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Enterprise Challenge Day for Year 8

Well done to all of our Year 8 students who recently participated in an Enterprise Challenge Day, run by Enterprise for Education.

Enterprise Challenge Days are a chance for students to showcase their creativity, teamwork skills and entrepreneurial flair. Working in groups, students design a 'start-up' business in a bid to impress volunteers from local businesses and make it through to a final presentation at the end of the day. During the final presentations students get the opportunity to showcase their ideas to a judging panel and hopefully do enough to win!

Well done to the winning team who delivered their business plan with lots of detail, careful planning and real passion!

Catering team raise £2010 for Cancer Research

Our fabulous catering team have raised over two thousand pounds for Cancer Research by completing the Shine Night Walk. Well done all, we are very proud of you!

International Women's Day 2024

Two of our Year 13 students were lucky enough to attend an International Women's Day event which celebrated Derbyshire's inspirational female General Practitioners. The GPs shared their leadership journeys and provided hope, optimism and encouragement to all present. Our students, who are looking to secure careers in medicine, were able to network with some incredible female role models, ask questions and take advice and guidance from all present at the prestigious event.

Operation Sceptre visits Landau

Thank you to our Safer Neighbourhood Policing team who recently visited LFCD to talk to students about Operation Sceptre.

Operation Sceptre is a national Police initiative, aimed at preventing and reducing knife crime. The Safer Neighbourhood Team hosted a pop up stall at lunch time and talked to students about keeping themselves safe, reporting concerns and the law around carrying a knife.

Principal's Pizza Party

Well done to the forty students who were invited to the Principal's end of term Pizza Party. The party is to recognise students who have achieved the most golden tickets throughout the term. Students are awarded golden tickets for demonstrating LFCD Best Me values and working to the very best of their ability in lessons.

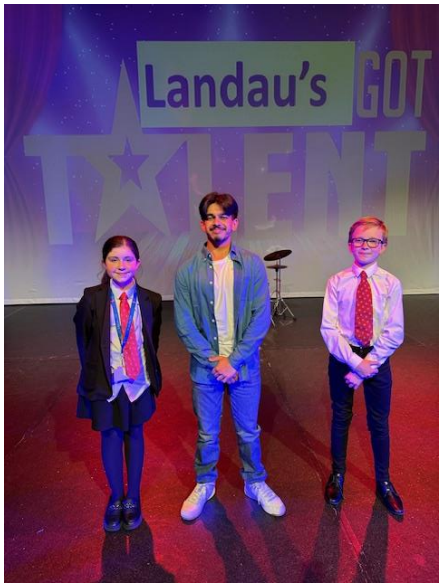
Inter school Robotics competition

Our IT team of Mr Armah and Mr Harbour hosted an in school robotics competition which saw all of LFCD robotics teams compete against each other for the title of LFCD Champion!

Parents and families were invited to watch the event as a special thank you for all their support over the academic year and all the early morning starts to the regional and national competitions!

Our Year 7 team with Jeff the Terabyte narrowly beat our Year 9 and 10 team, Team Beast, to be crowned LFCD champions! Well done to all our students who have shown such dedication and commitment to our Robotics enrichment programme.

Landau's Got Talent 2024



Our annual Landau's Got Talent was again a wonderful showcase of our students' incredible talents!

We had dancers, singers, musicians and for the first time ever an incredible animation!

Our judges had a very difficult task and after much deliberation, Lucy from Year 7 was announced as a very worthy winner - she performed the most beautiful solo song! The audience were absolutely spellbound by Lucy's incredible voice.

Well done to Yash from Year 13 who came second, giving Jimi Hendrix a run for his money with a jaw dropping guitar solo! Stasio from Year 8 came third with a fantastic drumming performance.

Congratulations to all the performers and thank you to Mr Hart for creating such a brilliant evening's entertainment.

Autism Awareness Fundraiser

We are so proud of our Year 12 student Matthew who, from 13 July, will spend 4 weeks fundraising for the National

Autistic Society. Matthew aims to walk 80 kilometres in the 4 weeks.

The National Autistic Society offer courses to help support parents of autistic children. They have 116 different branches for social activities and they offer a variety of work programmes. They also have a family of schools and adult residential care. All this makes sure autistic people get the support they need and this is why Matthew wants to raise money for this great charity.

