

Community

The newsletter of Landau Forte Academy Amington



AMBITION - BRAVE - KIND

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End of Term Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our Academy Community,

As we reach the end of a busy and highly productive term at Landau Forte Academy Amington, I would like to thank you for your continued support and celebrate the many achievements that reflect our values of being Ambitious, Brave and Kind.

This term has given us much to be proud of. We celebrated exceptional individual success, including Savva Gregory achieving a Grade 7 Piano qualification and Ava Merc representing England while playing for Aston Villa Under-21s—both outstanding examples of ambition, dedication and courage.

A particular highlight was the visit from Sarah Edwards MP, who met with our Student Parliament. Our students demonstrated confidence, leadership and bravery as they discussed democracy and their vision for Amington's future—showcasing the strength of student voice within our academy.

We are delighted that attendance has risen significantly and now sits well above the national average, reflecting high expectations, strong systems and the positive culture we have built together. Our continued partnership with the local care home has also been a powerful reminder of the kindness at the heart of our community, with students showing compassion and respect for some of our most vulnerable residents.

This week, students and staff enjoyed our academy Christmas dinner, prepared by our wonderful kitchen team, whose care and festive spirit are greatly appreciated. We are also pleased to confirm that we remain fully staffed, with no colleagues leaving at Christmas—an important strength at a time of national recruitment challenges.

We were delighted to welcome back Mr Breeze following his recovery and extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs Edwards and Ms Clamp on the arrival of their baby boys. We wish them and their families a joyful first Christmas.

Demand for places in next year's Year 7 cohort has been exceptionally high, reflecting the academy's growing reputation. We look forward to welcoming new families at our Year 7 Induction Evening in March. I would also like to commend our Year 11 students for their commitment during mock examinations and encourage families to support a healthy balance of revision and wellbeing over the holidays.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 6th January as we continue to build on our successes together. Thank you to our dedicated staff, students and families for your continued trust and support.

Wishing you a joyful, restful and safe Christmas.

Mr Andrew Deen
-- Principal





Y7 & Y8 School Disco

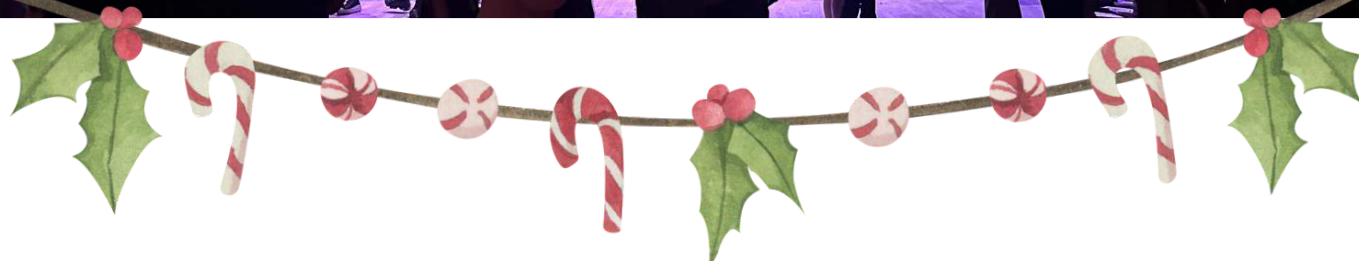
Last week, our Year 7 and Year 8 students came together for an incredible School Disco, and what a night it was! The event was filled with music, laughter, and plenty of dancing – a true celebration of our school values: Ambitious, Brave, and Kind.

Students showed their Ambition by making the most of the evening, dressing up, and bringing their best energy to the dance floor. It was fantastic to see everyone aiming to make the night special.

Many were Brave, stepping out of their comfort zones to try new dance moves, join in with friends, and even meet new people. The confidence and positivity on display were inspiring.

Above all, the atmosphere was full of Kindness. From helping others feel included to sharing smiles and encouraging each other, the disco reminded us what makes our school community so strong.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the night unforgettable. Here's to more events that bring us together and celebrate who we are!





