

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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- Celebrating the Success of Yr10
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Our Academy; our community.

Celebrating the Success of Year 10

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the success of our Year 10 students and the excellent results they have achieved this year. These outcomes reflect not only academic progress but also the dedication, resilience, and commitment shown by students throughout the year.

Year 10 have demonstrated ambition in the way they have approached their studies, setting high expectations for themselves and striving to achieve their best. Their hard work in lessons, the completion of coursework, and careful preparation for assessments have truly paid off.

They have also been brave by embracing challenges, persevering when learning felt difficult, and showing determination to improve. Whether stepping outside their comfort zones, asking for support, or pushing themselves to aim higher, Year 10 have shown maturity and confidence in their learning.

Equally important has been the kindness they have shown to one another and to staff. By supporting peers, working collaboratively, and maintaining a positive attitude, they have helped create a respectful and encouraging learning environment where everyone can succeed.

These results are something to be proud of and provide a strong foundation as students move forward into the next stage of their education. Well done to all of Year 10. We recognise your hard work, celebrate your achievements, and look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.



Supporting Year 11

With just over 50 school days remaining before the start of the GCSE exam series, every day in school truly matters for our Year 11 students. Strong attendance during this final stretch is vital, as lessons continue to build knowledge, revisit key content, and refine exam skills right up to the exams themselves.

Alongside timetabled lessons, Subject Ambition sessions provide focused support, targeted revision, and expert guidance to help students maximise their potential. Attending school regularly and engaging fully in these additional sessions gives students the best possible chance of success. Now is the time to stay committed, stay focused, and finish strong.

To support Year 11 through their final set of mock examinations and upcoming GCSEs, we are offering a range of after-school revision opportunities. These include targeted sessions in Maths, Business Studies, and Humanities, alongside normal timetabled lessons and after school Subject Ambition Sessions. These sessions are designed to build confidence, strengthen understanding, and help students feel fully prepared as they approach this important stage of their education.

Spotlight on Afterschool Clubs

With lighter evenings and warmer days ahead, now is the perfect time to get involved in one of Amington's after-school clubs. These opportunities encourage students to be ambitious by developing new skills, brave by trying something different, and kind by building friendships and supporting one another. Why not take the chance to explore a new interest, challenge yourself, and enjoy learning beyond the classroom?





Get Involved: School Newsletter Club

Do you enjoy writing, sharing ideas, or having your voice heard? The School Newsletter Club is a great opportunity to contribute interesting articles, raise awareness about school events, and develop your communication skills. This is your chance to express what matters to you and help shape our school community. Join us on B Week Wednesday in E04 and make your voice count.



Get Involved: Maths Board Games and Chess Club

Looking for a fun way to challenge your mind and learn new skills? The Maths Board and Games Club offers students the chance to explore strategy, logic, and problem-solving through a range of games. Try out our newly donated chess sets and develop patience and strategic thinking in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome. Join us every Monday in the B02.

Get Involved: Badminton Club

Badminton Club is a fantastic way to stay active, improve your skills, and make friends for life. This fun and challenging yet supportive environment welcomes players of all abilities, whether you are new to the sport or looking to improve. Come along to enjoy friendly competition and teamwork. The club takes place every Friday in the Sports Hall.

Get Involved: Earth Shot

Our Earthshot Club is proud to be part of Generation Earthshot, a global movement inspiring young people to tackle the planet's biggest challenges. This term, our students have been developing creative solutions to reduce waste, protect nature, and promote sustainability within our school community. By thinking big and acting locally, they're helping to shape a cleaner, greener future for everyone. Stay tuned for more exciting projects. The club takes place Week A Monday in C06.





Get Involved: CREST Aware Science Club

Are you curious about how things work and keen to explore science beyond the classroom? The CREST Award Science Club gives students the opportunity to investigate real scientific questions, develop practical skills, and work towards a nationally recognised award. Build confidence, problem-solving skills, and teamwork while having fun with hands-on projects. Join us on Week A Wednesday and discover the excitement of science.

'Protect Us' Assembly: Staying Safe Online Together

We recently delivered a Protect Us assembly to students, focusing on the responsibilities and risks linked to the use of social media and artificial intelligence. As digital technology continues to play an increasingly significant role in young people's lives, it is essential that students understand how to stay safe online and make informed, responsible choices.

The assembly encouraged students to think carefully about their digital footprint, protect their personal information, and be mindful of how social media and AI tools can impact wellbeing and behaviour. Students were reminded to pause, think, and seek support if they encounter anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsure.

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping keep children safe online. We encourage families to maintain awareness of the platforms their children are using, regularly check in on their online experiences, and have open conversations about social media use and AI. By working together and keeping communication open, we can help ensure our students remain safe, confident, and supported in their digital lives.

Link: <https://youtu.be/OuH-D-au1Ho>

Protect Us.



Protect Us is a short film exposing the harrowing ways generative AI applications and chatbots are being weaponised to exploit children ...



