

# THE LANDAU LEADER

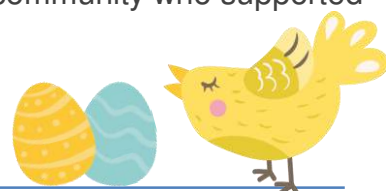
*\*Wishing you a Happy Easter\**



## Fundraising for KORT

Our Year 11 and Year 7 students recently held a very successful samosa sale and air pod raffle to raise money for Kashmir Orphans Relief Trust (KORT). The event took place in memory of our dear student Musa and raised £1050. Over the last six years we have raised an incredible amount of money for KORT and we are very proud of the legacy our students have created in Musa's memory.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all in the Landau community who supported this event.



## International Women's Day 2025

**To celebrate International Women's Day at LFCD we held several exciting events. Our Year 7 and 8 girls participated in an inspiring gathering, with a fantastic all female panel including Rachel Swann, Chief Constable of Derbyshire Police. Our students asked some really challenging questions about gender stereotyping and calling out sexism.**

Our Year 7 girls all participated in the biggest ever football session. At LFCD we are dedicated to promoting equality in sports and empowering more of our girls to participate in traditionally male dominated sports.

At lunchtime our Year 12 Equality Ambassadors encouraged all our students to make pledges to support #AcceleratingAction, the theme of IWD 2025. Our students highlighted issues such as the gender pay gap, violence against women and girls and access to health services. We were so impressed by the positive engagement in the day's activities by all in the Landau community!



## CyberFirst Girls Competition winners

Four of our Year 8 girls achieved a remarkable victory in the recent CyberFirst Girls Competition, securing the title of CyberFirst Girls Team Winners for the East Midlands region at their very first attempt. 14,500 girls competed across all four nations in the competition of which we finished in the top bracket for our district. It is an incredible feat for them and we are so proud of this achievement.

The award ceremony took place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March – International Women’s Day – at Jodrell Bank. During the daytime, all four girls had the chance to

explore the venue, interact with different workshops and take part in talks from PhD professionals, before getting ready to glam up for the evening events. The prestigious three-course meal and awards ceremony made up the evening, which included a magician, a drinks ceremony and a chance to interact with industry professionals. Each girl received a goodie bag for their achievements, which included a brand new laptop, a keyboard, a mouse, a set of customised CyberFirst AirPods and other incredible prizes.



## Safer Internet Day 2025

This year we have focused on raising awareness of online scams and staying protected online.

Thank you to our Sixth Form Digital Ambassadors who did a fantastic job! They delivered information gatherings to all students and set up information stalls to support students during lunchtimes. Our Ambassadors also spoke to parents during Year 8 Parents’ evening, providing them with resources informing them how to help their children stay safe online.



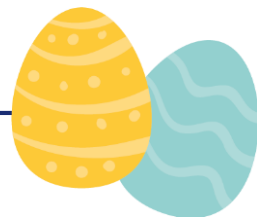
## Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month at LFCD

To celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month we have delivered sessions in every tutor time, looking at how LGBTQ+ rights have changed through generations. At LFCD, we want to continue to eliminate prejudice by educating people.

Other exciting events include our Sixth Form students delivering gatherings to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, a celebration badge campaign and a competition to create a vibrant wall display celebrating what LGBTQ+ month means to our students.







# Children's Mental Health Week

Thanks to our Sixth Form Mental Health Ambassadors who arranged a charity bake sale in support of Place2B.

Staff and students were able to purchase cakes and biscuits and at the same time receive information and advice on how to access support for mental health. Our Ambassadors were able to signpost our young people to the relevant help and support. A very worthwhile bake sale!



# International Women's Day Dragons Den Event

Well done to the winners of our recent IWD Dragon's Den competition. Our students were given the brief to create a product to support women. Working in pairs, students then pitched their ideas to a panel. We were so impressed with our students' products - they were so creative and the quality of the pitches was incredible! We done to all involved, it was wonderful to see our young women supporting each other to be the very best that they can be.



