, scoring multiple goals in each game.

Girls in Y7 & Y8 attended a full day, 10 team tournament. It saw Y8 achieve 5th place, missing 4th place by one point. The Y8 team had success in the number of goals scored and were very close to progressing to the next round. Both years have shown incredible developments in their football ability throughout the tournament. Y7 and Y8 showed determination, fantastic teamwork and had a brilliant day of football.

Y8 boys have had a successful year so far. They have had some excellent results, with the highlight being a win against St Benedict's. The team were 3-0 down and went on to win 9-6, with Izach scoring 7 goals in a terrific performance. Y8 are also through to the second round of the County Cup. The team have a good chance of being promoted through the play offs if performances remain consistent.

The Y7's have been working hard at training to prepare for fixtures throughout December. They now have a good grasp of the game and we are confident they will experience some success in their first games. Unfortunately their first game against Murray Park had to be cancelled, but they are set to play Derby High, which they are very excited about.

A big well done to Marie Y8 and Layla Y8 for their continued dedication to netball this year. They have been playing in the Y9 netball team due to a lack of players in their year group. We are also pleased to welcome Katy Y8 and Briony Y8, who joined us and played their first fixture last week. We would love to have more year 8 students join us at netball, come and give it go! You never know, you might love it.

The Y9 netball teams have dominated their fixtures this term. The A team have won both matches against Murray Park and Noel Baker, with a very impressive 20-2 win over Noel Baker. The B team started with a narrow defeat from Murray Park 3-2, however have triumphed with a 9-6 win against Noel Baker and a 7-3 win over Leesbrook. Special mention to Zylah Y9, Amy Y9 & Ashleigh Y9 who were all awarded Player of the matches!

Well done to the Y10 team that have represented the college at the Derby schools tournament and in their fixture last week against Lees Brook. They have been making some big improvements in their game and we can't wait to see how they do in their fixtures next term.

The Y11 team competed at the Derby schools tournament finishing in 8th place. The team is mostly made up of GCSE PE students and showed some promising performances ahead of their moderation later this year.

The Y9 boys have had a great start to the year playing 4 games so far, winning 3 and drawing 1. The first game was against Alvaston Moor and despite being 2-1 down they came out with a 15-3 win, Adem and Brinley both scoring 7 goals! After a great first game they then played CODA which finished 1-1. They then played Bemrose which was the second win of the season, finishing with a whopping 7-1. The final game so far was against Da Vinci and even with the weather being horrendous that day they still tried their best and came out on top with a 4-0 win.

The Y9 girls are took part in a 3 day tournament against many different schools from Derby. They have been successful in games throughout the tournament, both winning and showing fantastic effort and confidence against strong opponents.

Y11 boys have shown some great individual performances during the games and the lads have shown resilience through some tough games. Sportsmanship shown by the squad has been second to none and we are really proud of this. Some tough fixtures which lead to good games of football and glimpses of brilliance from all.

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LIBERTY
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