

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



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AMBITIOUS - BRAVE - KIND

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Our Academy; our community.

'In it to win it'

Our "In It to Win It" initiative continues to be a huge success! Each Friday, students have the exciting opportunity to win a chocolate bar as a reward for their positive attitude, hard work, and attendance. It's a fun way to celebrate success and end the week on a high!





Fantastic Open Morning

We were delighted to welcome parents to our Open Morning, where they were given tours of the school by our Senior Leadership Team and enthusiastic members of our Student Parliament. Visitors had the opportunity to see lessons in action, meet staff, and experience the warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes our school so special. A huge thank you to our students and staff for representing our community with such pride, confidence, and kindness – it was a truly fantastic morning!

One Punch - A Powerful message on the dangers of violence



On the last Thursday of term, Amington students were deeply moved by a visit from Alicia Manners, who came to share her powerful and heartbreaking story about the dangers of violence. Alicia spoke about her brother, Simon, who was punched during an incident that left him with devastating injuries. After enduring multiple surgeries, including the removal of part of his skull, Simon bravely fought for six years before sadly losing his life.

The individual responsible initially served just 18 months of a four-year sentence for grievous bodily harm. However, following Simon's death, the case has been reopened for manslaughter and is set to return to court in January.

We are deeply grateful to Alicia for her courage, honesty, and strength in speaking to our students. Her story serves as a stark reminder of how one violent act can change lives forever. We hope her message resonates with our students and reinforces why we are a hands-off academy, committed to being ambitious, brave, and kind in everything we do.



Student Newsletter Contributions:

Freya, Year 8 :

As many people know we had an assembly last Thursday about One Punch. For many students this was a sensitive topic, and I would like to point out that it was for Alicia Manners who spoke to us, and I guarantee teachers as well.

It is not embarrassing or awkward if you did feel any sadness or uncomfortableness, it is normal especially for what we learnt.

What we learn from this event is the fact that **actions have consequences. BIG ONES!** And something so unexpected could end up in a lifetime of guilt and remorse.

Finally, I would like to thank the **ONE PUNCH** people and **Miss Manners** for raising awareness and being so brave! The entire school is so grateful for your assemblies!

I would also like to point out that if you have found any of this upsetting there are many people around school who you can speak to and not be judged, this could include: head of years, form tutors and safeguarding staff. I would also like to remind everyone that we are a **HANDS-OFF** academy!

We learnt that Miss Manners had a brother called Simon, who got punched by a man in a pub by saying something to a woman in a pub, he apologised however the woman's partner became aggressive. The man then punched Simon. This one punch sent him flying to the ground and caused severe damage to his brain, leading to many operations and even skull extraction. Poor Simon and his family had a very hard and traumatic few years and ultimately this punch has led to Simon's life being cut extremely short.

IF YOU HEAR OF A FIGHT OR SEE A FIGHT HAPPENING IN OR AROUND SCHOOL, TELL A TEACHER OR TRUSTED ADULT IMMEDIATELY, NEVER FILM FIGHTS OR CHEER PEOPLE ON BECAUSE THIS COULD END UP IN YOU BEING IN TROUBLE WITH THE POLICE AS WELL AS BEING IN TROUBLE WITH SCHOOL! EVEN IF ITS ANONYMUS YOU HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE! ITS MORE DANGEROUS TO NOT!

Thank you for reading!



Student Newsletter Contributions:

Grace, Year 7 :

One Punch can kill

On the last Thursday, I went down into the theatre we all learnt about how One Punch can kill.

One punch was about how if you punch somebody it can have a very big impact not only on the person you hit, but also the person that did the hitting and everyone's families.

I think this was important message, as if we don't learn about this everyone will keep fighting and it needs to stop now.

The impact of one punch can cause serious damage so if we don't learn now, it might get worse.

Why are we a hands-off academy

As you all should know we are a hands-off academy and partly for that reason but also because it is for our safety all the school are trying to do is protect us.

By Grace, Y7



Year 7 Personal Development Day

On the last Friday, our Year 7 students took part in a Personal Development Day designed especially for them, spending time with their form tutors to build key life skills and strengthen teamwork. The morning focused on three important themes; effective communication, problem solving, and the importance of resilience. Through interactive discussions and activities, students explored how these skills can help them succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Later in the day, students gathered in the theatre for a First Aid Awareness session, where they learned about vital emergency responses and even had the chance to practise CPR. This hands-on experience gave them valuable knowledge that could one day help save a life.

To finish the day on a creative and fun note, students designed their own form snakes (socks filled with rice) before taking part in some light-hearted races to see which snake would be crowned the champion.

