

# 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



## Included in this edition:

- Anti-bullying week
- Student Parliament Updates
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- Money raised for Children in Need
- Kindness Day Celebration
- Y11 Mocks
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- Support for Parents



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## Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week

This year, our school embraced Anti-Bullying Week with a series of meaningful activities. Students proudly wore odd socks to celebrate individuality, while Kindness Day encouraged everyone to share positive messages and gratitude. Year 7 also took part in dedicated anti-bullying sessions during form time, led by Student Parliament, helping them feel confident and supported. Across all events, every student demonstrated our core values of being ambitious, brave, and kind, creating a culture where respect and empathy thrive. These initiatives remind us that small actions can make a big difference in building a safe and inclusive school community.





## Student Parliament Updates

Our Student Parliament recently took the lead in delivering anti-bullying lessons to Year 7 during form time. These sessions focused on building confidence, promoting kindness, and ensuring every student feels safe and respected. For many Year 7 students, interacting with older peers can feel intimidating, but having parliament members guide the discussions helped break down barriers and ease those fears. The lessons encouraged open dialogue, practical strategies for standing up to bullying, and reassurance that support is always available. This initiative has proven highly beneficial, fostering a stronger sense of community and empowering younger students to speak up confidently.

Our Student Parliament recently visited a local retirement home to share an afternoon of kindness and connection. Students spent time chatting with residents, enjoying tea and cake together, and taking part in fun activities designed to bring joy and companionship. The visit created meaningful conversations and smiles all around, showing the power of simple acts of care. Both students and residents valued the experience, strengthening community ties and reminding us that kindness knows no age. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making this event so special!

## Year 7 Road Safety Assembly

Year 7 students recently attended a one-hour road safety assembly led by Stuart Allen from Staffordshire Council. The session focused on essential safety practices for pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers, helping students understand how to stay safe on busy roads. Stuart shared practical tips, real-life examples, and interactive discussions to highlight the importance of awareness and responsibility when travelling. The assembly was both informative and engaging, giving students confidence to make safer choices every day. This initiative reinforces our commitment to student wellbeing and equips them with vital life skills for their journey to and from school.





## Money Raised for Children in Need

Our Student Parliament recently organized a successful bake sale to support Children in Need. The event brought together students and staff, all eager to contribute to a worthy cause while enjoying delicious homemade treats. From cupcakes to brownies, the variety of baked goods was impressive, and the enthusiasm from both sellers and buyers created a fantastic atmosphere across the school. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the bake sale raised an incredible £220, which will go directly to helping children who need it most. This initiative not only showcased our students' commitment to charity but also strengthened our sense of community. A huge thank you to the parliament members for their hard work and to everyone who donated and supported the event. Together, we've made a real difference!





## **Kindness Day Celebrations**

To mark Kindness Day, our Student Parliament handed out heartfelt thank-you cards written by students to staff across the school. This simple gesture spread positivity and appreciation, strengthening relationships and reminding everyone of the power of kindness in creating a supportive, caring school community.

## **Praise for Year 11s During Mock Window**

During November, our Y11 students have had the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in their mock exams. These exams help our students to understand the challenges that they will face in the final GCSE exams, that are now only 5 and a half months away. The students have begun to utilise their revision skills, developed during our personal tutor time sessions, and we are seeing the positive impact of this. We have also launched our exam stress drop-in sessions to support students, which will run in KO1 until the end of the year.

The students have been exemplary in meeting the exam expectations. Each student has shown their drive to meet our values by being ambitious for themselves and their outcomes, being brave by tackling the mock exams with such maturity and by being kind to themselves and to each other. It has been wonderful to see them develop into such fantastic role models for younger pupils in the school and we look forward to this continuing throughout their remaining time with us.

If there is anything that you need in the coming months to help your child to make the best progress possible, please do not hesitate to contact the year team.

**WELL  
DONE!**



## Movember Mental Health Awareness

During lunch times, our academy welcomed a mental health practitioner who hosted a special Movember event for all students. The session raised awareness about men's mental health, encouraging open conversations and breaking stigma. It was an engaging and informative way to promote wellbeing and show support for this important cause.



## FA Content Creator Visit - Inspiring exploration into different careers

Holly Hunt, a content creator for the Football Association, visited our school to work with Year 9 and Year 10 students. She shared insights into her role, the skills required, and pathways into content creation, inspiring students to explore future careers in media and sports.





