



THE LANDAU LEADER

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM LFCD

Landau Forte College Derby named as best comprehensive school in the East Midlands!

Landau Forte College Derby has been named the best comprehensive school in the East Midlands in the new Sunday Times Parent Power Guide.

This is fantastic news, and the entire Landau community is absolutely delighted by this achievement. It is the end result of a tremendous amount of hard work from the whole team here at Landau Forte College and we are so grateful to have such a dedicated and passionate staff.

We were chosen as the top school in the

region due to our strong academic performances, our rich array of extra-curricular offerings, our clear focus on student wellbeing and our ambitious aspirations for all young people.

None of this happens by accident. It is down to the efforts of our wonderful teachers, non-teaching staff, and wider support staff. It is also due to the fantastic support we receive from our students, parents, families, and wider school community - thank you to all in the Landau community!



BookBuzz

We are delighted to have once again taken part in the fantastic BookBuzz programme from BookTrust. All students in year 7 were able to choose a book from a shortlist of 16 titles. We are expecting to take delivery of the books in the next few weeks. Many of the titles have an Accelerated Reader quiz giving students more quizzing opportunities!



Call It Out campaign

All members of the Landau community are supporting the third year of our 'Call It Out' campaign as we empower our students to call out sexual harassment. Miss Cain delivered gatherings to all students, discussing sexism, gender stereotyping and sexual harassment, highlighting the support networks available to all our young people in school. At the start of the academic year we delivered training to all staff to ensure they felt confident in supporting our young people in calling out sexual harassment and gender stereotyping. Young people face many challenges on their journey to adulthood and we want to ensure that they feel confident to report any behaviours that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. If any young person has any worries or concerns support is available for them at LFCD. We would encourage everyone to reach out to their trusted adult in school - support is here for you!



Winter Fair Celebrations



Saturday saw the annual Landau Forte Winter Fair taking place. There were lots of lovely stalls, Christmas food treats and Christmas crafts for all the family. It was great to see so many of our families at this free, festive event. We were also delighted to welcome Santa back to LFCD, he told us he really enjoyed meeting so many members of the Landau community!



Remembrance Day

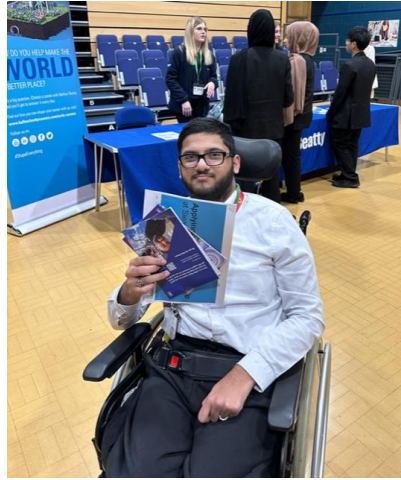
It was a very poignant and moving moment as the whole school stopped to remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts across the world. As always, we were so impressed with the respect and compassion displayed by the Landau Community. Thank you to our army cadets for attending in their full uniform, they wore their uniforms with such pride and confidence - what great role models for the College!



Careers Fair for Years 11, 12 and 13



It was a pleasure to host our very own Careers Fair for all students in Years 11, 12 and 13. The event was very well attended by national and local employers including JCB, the Army, Bowmer Kirkland, the RAF, Rolls Royce, Siemens and Balfour Beatty. All students had the opportunity to talk to representatives from each company about specific career opportunities. We were also so proud to see one of our ex students representing JCB and supporting the next generation of Landau students.



Thank you to Omari!

It was a real pleasure to have ex student Omari Kellyman visit the school and donate the shirt he wore for his recent Carabao Cup match for Aston Villa FC. We are so proud of Omari and all he has accomplished. He was a fantastic student at LFCD and Landau Forte Academy Moorhead, a great role model for all and thoroughly deserves all his success. Good luck for the future Omari and stay in touch. You will always be part of the Landau Community.



Vex Robotics Regional Tournament Success!



Well done to all students who participated in the Vex Robotics Regional Tournament in Nottingham.

All our students did extremely well and LFCD teams won three out of the four competitions, qualifying for the National Championships in 2024! We are very proud of all the students who competed, their dedication to robotics is so impressive!

Sixth Form at LFCD



This term has seen our sixth form students experiencing another broad set of Non-Qualification Activities, complementing their A level studies.

One of the highlights of the year are the workshops presented by visitors from Zebra Red who bring into sharp focus the issues of discrimination, extremism and hate crime. Again this year, the delivery was intense, honest, at times humorous but always deeply thought provoking; both students and staff are typically left deeply moved, not least because of the enduring message of hope that underpins the talks, largely derived from the speakers' own experiences. Students were again engaged and inspired by what they heard and have again found this to be the stimulus for much deep reflection and wider debate.