Please read more about Matthew's fund raising activities here and if you are able, please do donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/matthew80k

Stop press – Matthew raised a huge £2,640!

National Autistic Society

Cricketing Success!

Well done to Katy in Year 9 who, after being selected to train and play by the MCC, travelled to Oxford to play in a cricket match. We are very proud of Katy - this is an incredible achievement!

At LFCD, we absolutely focused on getting more of our girls engaged in cricket and football.

Eid Al-Adha fundraising

Thank you to the Landau Forte Parliament who held a samosa sale during Eid Al-Adha. The sale raised over £250 for Save the Children.

Eid celebrations at LFCD

On our students' return to school after their celebrations for Eid Al-Fitr they found the restaurant decorated in purple and gold and were treated to a special Eid celebration meal!

We hope all our students and their families had a happy and joyful Eid.

Goodbye and thank you Year 13!

We recently said good bye and thank you to our wonderful Year 13 students with an afternoon of celebrations which included our Leavers' Gathering, ice creams and our annual Year 12 versus Year 13 football match! Unfortunately for Year 13, Year 12 won the football match but, as we know, it's not the winning that matters it's the taking part!

Year 13 have been such an incredible year group to work with. They were highlighted in our recent Ofsted inspection as being inspirational role models for the rest of the school.

We are very sad to see Year 13 leave us but so excited to find out about their adventures after Landau. We know this talented and ambitious group of young people will go on to do incredible things! They will always be part of the Landau Community.

Duke of Edinburgh

This year has been a rewarding and memorable experience for our Duke of Edinburgh participants with 29 Bronze and 17 Silver students successfully completing their expedition section. Our assessed expeditions took place in the White Peak area of the Peak District National Park where our participants demonstrated resilience and teamwork, navigating through picturesque landscapes and challenging terrains. Despite some rain, we were fortunate to avoid the worst of the heavy summer rainfall!

Congratulations to all our DofE students for their hard work, determination, and success. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you and witness your growth and achievements throughout the year. Thank you to our dedicated team of DofE staff whose support and guidance have been invaluable. Their commitment has ensured that this year has been both enjoyable and successful for everyone involved.

We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of DofE participants in the autumn term for more adventures and accomplishments!

Thank you to our Year 11 students!

On the last day of their term we rewarded our wonderful Year 11 students with an ice cream! They have been such an incredible year group to work with and we continued to be so impressed with their hard work and dedication to their studies. The inspectors who conducted our recent Ofsted inspection also highlighted Year 11 as a particularly exceptional group of young people and outstanding role models for the rest of the school community. We just wanted to say thank you and reward them for their incredible commitment to LFCD. We are very proud of this year group and we know that they will go on to make a real difference, whether they stay with us for A levels or move on to pastures new - a truly unforgettable year group! They will always be part of the Landau Community.

Year 12 activities

With the completion of their end of year exams last month, all Year 12 students have now also successfully completed a series of non-qualification activities which have complemented those they have participated in each week this academic year.

Firstly, all students completed a week long Work Placement. This annual event is a key component in the sixth form curriculum offer with students testing out their career ideas, meeting and collaborating with new people, developing their interests and skills and experiencing life as an employee.

This was then followed by four days back in College focussing on developing further skills and attitudes needed for progression at the end of next year. Events delivered by external experts included an individual 30 minute mock interview with a local employer, first aid training, an introduction to British Sign Language and a workshop focusing on oracy and how to conduct a debate. In addition, students started their applications to UCAS whilst also learning about student finance and degree apprenticeships.

These activities are intended to provide students with the experiences and knowledge to enable them to make informed decisions on their future, to successfully transition to their preferred destination next year and to be able to play a role in positively shaping the future on a global, national and local scale.

Year 8, 9 and 10 visit Germany!