Amington Supports Save the Children With Christmas Jumper Day.

Amington students and staff recently came together to spread festive cheer and raise money for a fantastic cause – Save the Children. On Christmas Jumper Day, our school was filled with bright colours, fun patterns, and plenty of holiday spirit as everyone proudly wore their favourite festive jumpers.

The event wasn't just about looking great; it was about making a difference. Through generous donations, we raised funds to help children around the world access essentials like food, healthcare, and education. It was inspiring to see our community unite for such an important cause.

This day truly reflected our school values. We were Ambitious in our fundraising goals, Brave in wearing bold and creative jumpers, and above all, Kind in supporting those who need it most. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and contributed, we raised £193.95. Together, we've made a real impact!



Save the Children



Non-Uniform Day Supports Local Foodbank

On the last day of term, Amington students swapped their uniforms for their favourite outfits – all for a great cause. To take part, each student brought in a food donation for the local foodbank, continuing a tradition that has become an important part of our school community. We have been running this initiative for several years, and every time we are amazed by the generosity shown by our students, families, and staff. From tins and packets to festive treats, the donations help support local families during the winter months, making a real difference when it matters most.

This event reflects our school values perfectly: being Kind by helping others, Ambitious in aiming to collect as much as possible, and Brave in taking action to support those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed – your kindness truly counts!



THANK YOU!



Amington Welcomes MP

We were delighted to welcome the Tamworth MP to Amington for a special meeting with our Student Parliament. This was an incredible opportunity for our student leaders to engage in meaningful discussion and ask important questions about issues that matter to young people in our community.

The conversation covered a range of topics, including local support for struggling families, ways to implement resources for teenagers, and how schools can work with local authorities to create positive change. Our Student Parliament members demonstrated confidence, maturity, and a genuine commitment to making a difference.

Every student involved made us incredibly proud. Their thoughtful questions and respectful dialogue showed what it means to live our school values of being Ambitious, Brave, and Kind. Following the event, Mr Deen sent a letter to all members expressing his pride in their efforts and leadership.

This visit was a fantastic example of student voice in action – shaping conversations that matter and inspiring change for the future.





