

# L'ANDAU LEADER

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# Year 7 Residential to Hesley Wood

Well done to Y7 students who really displayed the characteristics of 'Being My Best Me' on their residential! Students participated in archery, rafting, rock climbing, raft building and much more - a great time was had by all!





# Coronation Celebrations at LFCD

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III our fantastic restaurant team served a delicious afternoon tea for staff and students. The lower mall was also decorated in red, white and blue and students researched the history, importance and viability of the monarchy during tutor time and Values lessons.

# **Musa Akbar Memorial Tournament**

Well done to the winners of the third annual Musa Memorial Tournament. Thank you to the PE team for organising the event, thank you to Y8 for their great participation and thanks to Y9 for their superb fundraising efforts!





### Year 11 Leavers' Ball Celebrations

It was a pleasure to celebrate the end of their five years at Landau with our Y11 students. The Leavers' Ball was a fitting tribute to a great group of young people. This year group has been a pleasure to work with, they have been absolutely lovely and have brought lots of joy and laughter to LFCD! It was a pleasure to see our students arriving in their beautiful outfits and fancy cars! We hope everyone enjoyed the evening which was a real celebration of our students time at Landau.













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# Year 13 Leavers' Ball Celebrations

Our Y13 students had a fantastic time at Derbyshire Cricket Club, celebrating the end of their time in our Sixth Form. We are incredibly proud of this group of young people, they have worked so hard and made the most of every opportunity given to them by LFCD. We wish them lots of luck for the future, we know they will go out into the world and make a real difference!









# Alison Cope Anti Violence Event

Thank you to Alison for delivering her powerful anti violence message to students in Y7 to 10. Alison's story had a profound impact on our young people. Alison shared her message about the impact of youth violence, it's connection to social media and the impact of losing her son, Joshua. Heartfelt thanks to Alison for sharing Joshua's story with us.



# Y12 Enrichment activities

Over recent weeks our Y12 students have participated in some amazing enrichment activities!

They have had lunch with the Attorney General the Rt Hon Victoria Prentis KC MP. listened to Alastair Campbell's inspiring talk about leadership and taken part in 'What can I do to make a positive change to society?' at Derby Book Festival. Finally, students debated complex and challenging issues around religion, philosophy and ethics. Such diverse and interesting activities play a huge role in the personal development of our Sixth Form students.

# City of Derby Sea Cadets gathering

Thank you to the City of Derby Sea Cadets team, including our very own LFCD student Charlie, for delivering an inspiring gathering to our students. We hope many more members of the Landau Community sign up for the Cadets!



# Summer Serenade - a celebration of music and dance!



Thank you to all the staff and students who worked so hard to put together the fantastic Summer Serenade!

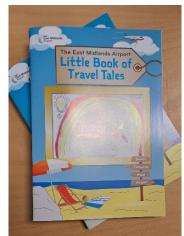
It was such a pleasure to watch the amazing performances of our super talented students. We have so many amazing dancers, skilful musicians and beautiful singers - well done to all involved.

# East Midlands Airport World Book Day Regional Competition Winners

Huge congratulations to four of our students who are competition winners in the World Book Day regional competition promoted by East Midlands Airport.

Well done to Sara, Mariama, Ashley and Hirah for their winning entries! As a winning school we received a £50 National Book Token to spend on library books and the students have received a special invitation to the airport to give out the book featuring their work,

If you plan on visiting the airport soon, keep an eye out for The East Midlands Little Book of Travel Tales! We hope you enjoy reading Sara and Mariama's write-up of their Airport visit.



### My Airport Report

When we first arrived we were exactly on time. Next we all gathered round and whilst the lady was talking we didn't make a sound.

We all had to show respect and be at our best. After that we walked on over to the departures hall where everyone was having a ball.

We took a few photos to keep the memories alive and then here comes the part that I wanted to hide.

My dad volunteered me to have a photo with a passenger against my will.

And in the photo it was kind of hard to keep still. My dress was slippery and nearly made me slip. But I found a way to keep my grip.

Later on we grabbed some bags filled with our books and snacks.

We handed them out and boy were their suitcases and bags packed.

Soon after we went to see the fire truck. It was six feet tall and at one point I got stuck. We asked a few questions then we got lunch. Since me and my dad were fasting we got a drink which the lady kindly paid for.

My dad got Vimto and I got strawberry lemonade. We got different things but after I drank mine everything tasted the same.

Once everyone finished we said our goodbyes. Before I wasn't into poetry but I am so glad I tried.

By Mariama

### My Airport Report

My stomach churned in excitement as we arrived at the large parking waiting to spring out at any moment. My footsteps quickened towards the departures area eagerness rushing over me with every stride. As I walked through the double doors, the atmosphere around me felt welcoming.

