

Community

The newsletter of Landau Forte Academy Amington

Thank you for taking the time to read our academy newsletter. Your support and engagement are crucial to our community's success and growth. We look forward to sharing more updates and celebrating our students' achievements with you.

Mr Andrew Deen
-- Principal



Week A w/c - 07.10.24

Week B w/c - 14.10.24



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Our Academy; our community.





Meet our Senior Leadership Team



Mr Andrew Deen - Principal

A time where you have been ***ambitious***: I have a first class degree and was awarded a scholarship to study an MA in Critical Theory and Cultural Studies at Nottingham University.

A time where you have been ***brave***: I changed career paths to study for a degree in English and to eventually become a teacher.

A time where you have been ***kind***: I look after my elderly neighbours who have dementia helping them with shopping and odd jobs.

Fun/ interesting fact: I taught myself to play the guitar.



Mrs Michelle Corrigan - Vice Principal

A time where you have been ***ambitious***: I was the first person in my family to go to university despite people doubting I could do it.

A time where you have been ***brave***: I overcame my fear of open water to swim with dolphins in Cuba.

A time where you have been ***kind***: I take my elderly neighbour, who has no family close by, shopping and cook meals for her.

Fun/ interesting fact: I was British Ballroom and Latin dance champion for two years running.



Miss Fran Martin - Assistant Principal

A time where you have been ***ambitious***: I studied for my degree whilst working full time.

A time where you have been ***brave***: When I was 14, I performed at the Royal Opera House in London.

A time where you have been ***kind***: I enjoy being part of our English team 'guardian angel' system, where you have a nominated team member to anonymously look out for and complete good deeds for them.

Fun/ interesting fact: I am a twin.



Meet our Senior Leadership Team (continued)



Mr Mark Hamer - Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: I have completed a marathon.

A time where you have been **brave**: I completed the 3 peaks challenge.

A time where you have been **kind**: I am always supportive to staff and students especially when I am on the corridor.

Fun/ interesting fact: I support Aston Villa.



Mr Alex Reynolds - Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: I was the first person in my family to go to university.

A time where you have been **brave**: I gave CPR to a stranger having a cardiac arrest at a football match.

A time where you have been **kind**: Taking home and looking after the academy guinea pigs, 'Oreo' & 'Cookie'.

Fun/ interesting fact: I have a collection of over 100 different rubber ducks, each with its own name and backstory.



Miss Sophie Linden - Associate Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: I moved to another city to attend university, despite being very nervous about it.

A time where you have been **brave**: I have travelled to lots of new countries to immerse myself in new cultures; my favourite one to date being Cuba.

A time where you have been **kind**: I am extremely passionate about equality which is why I wanted a job where I can ensure that every student in the Academy have the same opportunities.

Fun/ interesting fact: I have twin girls who are three years old.



Meet our Senior Leadership Team (continued)



Miss Lyndsay Amos - Associate Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: In 2018 I climbed the Annapurna circuit in the Himalayas and at one point was hiking higher than the base camp of Everest. It took 14 days to complete the whole circuit.

A time where you have been **brave**: I have completed 2 sky dives. One in New Zealand and one over Stonehenge, I was genuinely terrified.

A time where you have been **kind**: I have volunteered at many different soup kitchens to support the homeless.

Fun/ interesting fact: After university I travelled the world and have walked on the Great Wall of China.



Miss Annie Plumpton - Associate Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: I successfully completed training and earned my qualifications as a mortgage advisor in under three months during my time at Lloyds Bank whilst working full time and having a toddler.

A time where you have been **brave**: As a child and throughout my teenage years, I travelled the world as a member of a marching band, performing trumpet solos in front of tens of thousands of people.

A time where you have been **kind**: I enjoy brightening people's days by leaving small, anonymous gifts on their desks, such as sweets, chocolates, or flowers.

Fun/ interesting fact: I have never broken a bone.



Miss Shace Edwards - Associate Assistant Principal

A time where you have been **ambitious**: Leaving home to go to university and complete my degree.

A time where you have been **brave**: I backpacked around Europe solo.

A time where you have been **kind**: I volunteer with a charity called 'Lets Feed Brum' who provide food, drink and essential supplies to those living on the streets of Birmingham.

Fun/ interesting fact: I am dyslexic.



Vocational Evening

Thursday 19th September was our Year 10 Vocational Information Evening. It was delightful to see so many parents attending. This was an opportunity to meet the Practical team – the subject leaders of this group of Practical courses such as Hospitality & Catering, Health & Social Care and Sport. During this evening, Ms Shah (Faculty Leader) explained to parents how Practical courses were assessed differently; component by component and how year 10 students would be assessed soon for their first component. After which, parents were able to meet with individual Subject leaders who addressed any questions they had.

Parents said they found the evening very useful and were able to gain a deeper understanding of the courses that their children were undertaking. They felt equipped to support their children at home by knowing assessment dates and topics they would be studying. Thank you to all who attended.



Theatre Visit



The Year 11 trip to see Hairspray was a resounding success! Students enjoyed a vibrant and energetic performance filled with catchy music, dynamic choreography, and colourful costumes. The musical's themes of inclusivity, standing up for what's right, and self-expression resonated with the students, sparking meaningful discussions afterward.