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***

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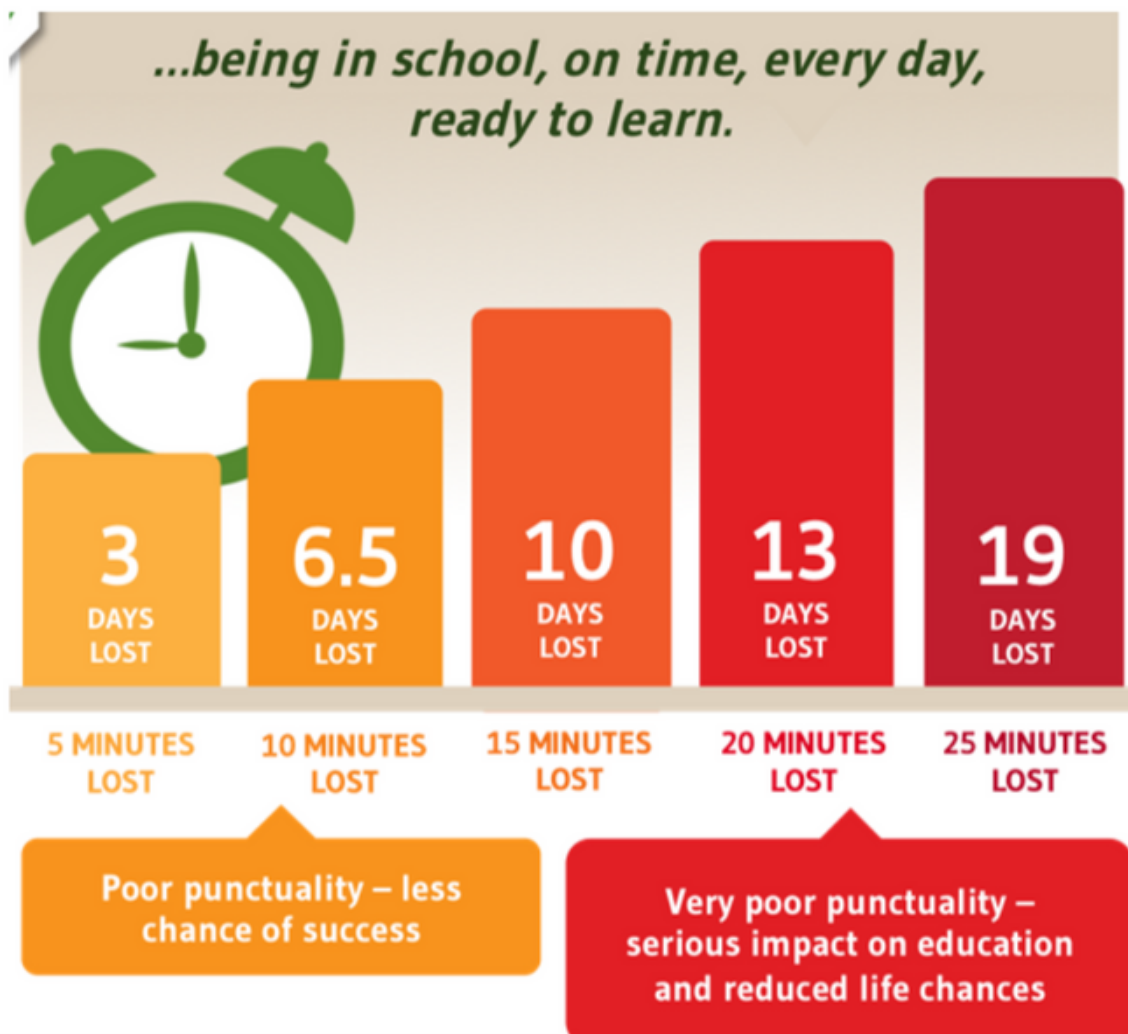




Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time is essential for success. Every minute late means lost learning, missed instructions, and disrupted routines. Being punctual shows respect for teachers and classmates while helping you make the most of every lesson. Be ambitious and kind by being on time and ready to learn every day!

Punctuality is important





Academy Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
19 December 2025	End of Term
5 January 2026	INSET Day & Y11 Progress Interviews
6 January 2026	Students return for new term
wc/ 6 January 2026	Year 7 Reports go out
7 January 2026	Year 7 HoY Drop-In
7 January 2026	Year 11 Group Photograph
8 January 2026	Year 11 Revision Carousel
wc/ 12 January 2026	Year 9 Assessment Point 1 Window Opens
wc/ 12 January 2026	Year 11 Food Exams Begin
14 January 2026	Year 8 HoY Drop-In
21 January 2026	Year 9 HoY Drop-In
23 January 2026	Year 10 Reports go out
28 January 2026	Year 10 HoY Drop-In
29 January 2026	Year 9 Pathways Evening (& Drop-in for core)
wc/ 2 February 2026	Year 11 Assessment Point 2 Begins
4 February 2026	Year 11 HoY Drop-In
6 February 2026	Year 9 Pathways Hand-In Deadline
11 February 2026	Poetry Live Trip (Year 11)
11 February 2026	SEND / Safeguarding Drop-IN
12 February 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening
13 February 2026	End of Term
23 February 2026	New Term Begins



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Are you all signed up on the MyChildAtSchool App?



MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is our main method of communication at the academy. The app allows messaging between staff and parents', as well as allowing you to have an overview of your child's attendance and behaviour. The app is also essential for topping up dinner balance funds. If you are yet to get onto the app, you can find instructions on the homepage of our website (www.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.



Ms Linden - AAP Pupil Premium

Many families qualify for free school meals without realising. Use the QR code to access further information and check your eligibility.

For assistance with the application, support with the school day costs, or questions about the Pupil Premium, please contact Miss Linden.



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!
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