A friendly face looked down at me, asking how my day went. I replied, then soon after she confirmed my name. I looked around, children of all ages stood before me talking to their parents. Anticipation spiralled across me, leaving nothing but a speck of boredom left. Soon everyone arrived and the lady began the tour. The spacious corridors left more than enough room for all 12 people to roam the halls. As we followed the lady she

12 people to roam the halls. As we followed the lady she showed us the buses which come from different parts of England. Whilst we were outside a large metal engine stood outside of the arrivals, she told us that it was made from a jet engine. A smile broadened on my face as I realised it had a meaning. The lady lastly showed us the arrivals hall which brought an end to the tour.

To continue the day we got asked to hand our copies of the travel book to people in the airport. At first I was nervous, but when I had handed out one book then my confidence grew. Once we had finished our group got called to see the airport fire truck. The firefighters explained that it carried much more water than an ordinary one, they showed us the inside of it. After a while we moved onto the next activity.

Lastly we did an Easter egg hunt. They put clues around the airport and we had to find the next clue. It was fun until a child got to the last clue before me!

To end the day we went to Greggs for some lunch which was completely free! I fulfilled my hunger by eating a sausage roll. When I had finished it, it was time to go. When we left the nice lady gave us a goody bag on the way out.

When we had reached the car disappointment struck me as I realised it was time to go however I will never forget the magical memories I had made.

By Sara M

# **First Story Success!**



Well done to our Y9 students for becoming published writers!

Our students have worked with our writer in residence, Sian Tower, to create 'More than meets the eye', an amazing published anthology of short stories and poetry. The quality of the writing is absolutely exceptional and we are so proud of all the contributors to this amazing book. Some of the young people who contributed also had their slam poetry pieces published in 'The places I'll go' - another outstanding achievement for our Y9 students!

Well done to Lewan who created the stunning art work for the book.

Thank you to Sian and First Story for their on going support.

# **Duke of Edinburgh achievements**

Well done to all the students who have completed their Bronze and Silver awards this academic year. Thanks to the dedicated staff team who have supported students with their volunteering and expeditions. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is so important, it supports young people to develop self confidence, team work, resilience and communication skills. It's an invaluable programme for our young people.



# Golden ticket pizza party

Well done to all the students who were invited to attend the end of year celebrations for achieving the most golden tickets. Golden tickets are awarded to students for hard work, excellent effort and modelling the 'Being My Best Me' values. It was lovely to see students from all year groups represented at the event!



# Young Writers Success

Well done to all our students who won awards in the national Young Writers competition. It was fantastic to see students from Y7 to Year 12 recognised for their creative writing talents.



# Cycle for Sudan Fundraising - Miles for Refugees

The Landau community wanted to offer its support to the people in Sudan who are in crisis, being displaced from their families and having to flee their homes due to the ongoing conflict. Students and staff have worked together to clock up 1,500 miles on the exercise bikes, which is the distance it takes the people of Sudan to get to safety in Cyprus. All money raised will go to the British Red Cross 'Miles for Refugees' fund and will help support families who require humanitarian aid in Sudan and those families who are returning to Britain from Sudan. We are very proud of the support the Landau Community has shown for this fundraising event.









# **Chabeel Day**

Thank you to our Sixth Form students who arranged for free drinks to be given away to support the Sikh celebration of Chabeel Day.

Chabeel Day is marked annually to honour the bravery, tenacity, and optimism of Guru Arjan Dev Ji. On this day, the Sikh community offers the public a cold, thirst-quenching beverage to help them escape the oppressive heat and to spread the word of optimism and the value of believing.



# **Equality win annual House competition!**

Congratulations to Mr Armah and all in Equality House who are the winners of the annual House competition! It was a hard fought battle throughout the year but Equality emerged victorious! Their most recent victory was in the staff tug of war - a very entertaining after school event, watched by lots of staff and students. Thank you to all staff and students who have participated in the huge range of House competitions that have taken place over the year - it's been inspiring to see so many students and staff modelling the characteristics of 'Being My Best Me'.

# **Healthy Living Week**

Thank you to the Landau Forte Parliament who organised Healthy Living Week. The week had a clear focus on the importance of physical and mental health and activities that took place included: Interactive stall at lunchtime provided by Compass Mental Health Support Hub to share well being and self care tips;

staff and students from the University of Nottingham working with our Y12 students to investigate the importance of a healthy diet on physical and mental health; The House competition Tug of War and the creation of a LFCD healthy recipe book. The creation of an A to Z of healthy living display. Students really enjoyed the week and found the conversations around the link between healthy body and healthy mind so beneficial.









# The Great Landau Bake Off

Well done to our winners, Sophie, Jack, Maya and Mr Buckley! Over £150 was raised to support the humanitarian relief effort in the Ukraine.