It was a fantastic day of learning, teamwork, and laughter, helping our Year 7s grow in confidence and connection with one another.

Black History Month - Octobers Key Assembly Theme

During October, students took part in an inspiring and thought-provoking *assembly led by Ms Faulkner to mark Black History Month.

The assembly focused on celebrating the achievements, contributions, and stories of Black individuals throughout history and today.

Ms Faulkner encouraged students to reflect on the importance of equality, respect, and representation, and to recognise how diversity strengthens our community. Her message challenged everyone to continue learning, listening, and standing up for what is right.

It was a powerful reminder that understanding and celebrating our shared history helps us build a more inclusive and compassionate future.



The Power of Words

This week's Head of House assembly focused on the important topic of derogatory language and the impact our words can have on others. Students were reminded that language shapes our school culture and that unkind or disrespectful words can deeply affect those around us. The assembly encouraged everyone to think before they speak and to choose kindness and empathy in every interaction. Linked to our school values, students were reminded to always be ambitious, brave, and kind. Ambitious in striving to be their best, brave in standing up for others, and kind in everything they do.

it STOPS NOW

WHETHER IT'S

BULLYING **PEER ON PEER ABUSE** **RACISM**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT **DEROGATORY LANGUAGE**

Stand up.
Speak out.
IT STOPS NOW.

 

A "Hand Out" Academy



Attendance Matters

Although 90% attendance might sound high, it really isn't! The Government's minimum attendance level is 97%.

If a student has average attendance of 90% then they are missing:

- ***Half a day of education every week***
- ***Four teaching weeks (20 days) every year***
- ***Half a school year during their time in secondary education***



“**I'm Here.**”
Two words that could change everything.



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House Update - Elbrus in the Lead

House Team Elbrus are leading the way on house points this term. A fantastic effort showing ambition, braveness, and kindness!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11		
A	8682	9174	5597	3453	4167	Everest	62,714
B	9385	9665	4707	4344	3540		
C	8583	8491	6167	4575	5073	Kilimanjaro	64,580
D	8422	7581	6518	3976	5194		
E	5512	7235	5747	4126	3564	Denali	63,278
F	9577	10908	6470	4818	5321		
G	11127	5095	5406	4737	4247	Elbrus	65,105
H	8933	9145	5034	6015	5366		



Academy Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
03 November 2025	New Term Begins
wc/ 03 November 2025	Year 8 Assessment 1 Reports go out
05 November 2025	Year 7 HoY Drop-In
06 November 2025	Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening
wc/ 10 November 2025	Year 11 Assessment Point 1 Mocks Begin (Fortnight of Yr11 Mocks)
12 November 2025	Year 8 HoY Drop-In
wc/ 17 November 2025	Year 7 Assessment Point 1 Begins (Fortnight of Yr7 in-class assessments)
19 November 2025	Year 9 HoY Drop-In
26 November 2025	Year 10 HoY Drop-In
26 November 2025	Careers Markey, Years 9-11
wc/ 1 December	Star Reading Tests
3 December 2025	Year 11 HoY Drop-In
wc/ 8 December 2025	Year 10 Assessment Point 1 Mocks Begin (Fortnight of Yr10 Mocks)
9 December 2025	Geography Fieldwork
10 December 2025	Geography Fieldwork
10 December 2025	SEND / Safeguarding Drop-In
11 December 2025	Year 7 / 8 Disco
12 December 2025	Year 11 Assessment Point 1 Reports go out
15 December 2025	2025 Cohort GCSE certificate collection
17 December 2025	Principal Drop-In
18 December 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
19 December 2025	End of Term
5 January 2026	INSET Day (Teacher Training)
6 January 2026	All students return for new term



Get Into Teaching!

Make a difference to the next generation... become a Qualified Teacher!



- > Make a real difference to the lives of young people and the next generation – Teaching is a hugely rewarding career.
- > Great career progression prospects – from being a teacher to becoming a Headteacher, anything is possible!
- > Job security – the need for teachers has never been greater.
- > Learn new things and skills within your chosen subject area.
- > Excellent starting salary of £31,650 as a newly qualified teacher.
- > You will get more day's holiday than people in many other jobs.

Every child deserves a great teacher...that teacher, could be you!

For more information and to get tailored advice, please visit <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk>



Mrs Poole - AAP Student Welfare

Supporting students to stay safe and access their education is a priority.

In my role as Student Welfare Lead, I support and signpost families, and work with external agencies to remove barriers and help ensure our children succeed in their education. Anyone wanting to access me can do so directly via email: lpole@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 -
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