Careers have again been a focus this term, highlighted by the annual Careers Fair held in November. Representation from twelve local, national and global employers, including Rolls Royce, JCB and Siemens, provided much valuable information to our students to reflect on. This major event has been accompanied by individual visitors this term with students considering a career in nursing attending a highly engaging talk from our former student Kiran whilst Dr Imtiaz-Umer again provided a hugely valuable and much appreciated insight into the life of a GP for our aspiring medical students. With a general election approaching, our Y13 students recently attended a talk from Dr Alen Toplišek, Senior Lecturer in Global Affairs and Politics from the University of Derby, on the UK political system and background to the major current political issues. This event was a follow up the focus students have each year in their *Learning for Life* sessions. Finally, students have again this term taken part in our very own version of 'Ready Steady Cook', with a 'one-pot challenge'. This hugely popular event was this time won by Keira, Nykera and Merin.



The Silhouette

Dafe Awarota

I.
I was.
I was running fast.
Sweat meandered down my forehead like a river.
I could feel his eerie presence. My blood boiled like a cauldron. His slender arms extended.
He stopped me. The hairs on the back of my neck stood like soldiers, and my mind drowned in a vast sea of thoughts that towered above me. I recognised his face.
A twisted smile was carved on his willowy face. His motionless eyes fixed on my own.
He pulled a weapon out of his sling.
The blade pierced me.
I was.
Dead.



First Story Summer School Success

Yet again, a member of the Landau Forte First Story Alumni was selected to attend the prestigious national First Story Summer School. Dafe represented our school so well, he is a published author for the second time, with several of his pieces of work being included in the recently published *Emerging Adults* anthology. Well done Dafe - we are very proud of you!



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We hosted a super successful Macmillan Coffee Morning. Our staff and students baked the amazing cakes for the event, including a very tasty red velvet cake, the most amazing rhubarb cake and a beautiful, exquisitely decorated autumn cake!

Parents and staff then joined us for coffee and cake. Together we raised over £180.

It was lovely to meet so many parents at the event, we were able to talk to our parents about our PSHE (Values) curriculum, our 'Call it out' campaign and our Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum. A very interesting and enjoyable morning was had by all!



What do we do at tutor time?

Every day students have tutor time from 8:30-9am with their personal tutor. During this time students might have a gathering, weekly general knowledge quiz, reciprocal reader, Best Me (character development programme) and theme of the week.

This term students have explored a number of themes. We celebrated Diwali as a College community and explored the history behind this tradition. During anti bullying week students took part in a gathering about what bullying is, the impact of bullying and what they should do if they experience bullying. To coincide with the increasingly dark days we held a 'design a cycle helmet' competition and students were informed about the importance

of wearing a helmet and road safety. We have raised money this term for those living with AIDS/HIV and students could purchase a red ribbon and were taught about this virus.

Our Best Me character building programme involved exploring the trait of empathy. Through activities, discussion, video clips and practical tasks students learnt about empathy and developed it through practice.



Landau Forte Mental Health Awareness Day

Landau Forte Mental Health Awareness Day raised £200 for MIND!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event – it is so important to raise awareness of how young people can access support inside and outside of school. Please remember if you are struggling with your mental health, we are here for you.



Mental Health Support at LFCD

Well done to our sixth form Mental Health Ambassadors who delivered gatherings on accessing mental health support in school and the important of self care. Our Mental Health Ambassadors are volunteer students who have completed a rigorous training programme to enable them to support our young people. Our Ambassadors also highlighted that November is Men's Mental Health Month and encouraged all our students to reach out for support, if they need it.



Heads of House update

This term, students have had lots of opportunities to win house points for their teams including, handball and Mario kart tournament and our anti-bullying poster design competition to name a few! To finish the term off students and staff will be invited to compete in our first every human hungry hippo's tournament!

Students now also have the opportunity to win house badges – these are awarded to students who show outstanding effort and participation in their houses. Well done those students who have already been awarded these special badges!

There will be many more opportunities for student to participate and help support their houses next term, including a chess tournament, an inter house quiz and Mario Kart continued.

Young Writers' National Competition

Well done to all our students, from Years 8-12, who were awarded a certificate of merit for their creative writing talents in the national Young Writers' competition.



Duke of Edinburgh Success

Congratulations to all our students who completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The DoE is a brilliant programme which supports our young people to develop important key skills such as communication, resilience and team work. Students showed dedication and commitment to the programme and completed their expeditions and volunteering successfully! Thank you to the staff that supported the programme as well.



Y11 Hospitality & Catering

Some images from the recent hospitality and catering mock exam.



Read Write Inc Fresh Start Phonics Programme

We are delighted that since beginning with the Read Write Fresh Start Phonics Programme in July 2022, we have been able to support 69 students from across the College with their phonics and reading skills. With a team of 23 specially trained phonics tutors we are able to offer expert intervention to help students get up to speed with their reading.