The trip offered a wonderful opportunity for cultural enrichment, and exposure to professional theatre. Students left the performance feeling inspired and entertained, having witnessed a classic musical production brought to life. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience.



Our star performers

Year 7 - Louie W (Elbrus)

Year 8 - Leah L (Everest)

Year 9 - Charlie A (Everest)

Year 10 - Meghan B (Everest)

Year 11 - Paige J (Elbrus)

Club Spotlight



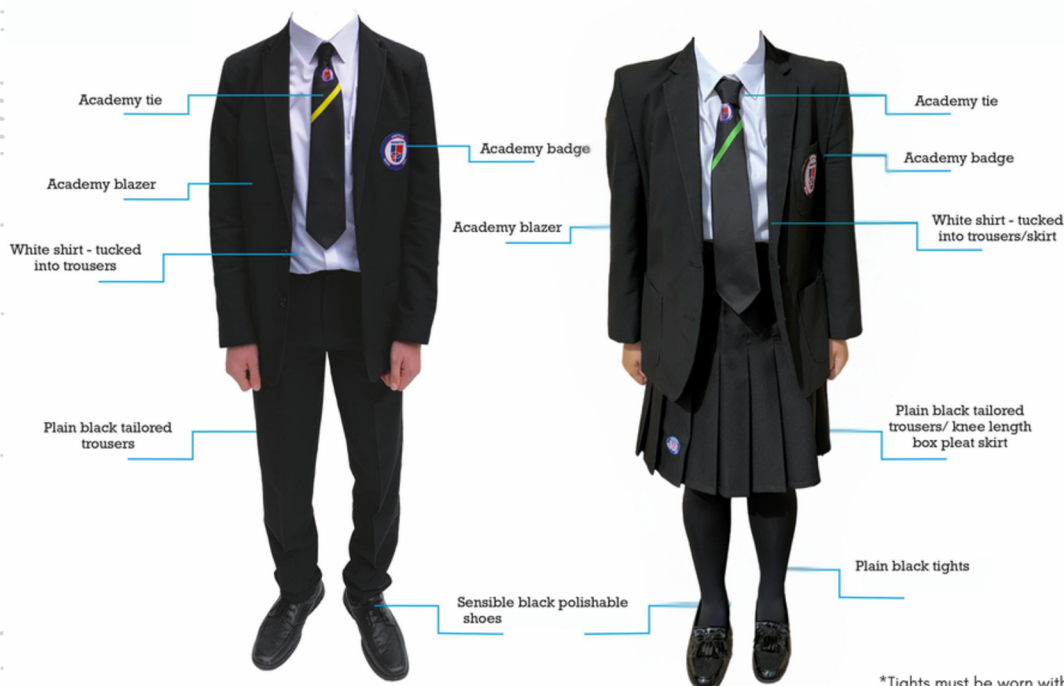
Club: Core Homework club

Summary: Join our Core Homework Club for English, Math, and Science – your one-stop spot for academic success! Get personalised help, boost your grades, and build confidence in a supportive environment. With expert tutors and a collaborative atmosphere, it's the perfect place to excel and enjoy learning. Come see the difference!



Academy Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
09 October 2024	SEND / Safeguarding Drop In
10 October 2024	Y7 Meet the Teacher
11 October 2024	Personal Development Day
16 October 2024	Head Teacher Drop In
18 October 2024	Last day of term
04 November 2024	New Term Begins
04 November 2024	KS4 PSA Improvement Week
06 November 2024	Year 7 Parent Drop-In
11 November 2024	Year 11 Assessment Point 1 Window Opens
13 November 2024	Year 8 Parent Drop-In
20 November 2024	Year 9 Parent Drop-In
25 November 2024	Year 11 Art Mock (Group 1)
27 November 2024	Year 10 Parent Drop-In
28 November 2024	Year 11 Art Mock (Group 2)
04 December 2024	Year 11 Parent Drop-In
06 December 2024	Year 7 Personal Development Day



A plain black V-Neck jumper can be worn as an alternative to the academy blazer. In this case, the rest of the uniform (including school tie) are to remain the same.

*Tights must be worn with a skirt.



Mrs Poole - Family Support Worker

My role as family Support Worker is to support families facing various challenges, this is done by providing practical and therapeutic support service alongside families experiencing difficulties within our school community.

I'm also able to support with Finance, foodbanks and coordinate the school uniform bank.

Anyone wanting to contact me can do so directly via email: lpolee@lfata.org.uk

Mrs Constantine - Attendance Officer

Excellent attendance and punctuality at school is crucial to ensure that your child fulfils their potential and for them to have the best possible start in life. Evidence shows that a student's progress and attainment is affected if their attendance falls below 90%.

My role is to support children and families to achieve. Our expectations for each child is to attend school every day, achieve 100% attendance and enjoy prosperous futures.



All children have the right to:



**SPEAK OUT
& BE HEARD**

**BE
SAFE**

**GET HELP
WHEN THEY
NEED IT**

If you have a concern – SPEAK OUT!
Contact the safeguarding team via email -
nhowley@lfata.org.uk or kbuttery@lfata.org.uk

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