In July of this year, 40 students from Y10, Y9 and Y8 visited Germany, accompanied by Miss Reed, Miss Woods, Mr Bloomfield and Mr Calow. We travelled by coach, taking the ferry from Dover to Calais, staying in the Youth Hostel in Bonn. We had a great time exploring the Rhineland area of Germany, visiting castles on the river, a cable-car ride up to a fortress, a boat trip on the river, and a day spent at the Phantasialand themepark. Evenings were spent watching the football, playing football on a nearby astroturf pitch, writing diaries in German about the visit, or shopping in the local supermarket. All of the students behaved impeccably throughout the visit, proving themselves to be trustworthy and great ambassadors for the college and for the UK. Mr Calow was stopped by a German couple on the boat trip who wanted to express how impressed they were with the students' conduct. Altogether, it was a great experience for all concerned, making memories that will last a lifetime, and learning even more about the German language and culture. It has been difficult to run visits over the past decade or so due to financial and travel restrictions, therefore we were thrilled to be able to resume foreign visits once again. Plans are already afoot for visits to Germany and Spain this academic year. Thanks to all who supported the visit in any way and here's to many more successful visits!

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

A great time was had by all at the recent Year 13 Leavers' Ball, held at Derbyshire Cricket Club. Our students looked absolutely amazing and it was a real pleasure to celebrate their successes with them!

We wish this incredible group of young people good luck for the future - we know they will go out into the world and make a real difference. We hope they stay in touch and up date us on their adventures - they will always be part of the Landau Community.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

Our amazing Y11 students looked absolutely incredible at their recent Leavers' Ball.

It was such a pleasure to spend the evening celebrating this wonderful group of young people. A great night was had by all and it really was a fitting send off for a year group who we are very proud of and who have been such a pleasure to work with. We wish all our Year 11 students good luck for the future!

Final week at Landau!

Our students had a fabulous time during the last week of the academic year!

Sports Days took place for Years 7 to 10 and participation in every year group was exceptional. The Sports Days focused on team sports such as Handball, Cricket, Netball and Football. The Year 8 event was extra special as it encompassed our annual Musa Memorial Tournament. It was a pleasure to welcome Musa's family on site and a very special visitor from KORT, Mohammed Akhtar, to present the trophies to the winning teams of Opportunity and Diversity who won the netball and football competitions. We have now raised over £10,000 for KORT in memory of our dear student Musa.

Well done to Versatility House who were the overall winners of Sports Week!

Students were treated to a free visit to Roller World in reward for hard work and great attendance. Well done to the hundreds of students who qualified for the reward events - a brilliant time was had by all!

The ice cream van visited on several occasions in the last week of term to reward students and staff with free ice creams to celebrate our Ofsted Outstanding grading from March this year. We continue to be so proud of our exceptional student and staff teams.

Finally, Friday was our annual, incredible Culture Day and our students looked amazing. It was such a pleasure to welcome our students into school to the sound of Indian Drumming! Our students were wearing beautiful outfits which celebrated their cultural heritage. Through out the day students participated in creative workshops including Morris dancing, Latin American dancing, cultural cookery, drumming workshops and watched a global dance showcase put together by students from Years 7 and 8.

An amazing final week at our wonderful school! Wishing all in the Landau Community a peaceful and restful summer break.

LFCD celebrates students' success on-A level results day!

Staff and students at Landau Forte College Derby again celebrated fantastic A-level results.

Over a third of grades achieved by students were A*/A, which is a wonderful achievement and testament to the hard work and commitment of our talented students and our exceptional staff team. The average grade achieved by students in the Sixth Form was grade B.

Staff worked tirelessly to ensure students had all the support they needed as they sat the final exams of their school career.

The College has so much to celebrate, with so many top grades being awarded, many students getting their first-choice places at universities or on an apprenticeship, as well as those who are entering the workplace.

Notable achievements include:

Isla achieved A* Maths, A* Further Maths, A* Computer Science and will study Computer Science and Mathematics at the University of Bath

Talal achieved A* Maths, A* Chemistry, A Physics. This is an incredible achievement as Talal only joined Landau in Year 13, after relocating to the UK from Pakistan. Talal will start a Teaching Assistant role at Landau Forte College at the beginning of the new academic year.

Deven achieved A* Maths, A* Further Maths, A Computer Science and will study Computer Science and Mathematics at the University of Bath

Bilall achieved A* Maths, A Chemistry, A Physics and has secured a place at the University of Nottingham to study Mechanical Engineering

Ben achieved A* Maths, A* Further Maths, A Physics and is in the process of securing a Degree Level Apprenticeship

Samir achieved A* Maths, A Further Maths, A Physics and will study Aerospace Engineering at the University of Nottingham

Xenia achieved A* Biology, A Chemistry, A Geography and has secured a place at the University of Liverpool to study Medicine.