Join the Amington PTA

Want to have your say and make a difference in our school community? Join our PTA and help shape school life by sharing ideas, supporting events, and representing parent and carer voices. Everyone is welcome, and every contribution matters. Your voice can help make a positive impact for our students. For more information please contact Mr Hellyer – dhellyer@lfata.org.uk





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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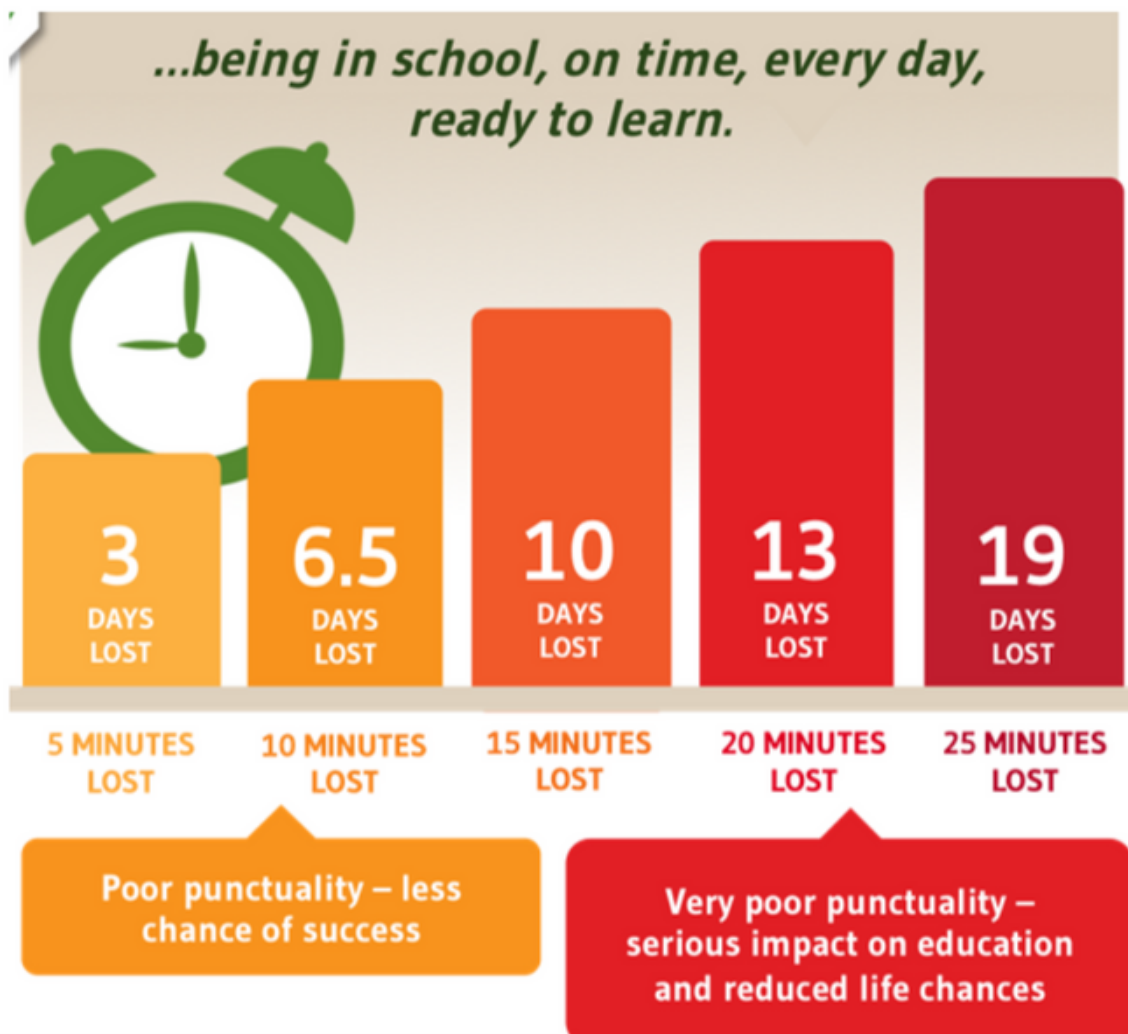




Punctuality Matters

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>
04 February 2026	Year 9 & 11 Drop-In
06 February 2026	Year 9 Options Hand-In Deadline
11 February 2026	SEND / Safeguarding Drop-In
11 February 2026	Poetry Live Trip
12 February 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening
13 February 2026	End of Term
23 February 2026	New Term Begins
23 February 2026	Year 9 Immunisations
25 February 2026	Principal Drop-In Session
25 - 27 February 2026	School Production: GREASE THE MUSICAL
wc/ 02 March 2026	Year 9 Reports go out
04 March 2026	Year 7 Drop-In
wc/ 09 March 2026	Year 7 Assessment Point 2
10 - 11 March 2026	Maths London Trip
11 March 2026	Year 8 Drop-In
16 March 2026	Principal Day Time Drop-In
18 March 2026	Year 10 Drop-In
19 March 2026	Year 11 Mock 2 Reports go out
25 March 2026	Year 9 Drop-In
26-27 March 2026	Drama Practical Exam
27 March 2026	End of Term
13 April 2026	New Term Begins
15 April 2026	Year 11 Drop-In
16 April 2026	Year 11 Information Evening



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 -
lpole@lfata.org.uk

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