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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another successful half term at Landau Forte Academy Amington, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

This half term has been particularly important for our examination year groups. Year 11 students are undertaking their second round of mock examinations and continue to demonstrate determination as they strive towards their ambition grades. Year 10 students have also begun their formal examination journey with their first set of mocks — an important milestone in preparing them for next year. Results will be shared with students shortly, and parents' evenings will provide a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and next steps.

With just 10 weeks remaining until the start of the summer GCSE examinations, every lesson and every mark truly matters. We strongly encourage our Year 11 students to use the half term break productively. Students have been equipped with revision strategies, materials and personalised guidance, and we recommend approximately 2–3 hours of focused revision per day at this stage. Consistent, purposeful effort now will make a significant difference in the summer. There is simply no substitute for hard work and commitment.

Thank you to the many families who provided feedback regarding the revised lunch arrangements for Year 7. The additional space created for all students has been received very positively, and we are grateful for your constructive comments and support as we continue to refine our provision.

You will be aware from national media coverage that the Secretary of State for Education has announced that schools should be mobile phone free during the school day. As an academy, we welcome this clarity and the national backing for creating distraction-free learning environments. We believe this will support students' learning, wellbeing and social development.

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Implementing a phone-free school requires careful planning, particularly around the safe collection, storage and return of devices each day. Over recent weeks we have been reviewing research, seeking expert advice and visiting schools that have already implemented successful systems. Following this work, we will introduce our phone-free approach from the start of the summer term after the Easter break.

We have already begun discussions with students through assemblies and will continue this dialogue over the coming weeks. Further detailed information will be shared with families before implementation. As always, individual medical needs will be carefully considered where a device is essential for monitoring health conditions.

For this approach to be successful, it will require consistent support from home. When applied fairly and without exception (other than agreed medical needs), we are confident it will have a positive impact on students' focus, relationships and overall school experience. As a parent myself, I strongly believe that time away from social media during the school day will benefit our young people enormously.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our academy and our shared values of being ambitious, brave and kind.

I hope you enjoy a restful and enjoyable break with your families. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 23rd February for another purposeful and successful half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Deen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr A Deen
Principal