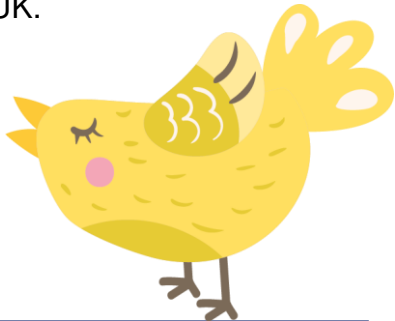
# Member of Parliament for Derby North visits LFCD



Thank you to Catherine Atkinson, MP for Derby North, who visited LFCD to participate in Question Time with our very own Landau Forte MPs!

Members of the Landau Forte Parliament, from Years 7 to 13, asked very challenging questions regarding transport, apprenticeships, education, climate change and the Government's plans for creating a much more equal society.

The event was a great insight into the political system and politics in the UK.

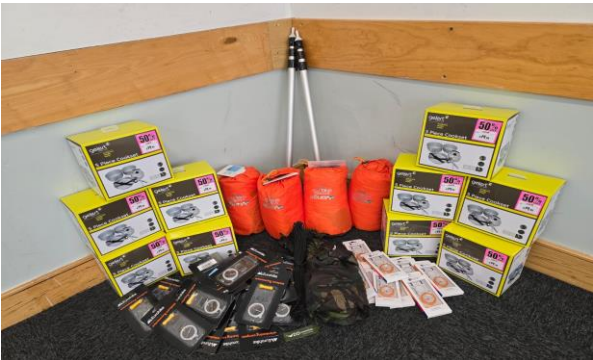


# Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Adventures so far and exciting plans ahead!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a fantastic opportunity for young people to build confidence, resilience and life skills through volunteering, physical, skills and expedition activities. Here at Landau, we're proud to offer the award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.



Our DofE students have made a brilliant start to the year. In February, our Bronze participants braved icy conditions for their navigation training walk, setting off from college and putting their map-reading skills to the test. The Silver group had a much sunnier experience, taking the train to Matlock for a hike through the Peak District on a warm March weekend.



With practice expeditions coming up this April, students will have the chance to put their training into action before their assessed expeditions in the Peak District this summer. We wish them all the best as they take on this exciting challenge!

A final bit of exciting news...thanks to the generous DofE grant we received we've been able to invest in brand-new expedition equipment. We can't wait for our students to use it on their upcoming adventures!







# Landau Forte Robotics Teams Excel at UK VEX IQ Nationals

The Landau Forte College Robotics teams have once again demonstrated their prowess and sportsmanship at the UK VEX IQ Nationals, held on March 2nd and 3rd. After successfully qualifying through the regional rounds, the teams showcased their exceptional skills and teamwork in the finals.

**Team Jeff** delivered an impressive performance, securing 4th place overall. Their dedication and hard work were evident as they navigated the challenges with precision and creativity. The team's strategic approach and innovative solutions were key factors in their success.

**Team Omega** also had a remarkable run, finishing 3rd overall. In addition to their strong performance, Team Omega was honoured with the prestigious **Energy Award**. This award recognised their politeness, enthusiasm, and unwavering support for each other and the other teams throughout the competition. Their positive attitude and collaborative spirit set a shining example for all participants.

Congratulations to Team Jeff, Team Omega, and the entire Landau Forte College Robotics program for their outstanding performance and exemplary sportsmanship at the UK VEX IQ Nationals!



# Landau Forte College's Team Beast Shines at National VEX V5 Robotics Finals



This past weekend, Landau Forte College's VEX V5 Robotics team, known as Team Beast, showcased their exceptional skills and teamwork at the National Finals held on Friday, February 28th, and Saturday, March 1st. Competing against the best teams from across the country, Team Beast delivered an outstanding performance, securing an impressive 3rd place finish.