If you have any questions about the phonics programme please contact Phonics Lead Miss S Heaven, at sheaven@landau-forte.org.uk.



Read for the win

Did you know that students who read for pleasure more than once a week at the age of 16 gain higher results in maths and have a broader and increased vocabulary according to research from The Reading Agency?

We have recently launched a brand new 'Read for the win' reading initiative for year 10 and 11 students to encourage an increase in reading for pleasure along studying for exams.

How to take part?

Read at least one book from Landau's literary canon every half term.

Complete a book recommendation for every book from the canon that you read.

Read and write reviews for a minimum of 5 books across the year and win a £20 Amazon voucher.

Reading across the College is top priority

As part of our tutor time programme, all students across year 7-11 now have a literacy session. This session looks at some key reading strategies to help students when reading materials from across the curriculum. Students have the opportunity to practise these strategies with their Personal Tutor before they apply them to any other reading in College.

All Personal tutors have had specialist reading strategies training in order to support students.

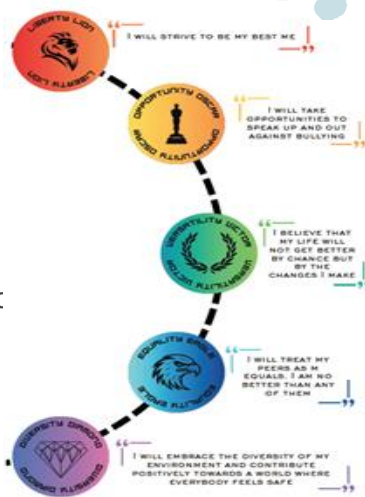
Ready Steady Cook

Following on from last year's successful 'Ready Steady Cook!' sessions, part of the sixth form's extensive non-qualification activities, we started this year with 9 teams of students from both Y12 and Y13. The remit was to make a dessert of their choice using the ingredients available, which included eggs, milk, jam, golden syrup and apples. All the groups were also given some flour, sugar and butter. They had 50 minutes to plan their recipe, cook it and wash up before presenting it to an esteemed group of judges led by head judge Mr Andrews! All agreed it was a great success, with some very impressive dishes produced; the efforts of all were brilliant, particularly by some who had never cooked before! The winners were Emily, Hannah and Deven.



Anti-Bullying Week

In support of Anti Bullying Week, our LF parliament and Heads of Houses hosted gatherings to raise awareness of how we can work together to create a House pledge to make a noise about bullying. We want to stand together with respect and unity as a school community, supporting our students to turn to a trusted adult if they have worries or concerns. Our house pledges were;



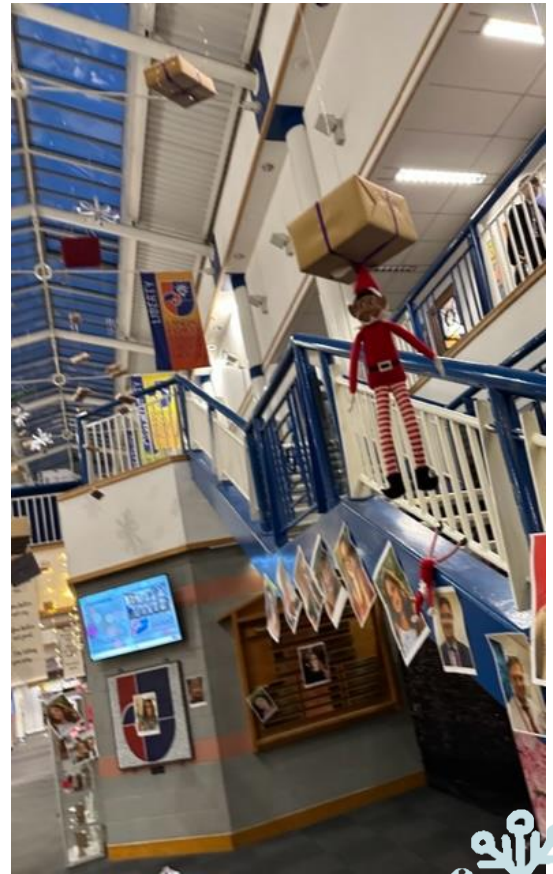
Landau Christmas Film Club

Our students and their families recently enjoyed a free showing of Elf from the Landau Film Club. The after school event was well attended and helped get everyone in the Christmas spirit! Watch this space for the next free film showing.



They're back!

The Grinch and the naughty elf have made a return to LFCD after 12 months away and they are causing absolute havoc! Our students loved welcoming back our annual visitors and getting in the Christmas spirit. The naughty elf made a surprise visit to the Y7 gathering - with a gift of chocolate for every Y7 student! We wait to see what other mischief the pair get up to this week.