Chyahm achieved A* Maths, A Chemistry, A Physics is will go on to study Mechanical engineering at Loughborough University

Alison Brannick, Principal, said: "We are celebrating the truly fantastic achievements of our students after a huge amount of hard work. We are so proud of this year group and all they have achieved."

"Their commitment to academic excellence and a determination to achieve has resulted in some wonderful results.

"I have complete faith that these young people will go on to impress whether they move into higher education, take up an apprenticeship or enter the world of work."

GCSE students at LFCD celebrate success!

Our students have secured some incredible results, with 79% of students achieving level 4 and above in both English and Maths. What is particularly pleasing this year is that results for disadvantaged students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are particularly strong and above national averages for non-Pupil Premium students. Staff worked hard to ensure students were well prepared for the exams.

Notable achievements include:

Barney achieved eight grade 9s in Maths, English Language, English Literature, Biology, Physics, History, Geography, Design & Technology, one grade 8 in Chemistry and one grade 7 in Spanish.

Aniksha achieved seven grade 9s in Maths, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Computer Science and three grade 8s in English Language, German, Business Studies.

Lauren achieved seven grade 9s in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, Physical Education, Art & Design and three grade 8s in English Literature, English Language, History

Kissan achieved six grade 9s in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, German, Computer Science, three grade 8s in Geography, Design & Technology, English Literature and one grade 7 in English Language.

Yuki achieved five grade 9s in Maths, Computer Science, Deign & Technology, Business Studies, Science, three grade 8s in English Literature, Science, Geography and one grade 7 in English Language. Yuki's results are even more incredible as she only joined Landau Forte College Derby in Year 10, after her family relocated to Derby from Hong Kong.

Jangvir achieved five grade 9s in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, three grade 8s in Spanish, Geography, English Literature and one grade 7 in English Language.

Mona achieved three grade 9s in Maths, English Literature, Geography, six grade 8s in English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, Business Studies and Level 2 Distinction Creative I-Media.

Alison Brannick, Principal said: "I am delighted with our students' fantastic results and I am very proud of all their hard work and dedication. It has been such a pleasure to work with this fantastic group of young people. They thoroughly deserve all their success. It will be a pleasure to welcome many students back into our Sixth Form and we are looking forward to seeing what all our students go on to achieve. Huge thanks must also go to our dedicated staff team who have worked tirelessly to ensure our students receive the very best experiences whilst at LFCD.

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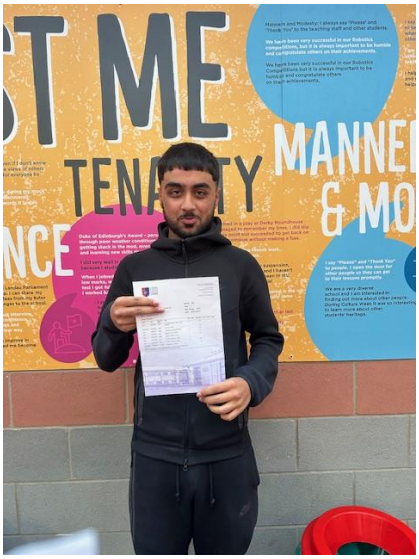

Success with the prestigious National Folio Mentor Scheme.

We are so proud of our Sixth Form student, Matilda, who was selected to participate in the highly prestigious national Folio Mentorship scheme, via her incredible work with First Story. Folio Academy Mentors and First Story Mentees meet face to face as well as online to work on creative writing portfolio projects, which is then shared at a public showcase. Matilda was paired with mentor and author Peter Hobbs. Peter is the author of two novels and has won and been shortlisted for numerous literary awards. It was an fantastic experience for Matilda to work with and be mentored by Peter and the beautiful work she produced absolutely showcased her creative writing talents. Matilda performed her work, in front of an audience, at the historic London Library. A very fitting venue for such a talented and creative young writer to showcase her inspirational work! We look forward to supporting Matilda on her next venture as the Young Producer at the Derby Poetry Festival.