The competition was fierce, with each team demonstrating innovative designs and strategic prowess. Team Beast's robot,

engineered and programmed by the talented students of Landau Forte College, navigated the challenges with precision and agility. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they climbed the ranks, narrowly missing out on a coveted spot in the World Finals in Dallas.

Congratulations to Team Beast and Landau Forte College for their stellar performance at the National VEX V5 Robotics Finals!







# Landau Forte College visits Barcelona

Arriving in Barcelona early on Tuesday morning, we were expecting blue skies and warm breezes but were greeted with grey skies and chances of rain, which indeed came in abundance on the final day. This did not dampen the spirits of 40 students from Year 9, 10 and 12 who were enthusiastic to experience the atmosphere of one of the most vibrant cities in Europe. It is difficult to summarise the visit as the itinerary was full and varied. Barcelona gave our students an opportunity to see the famous sights such as Montjuïc, Barcelona Cathedral, The Gothic

Quarter, and famous Gaudí architecture like Park Güell and Casa Mila whilst enriching themselves in the culture of Catalan cuisine and breath-taking flamenco dancing and music. Sagrada Família was a highlight for many, even in the rain it was difficult not to be inspired by the vision that Gaudí had. Students in years to come will have fond memories of those impromptu moments like trying to put a flat sheet on to their hostel bunk bed, getting on and off the Metro at peak times, closing the gap and friendships that were formed.





# Landau Forte Football

## Year 7 Boys Football – Mr Mycroft and Mr Middleton

The year 7 football team have had a mixed year in terms of results. The team has changed from game to game due to the great number of students keen to play and train! This has been a real positive and hopefully all students continue to want to represent Landau in fixtures but also get better at training after school. As the students' progress both physically and technically, hopefully year 8 will see an improvement in results for the team. Well done to all those who have represented LFCD in competitive fixtures this year!

## Biggest Ever Football Session

Well done to all our year 7 Girls. They took part in the 'Girls Biggest Ever Football Session' in March. This is to promote the inclusion of girls in football. Every single year 7 girl took part in a football tournament on the multigame court! Congratulations to the winning teams!

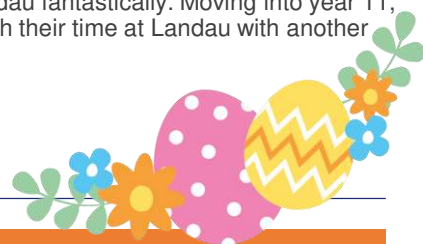
## Year 9 Boys Football- Mr Whiteley

Year 9 have recently competed in two tournaments against a range of schools. Throughout the tournaments, the playing group were competitive, however were on the wrong side of

multiple single goal losses. One standout game was against a strong Noel Baker side in which we started the game an explosive pace, scoring twice inside two minutes. Unfortunately we could not hold on to secure the win finishing with an exciting 2-2 draw. Special shout out to Melvin who worked tirelessly across the two tournaments despite the score line.

## Year 10 Football- Mr Mycroft

Since the turn of the year, Year 10 football fixtures took place in tournament format. The tournament took place at Leesbrook School and fixtures were against teams from across the city. Results were mixed for our year 10 team who won a game, drew two games and lost their other game. Despite being disappointed with the results, Landau played some great football, particularly through Jayden who's performance has been outstanding all year. The year 10 team have built a strong team spirit and always work hard for each other and represent Landau fantastically. Moving into year 11, the team will look to finish their time at Landau with another positive season!

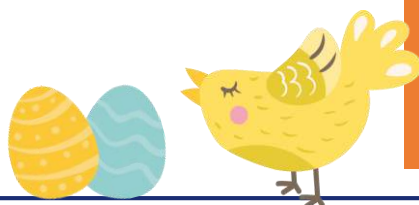


# Badminton update

LFCD hosted the initial round of the badminton county competition earlier this year. A number of schools from the city came to take part and competition was tough. Our 4 students representing Landau in this round were Henry, Ka Hei, Divit and Josh. All four students played really well and qualified for the county finals.