## Meet our Careers Lead - Ms Merryweather

**Ambitious** – I studied at University at the same time as completing my Level 6 Careers course and working full time

**Brave**- I removed a funnel web spider from my friends tent in Australia

**Kind** – I support charities for the elderly and children

**Interesting fact** - I had an Afternoon Tea with members of the Royal Family in my previous job.

Ms Merryweather is Amington's Careers Lead, dedicated to guiding students and supporting parents with career advice, opportunities, and future planning. Her role includes helping with college choices, apprenticeships, and work experience. She's here to ensure every student feels confident about their next steps toward success.



## Support for Parents

You know what it feels like when a young person tells you they're struggling.

Whether it's school, friends or they can tell something's wrong but don't know what. There's advice online, but it's hard to tell who you can trust.

That's why this month we're talking about our [Parents Helpline](#) – the free, confidential, 1-1 service that parents and carers can reach out to when they don't know where to turn.

# YOUNGMINDS

[https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=november-2025&utm\\_content=o25s](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=november-2025&utm_content=o25s)



## 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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Two words that could change everything.



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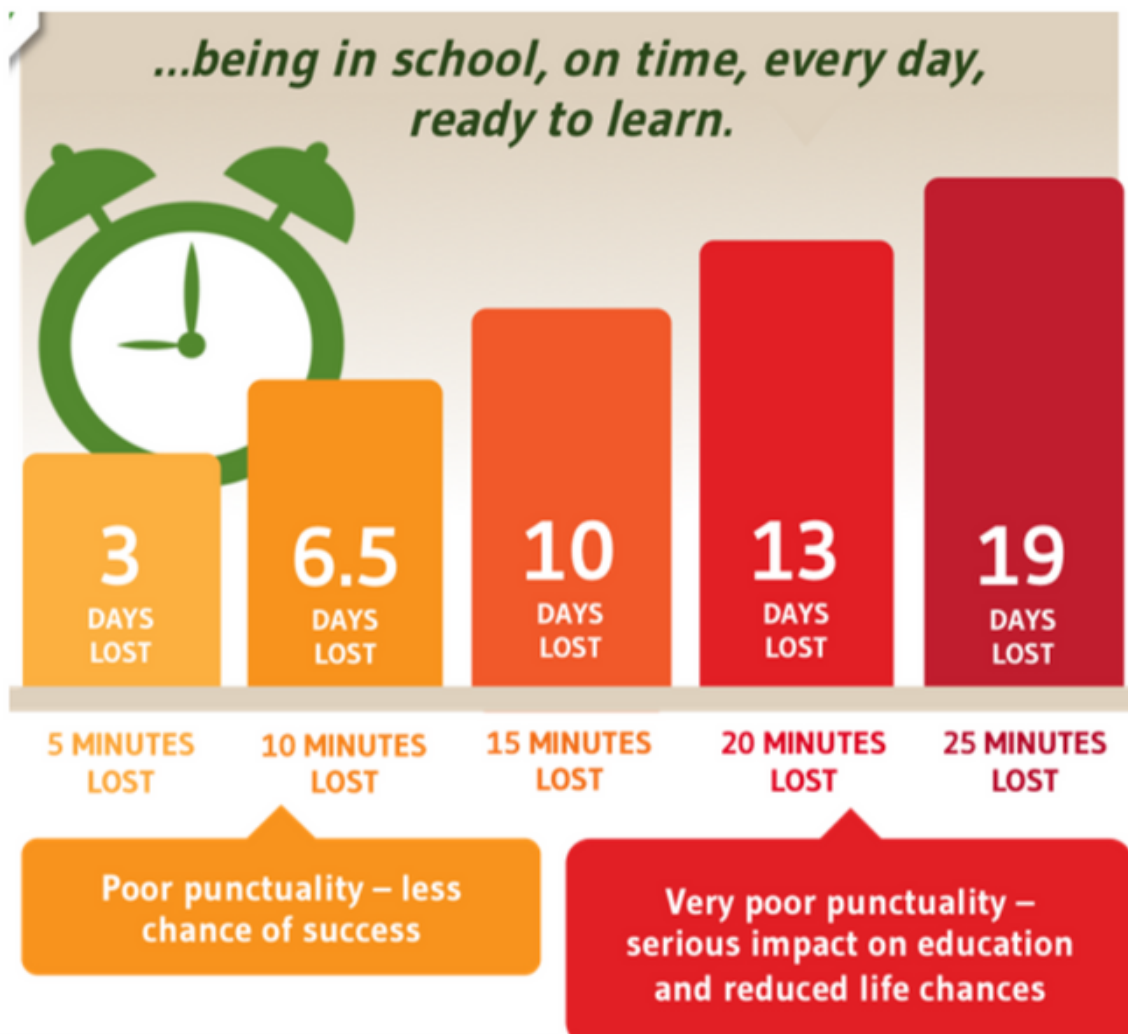




## Punctuality Matters

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>
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](mailto: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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