# 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 vou 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.





# **Summer School 2023**





It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our new Y7 students to our annual Summer School. Students participated in creative and sporting activities including international dance, music sessions, creating an amazing Landau mosaic, a variety of team sports and also met some very interesting reptiles, arachnids and rodents! The summer school was a brilliant introduction to life at Landau and had a clear focus on character education and social and emotional well-being. Sessions focused on developing resilience, building positive relationships with others and showing courtesy and respect for others.

### **Sports Day at Harvey Haddon Stadium Nottingham**

The whole school travelled to Nottingham for the third LFCD Sports Day. Students cheered on their Houses as our young people participated in track and field activities, including long jump, javelin, discuss, sprints, longer distance races and of course the student and staff relays. The stadium was a sea of vibrant orange, blue, green, yellow and purple as students donned their house colours and waved flags and banners to support their houses.

The overall winner of Sports Day was Versatility House – well done to the winning green team!



# **Culture Week**

# Our second annual Culture Week was an amazing success!

It was absolutely inspiring to see our students so interested and supportive of each other's heritage and cultures. Students were curious to find out more about each other and really enjoyed listening to and participating in the workshops that took place.

Students watched performances from their peers, representing their cultural heritage, and participated in international music and dance workshops culminating in performances from staff and students over lunchtime. Students and staff were also able to experience food from across the world, including Caribbean delights, Indian street food and the English tradition of fish and chips! There was a carnival atmosphere across the school as we celebrated everything that makes Landau such a special place - we can't wait for next year's event. Thank you to all in the Landau Community for embracing Culture Week - we absolutely loved it!







### Landau Forte College Derby celebrates a set of fantastic GCSE results.

Teenagers across the country collected their results on August 24, after sitting their exams throughout May and June. Staff at LFCD have gone above and beyond to ensure students were prepared and confident while sitting their exams. In particular, the school offered an enhanced package of pastoral and wellbeing support and additional subject specific intervention at the end of the school day.

The extra support paid off with many students achieving excellent results, while staff celebrated another year of fantastic grades, with 80% of students achieving a grade 4 or above in English and Maths.

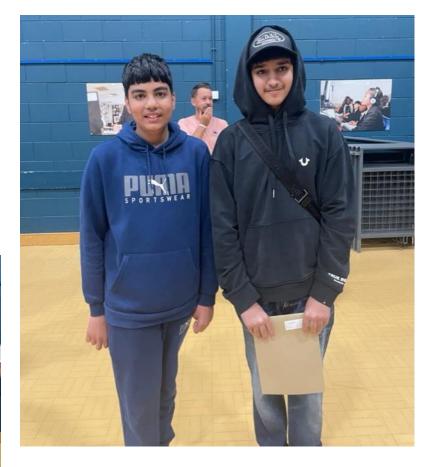
- Marin achieved eight grade 9s (Maths, English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, RE, Business Studies) and two grade 8s (English Literature, Spanish)
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  grade 8s (English Literature, PE)
- Alehsa achieved seven grade 9s (Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Product Design, Business Studies) and three grade
   8s (English Literature, Spanish, Art)
- Arda six grade 9s (Maths, English Language, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Geography) three grade 8s (Physics, History, Art) and one grade 7 (Spanish)

### Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:

"Well done to all of our students on achieving such a fantastic set of results. I am so proud of them. They have shown hard work, resilience, and dedication and have been a truly wonderful group of young people to work with. They thoroughly deserve all they have achieved, and I look forward to seeing what they go on to do. Their future is very bright indeed."







### Staff and students at LFCD celebrate fantastic A level results

On 17 August students across the country collected their A level results, after sitting their exams during May and June. It had been a normal school year after the pandemic disruption, but there have still been challenges to overcome for both staff and students.

School staff have worked tirelessly to ensure students had all the support they needed as they sat the final exams of their school career. In particular LFCD offered additional support outside of lessons in the form of A level master classes and a substantial non qualification curriculum, preparing students for life after Sixth Form.

Thanks to the hard work and determination of both students and staff, there was lots to celebrate, with many students gaining places at top universities or on an apprenticeship, as well as those who are entering the workplace. Students have achieved superb results, 33% of all grades were A\*-A and 88% of all grades were A\*-C

Result highlights and destinations include:

- Rajveer A\*A\*A\* Nottingham Trent University to study Biochemistry
- Teodora A\*A\*A\* University College London to study Psychology
- Matteo A\*A\*A University College London to study Chemical Engineering
- Suraya-Lei A\*A\*A University College London to study Mathematics
- Luke A\*A\*A Luke is taking a gap year
- Matthew A\*A\*A University of Southampton to study to Biochemistry
- Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:

"We are so proud to be able to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students. Their commitment to academic excellence and a determination to excel has resulted in some truly wonderful results. I have no doubt that these young people will continue to impress as they move into higher education, take up apprenticeships, or enter the world of work."







# If you are feeling upset or worried or have concerns



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