Y7 positive social event and social media gurus

In October, Y7 took part in our positive social media event and were challenged to think differently about social media and their own personal relationship with it. Student assessed both the positive and negative side of social media and began to think about how their behaviour online could be perceived as social media bullies. Students looked at different case studies about those whose lives have been affected by poor social media choices. Students investigated at how they can protect themselves through understanding social media privacy setting. They all looked into not believing everything they see on social media and how lives can be more fulfilling if they

spend less time on it. Students then made their own commitments to change their behaviour on social media. Some of the commitments student made were; 'Check my privacy, 'not use my phone past 7pm', 'play more football instead of being on my phone', 'delete some of my social media.'

Following this fantastic event, each tutor base has selected two social media gurus to help support our sixth form online safety ambassadors monthly with what is going on in the world of social media and how we can best support both parents and students!



SPORTS NEWS

LFCD Basketball

The Y8 basketball team, with assistance from Y7s Henry and Lucas, made an outstanding start to their year with 3 victories in 3 games in their first tournament at West Park. A dominant Adam led the side to comprehensive victories and caught the eye of a number of opposition coaches who commented on how well the side performed. An extremely strong start to the basketball season which recommences after the Christmas break.



LFCD Cricket

We had a workshop run by Derbyshire County Cricket. Three of our girls have been selected to attend the Derbyshire County Cricket Club trials this month. We wish Katy, Abeerah and Diven good luck, we can't wait to find out how you get on.

Netball update

Our Y8s and Y10s have begun their fixtures. The Y10 team entered the city tournament, where they finished a commendable 5th place against some strong netball teams. Both the Y8 A and B teams have played Littleover and Noel Baker. Their Littleover games were tough and they lost, leaving us a lot to work on at training. However, the girls bounced back ready for Noel Baker. The B team lost to Noel Baker's A team by 5 goals, a really great effort from the team. The A team lost by 3 goals to Noel Baker's Y9 team- not only were they the year above but they were extremely tall, so a really great performance from the A team who persevered throughout the whole game.



Y7 Football update

The Y7 football season at this point is played in a tournament format used as grading games for the second half of the season. Due to the tournament format we have played a range of teams with positive results against St Benedicts, CODA on both occasions we have played them. However, we unfortunately fell to narrow defeats against Ecclesbourne and Leesbrook. There have been a number of standout performances across the tournaments with Jack leading the way on the goal scoring front and Henry has put in a number of star goalkeeping performances. The side has had a number of players represent the team with 18 players used across the two tournaments.

Y9 Football update

The Y9 football team displayed some great character and some strong performances this year. The side have been on the wrong side of some close results, particularly losing 3-2 to QEGS in a tightly contested match in the county cup. Izach has yet again displayed his talent and leadership skills by putting in some great goal scoring performances. New recruit Oliver has been a strong addition to the side and contributed with some outstanding saves.

Y10 Football update

After winning the final last year, the Y10s knew it was going to be harder in the league above. They lost their first game 4-2 after being 4-0 down in 15 minutes, so they improved as the game went on. They then went against Derby Moor and the final score was 2-2 after a very close game. In the third game they played they put up a good fight but unfortunately lost 4-0. In the final game they've had so far, it was in the cup against a team a division up and it finished with an unlucky loss.



Y8 Football



Unfortunately, the team failed to win a game after 5 games. The boys worked very hard though, and despite the reduced numbers we took to games, they managed to put in some strong performances, in spite of results.

The boys played Da Vinci, Leesbrook, Woodlands and Noel Baker in their group, as well as West Park in the cup. The highlight of these being a 5-3 loss to Woodlands where they put up a great fight and never gave up, a game they really should have won.

A group of Y8/7 boys also participated in a FUTSAL tournament at Noel Baker. Unfortunately, results did not go our way, but they, again, showed great fight and never gave up.

Girls football update



Y7 girls have had a fantastic start to their year. They attended their first tournament and are currently placed fourth in the table with more fixtures that will be taking place in the New Year, we are hoping to continue to build on the points in the league table. Y7s also attended a full day tournament where they reached the semi-final but suffered a 2-0 loss to Ecclesbourne, and therefore finished third in the tournament. Francesca captained the Y7 team and won player of the tournament due to her dedication, team work and fantastic performance.

Y9 attended a tournament in November, they demonstrated hard work and dedication, showing continued resilience against other teams. They will be attending further fixtures for this tournament in the New Year to extend the points in the table.



OPPORTUNITY
3290
HOUSE POINTS

VERSATILITY
3120
HOUSE POINTS

DIVERSITY
2990
HOUSE POINTS

EQUALITY
2700
HOUSE POINTS

LIBERTY
2720
HOUSE POINTS