

Community

The newsletter of Landau Forte Academy Amington



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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 Year 11

Congratulations to Year 11 on completing your final set of mock examinations. You have demonstrated resilience and commitment during this important stage of your journey. These mocks have provided a valuable opportunity to practise exam techniques, recognise your strengths, and identify areas for further improvement.

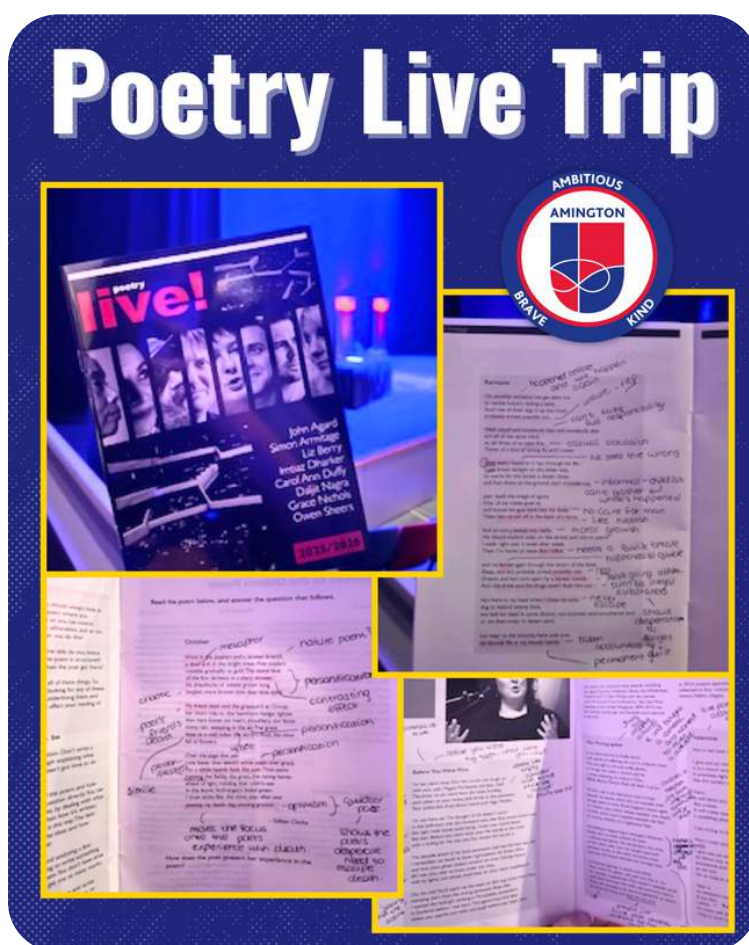
As the countdown to your GCSE exams begins, it is essential to continue revising with focus and determination. Use the feedback you have received to guide your preparation and stay consistent in your efforts.

As a school community, we encourage you to remain ambitious in your goals, brave in facing challenges, and kind to yourselves and others during this busy time. Keep going, the finish line is in sight, and we are proud of you.



Poetry Live

On the 11th of February our Year 10 students visited the Derngate Theatre in Northampton to attend Poetry Live. The purpose of this trip was to bring to life the GCSE poems that students are studying, giving them a memorable insight into the poets themselves and the ideas they discuss.



To be in a room with Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard and current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage was a truly unforgettable experience for us all! The poets engaged our students, sharing their personal experiences and influences for their writing. Our students were able to make exceptional notes which they can now use to help with their exams.

Poetry Live are also running an exciting competition for those students who attended, they can create their own poem. Winners of the competition will then be invited to a workshop with Daljit Nagra and can read their poem aloud at a Poetry Live event!

We already can't wait to attend Poetry Live next year!



Year 9 Personal Development Day

Year 9 students recently took part in a powerful and engaging Personal Development Day featuring the charity Prison! Me! No Way!. The session was designed to educate young people about the consequences of crime and the importance of making positive life choices. Through honest discussions, real-life stories, and interactive activities, students gained a deeper understanding of how decisions can shape their futures.

The speakers shared impactful experiences that encouraged reflection and thoughtful conversation among the group. Students were particularly engaged during the question-and-answer session, where they explored topics such as peer pressure, responsibility, and resilience. The day promoted respect, self-awareness, and confidence in making informed choices.



Overall, the event was a great success, leaving Year 9 students with valuable insights and a clearer understanding of the opportunities available when they choose the right path. It was an inspiring and meaningful experience for everyone involved.





What did our students think of the PD day?

The Year 9 Personal Development Day was a really powerful experience. I enjoyed how honest and real the sessions were, especially hearing true stories that made us think about our choices and future. It did not feel like a normal school day because we were encouraged to ask questions and share our opinions. The activities made it easier to understand serious topics, and it felt like everyone was listening and respecting each other. I left the day feeling more aware of consequences and more confident about making positive decisions in the future.