The county finals took place in February at John Port School. The finals included school teams from all over Derbyshire meaning competition was even greater than the previous round. Henry, Ka Hei and Divit continued to

represent Landau, with Lucas stepping in. Each student played a number of singles and doubles games in the group stages and good results meant that Landau had qualified into the final round of the tournament. Landau finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall having won the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place final. This is an outstanding achievement from our team considering the number of schools and quality of opponent taking part throughout the county competition. Well done to all involved!



## LFCD Dance

The dancers absolutely smashed all their performances in the winter warmer, the hard work paid off. The routines were full of difficult and new moves and the girls executed them flawlessly!

Congratulations to the KS3 dancers in the recent Derby Schools Dance Showcase. They out performed all the other schools! A huge well done also to Amy and Lucy in year 11. They performed a Duo at the Dance Showcase as part of the GCSE PE dance. They were incredible and is without a doubt the best dance performance we have ever had.



# LFCD Cricket with Mr Whiteley



The u13 cricket had their second successful campaign in the county indoor cricket competition. Their first game was away at QEGS in Ashbourne, in which an indifferent bowling display allowed QEGS to post a competitive total of 63 which was largely due to a number of wide deliveries.

However, a fantastic start in the run chase from opening batters, Ismael and Abu meant the total was halved inside three overs before a mini collapse left Bilal to take the team home finishing the game with a 6 taking us to another finals day at the Incora County Ground.

In the semi-final of the competition, we faced Trent College in a highly competitive game. We fielded excellently with fine pieces of fielding with the stand out moment being Abu running out their star batter with a direct hit. Unfortunately a couple of expensive overs left us with a formidable target of 103 to chase. Despite a slow start, we

responded well with an explosive 4 baller retirement coming from Bilal as he launched into the Trent bowling attack. However, despite Bilal's heroics we finished 20 runs short leaving to compete in the third place play off.

The third place play off against Chapel High School was actually the battle to be the best state school in the county with the final contested between two private schools. Ismaeel won the toss and opted to bowl first and with a superb fielding effort we were left with 73 needed to take the crown of best state school. A loss of early wickets left us in trouble, however Ismaeel retired with a captain innings before younger brother, Bilal retired soon after. With needing 20 runs to win, the brothers returned from their retirement and led onslaught with Bilal falling with 4 runs to win. Ismaeel kept his calm and hit the winning runs to top off a fine team performance.

Another successful campaign for the year 7 and 8 cricketers!



# Handball at Landau Forte College

Our year 8 girls competed in our first ever handball fixture. They participated in the Derbyshire schools tournament for a place in the County finals. The girls did so well and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! This is an amazing achievement and I think if they had not had the eventual winners as their first game, they would have actually beaten them as they grew in confidence through the tournament. Well done, ladies!



## LFCD Netball update

### Year 7 Netball- Miss Walker

The year 7 girls netball team have had some great success since December with the most recent fixture this March. The team played extremely well to win the first game 9-4, demonstrating excellent shooting skills! They then made key interceptions and worked incredibly hard to come from 2 points down to draw 4-4 in a close and exciting second match. We are really pleased with how well the year 7 girls netball team have played and the improvements they have made in netball extension.

### Year 8 Netball- Miss Ricketts

Year 8 girls netball - We have had some new students join the team which has been great! Some of these students were able to take part in a netball fixture for the first time competitively and worked really hard together as a team. The students were able to develop their skills in game play, some experimenting with new positions to find their feet in the game. We have another upcoming fixture date where we are hoping to continue to develop together as a team.

### Year 9 Netball- Mrs Collington

The year 9 students have continued their positive season and have crept up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. Their highlight was a super win against St Benedict's, in a closely matched game, the girls managed to hold their nerves and win the game by 1 goal. The team also had a great game against Woodlands, although they lost the game, we were really pleased with their resilience to keep battling and making it a hard game to win for Woodlands.

### Year 11 Netball- Mrs Collington

LEAGUE WINNERS!!! Undeclared all season, the year 11 team have won their league! Well done girls, we are really proud of you!

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