Assembly Review

Reflecting on Behaviour this term

Each year group recently took part in a reset behaviour assembly designed to refocus, reflect, and set clear expectations for the term ahead. The assemblies provided students with an opportunity to revisit the school's core values, including respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn. Staff highlighted the importance of positive conduct in lessons, around the school site, and within the wider community. Clear guidance was shared about routines, uniform standards, punctuality, and mutual respect. Students were encouraged to take pride in their actions and support one another. The reset created a fresh start for everyone, promoting a calm, purposeful, and positive learning environment.

'Time to Talk'

The recent 'Time to Talk' assembly focused on the importance of speaking openly about mental health and wellbeing. Students were reminded that everyone experiences challenges and that talking to someone can make a real difference. The assembly encouraged kindness, empathy, and active listening, highlighting how small conversations can have a big impact. Practical advice was shared about who students can approach for support, both in school and beyond. By promoting openness and understanding, the session helped reduce stigma and reassured students that they are never alone. It was a thoughtful and supportive message for the whole school community.



After School Clubs

Dungeons & Dragons Club

The new Dungeons & Dragons club invites students to explore epic adventures every Monday in Room D04. Inspired by the legendary tabletop game Dungeons & Dragons, members create unique characters, battle fierce monsters, and solve challenging quests together. Whether you're a seasoned hero or completely new, the club welcomes all experience levels. Guided by a Dungeon Master, players build teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills in a fun, imaginative setting. Bring your curiosity and get ready to roll the dice! Join us each Monday in D04 and begin your adventure.

Creative Writing Club

The Creative Writing Club meets every Monday in Room E07, offering a welcoming space where imagination can thrive. Whether you enjoy poetry, short stories, scripts, or songwriting, this club is the perfect place to develop your voice and share your ideas. Each week, members explore exciting writing prompts and creative challenges designed to inspire originality and confidence. There are opportunities to read your work aloud, collaborate with others, and receive positive feedback. No experience is required. Simply bring your creativity and enthusiasm. Join us in E07 every Monday and let your stories come to life.

Why Attendance Matters

Good attendance is essential for success in school. Every lesson builds on prior learning, so missing even a single day can mean missing important knowledge and skills. Regular attendance helps students stay on track with their studies, build confidence, and develop strong routines that support achievement.

Arriving at school on time is just as important. Being punctual ensures students are settled, prepared, and ready to learn from the very start of the day. Late arrival can disrupt learning, cause unnecessary stress, and lead to gaps in understanding.

Consistent attendance also supports friendships, teamwork, and a sense of belonging within the school community. It demonstrates responsibility and respect for teachers and peers. By attending every day and arriving on time, students give themselves the best possible opportunity to succeed both academically and personally.



Amington PTA Update

The Amington PTA plays a vital role in supporting our school community and will be present at both Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evenings. During the Year 7 Parents' Evening, the PTA will be running a preloved uniform drive. This initiative aims to support families, if you have any uniform that you no longer need, please consider donating it. By reusing and recycling uniform, we can help reduce waste and do our bit to protect the planet. The PTA looks forward to meeting families, sharing information, and continuing to make a positive difference in our school community.



LFA Amington PTA – Preloved Uniform

Young people grow quickly. Uniform doesn't have to go to waste.



We are collecting clean, good-quality school uniform and PE kit to reduce waste and support families in our school community.

Donations can be handed to reception in a bag FAO Mr Hellyer.

Our **focused collection fortnight** is **17–28 March**, where we will be collecting donations during Personal Tutor Time.

Items will be sold for £1–£3 each at the Year 7 Parents' Evening on 7th May, with proceeds supporting LFA Amington PTA.

Small action. Shared benefit



Loudmouth Education

Coming up on 13th March, our Year 8 and Year 9 students will be taking part in a special assembly delivered by Loudmouth Education.

Year 8 will attend Safe and Sound, a session designed to support students in understanding personal safety and healthy relationships.

Year 9 will take part in Calling It Out, which focuses on recognising and challenging inappropriate behaviour in a positive and respectful way.

These sessions are an important opportunity for students to learn, reflect and build confidence in a supportive environment. Throughout the one-hour assembly, students will be accompanied by their teachers and Year Team, ensuring they feel comfortable and always supported.

We look forward to welcoming Loudmouth Education and continuing to work together to support the wellbeing and personal development of our students.

Should you have any worries or concerns please contact the relevant Head of Year or have a look at the website - [PSHE Relationships & Safeguarding Programmes | Loudmouth](#)

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**





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 -
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