

# 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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AMBITIOUS - BRAVE - KIND

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*Our Academy; our community.*

## Empowering Voices: Loudmouth

Year 8 and Year 9 students recently took part in successful Loudmouth workshops, designed to promote confidence, awareness, and positive communication. Year 8 participated in the "Speak It, Say It" workshop, where they explored the importance of expressing themselves clearly and seeking support when needed.

Meanwhile, Year 9 students engaged in the "Calling It Out" workshop, focusing on recognising inappropriate behaviour and building the confidence to challenge it safely.

Both sessions were engaging and thought-provoking, encouraging students to reflect on real-life situations. The workshops provided valuable tools to help students feel empowered, respectful, and responsible in their daily interactions.



## Celebrating World Book Day

This year, Landau Forte marked World Book Day with a range of engaging activities to celebrate the joy of books.

One of the highlights of the day, was seeing many of our staff members dressed up as their favourite book characters; from classic storybooks to modern texts. Many faculties decided on themes, and it was fantastic to see teachers getting involved and bringing books to life around the school.

Our students also had the opportunity to take part in a school book swap. By bringing in a book they had already enjoyed, students could exchange it for a new one to try. This was a fantastic way for more books to find new readers.

In Key Stage Three, English lessons were dedicated to World Book Day, where students had the opportunity to discuss the importance of reading for pleasure. These sessions gave students the chance to talk about the books that they enjoy reading and to reflect on how reading can support learning and wellbeing.

In addition, during literacy tutor time, tutors led discussions to further promote reading across the school community.

Finally, all students from Year 7-10, received World Book Day tokens, which could be used to get a free World Book Day book or to get money off a book of their choice.

World Book Day was a brilliant reminder that reading can be fun, relaxing and inspiring. We hope that the activities have encouraged everyone to pick up a book and keep reading!





## Student Parliament Raising Money for Local Charity.

Amington Student Parliament recently organised a successful bake sale to raise money for Simon's Heroes, demonstrating what can be achieved when young people come together with a shared purpose. The event showcased the students' ambitious planning, as they worked hard to prepare, promote, and run the sale. On the day, tables were filled with a wide range of delicious homemade treats, attracting plenty of support from across the school community.

The students showed they were not only ambitious but also brave in taking on responsibility and kind in their efforts to support others. Thanks to their dedication and teamwork, the bake sale raised almost £200 for the charity. This fantastic achievement reflects their commitment to making a positive difference.

We are so proud of every student involved. Their enthusiasm, generosity, and determination truly made the event a great success and an inspiring example for others to follow.





## Beyond the Classroom: Discover Our Clubs

Clubs play an important role in life at Amington Academy, offering students valuable opportunities beyond the classroom. Whether it is sports, music, drama, or academic enrichment, clubs allow students to develop new skills, build confidence, and form positive friendships.

Taking part in clubs supports students in becoming ambitious by trying new activities and striving to improve, brave by stepping outside their comfort zones, and kind by working collaboratively and supporting one another. These experiences help to build well-rounded individuals who are ready to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Students can sign up to clubs via the MCAS app, making it easy to get involved and take advantage of these fantastic opportunities. We encourage all students to participate and make the most of everything the academy has to offer.

### Monday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Maths Games Club	Mr Marris/Mr Whitehouse	B02
KS4 Maths Drop In	Mr Breeze/Ms Hunt/Mr Finn	B03
F1 Club	Mr Hunt	B04
KS4 Business Revision	Ms Shah	C03
Grease Rehearsal	Ms Wright/Mr Phillips	J01/J02
Library	Ms Bevan	Library
Netball	Ms Sawle	Sports Hall/Outside
Creative Writing	Mr Emanuel	E07
Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Islam	D04
Homework Club	Mrs Martin, Mr Higo	C02 / C04
Yr8 Football	Ms O'Neill	Field
Humanities Revision	Ms Fox/Ms Faulkner/Ms Cheney	F03/F08/F06

### Tuesday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Music Tech	Mr Gordon	G01
KS4 Introduction to Sewing	Ms Malley	A03
Homework Club	Mrs Martin, Mr Higo	C02 / C04
Girls Football (all years)	Miss Frost	Field

### Wednesday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Crest - Science	Mrs Peacock	D09
Earthshot	Ms O'Neill	C06
Dance	Ms Alvey	J01
Library	Ms Bevan	Library
Grease Rehearsal	Mr Phillips	J01/J02

### Thursday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Rock Band (Yr 9-10)	Mr Hoof	G01

### Friday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Games Design	Mr Z Haider	C02
Badminton	Mr Wood	Sports Hall
Grease Rehearsal	Ms Wright/Mr Phillips	J01/J02

### Monday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Maths Games Club	Mr Marris/Mr Whitehouse	B02
KS4 Maths Drop In	Mr Breeze/Ms Hunt/Mr Finn	B03
F1 Club	Mr Hunt	B04
KS4 Business Revision	Ms Shah	C03
KS3 Creative Writing	Mr Emanuel	E07
Grease Rehearsal	Ms Wright/Mr Phillips	J01/J02
Library	Ms Bevan	Library
Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Islam	D04
Netball	Ms Sawle	Sports Hall/Outside
Yr8 Football	Ms O'Neill	Field
Humanities Revision	Ms Fox/Ms Faulkner/Ms Cheney	F03/F08/F06

### Tuesday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Music Tech	Mr Gordon	G01
Fashion Club (all years)	Ms Malley	A03
Girls Football (all years)	Miss Frost	Sports Hall/Field

### Wednesday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
School Newsletter	Miss Amos	E04
Dance	Ms Alvey	J01
Grease Rehearsal	Mr Phillips	J01/J02

### Thursday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Rock Band (Yr 9-10)	Mr Hoof	G01

### Friday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Games Design for Girls	Mr Z Haider	C02
Badminton	Mr Wood	Sports Hall
Grease Rehearsal	Ms Wright/Mr Phillips	J01/J02



## **Building Understanding: Year 8 & 9 Reflect on Important Topics**

Year 8 and Year 9 students recently took part in one-hour workshops delivered by Staffordshire Council, focusing on the important issue of violence against women. These sessions were designed to raise awareness, challenge misconceptions, and promote respectful attitudes among young people.

During the workshops, students explored topics such as healthy relationships, personal boundaries, and the impact of harmful behaviours. The sessions were interactive and encouraged students to think carefully about their role in creating a safe and respectful community.

Staff from Staffordshire Council delivered the content in a sensitive and age-appropriate way, ensuring that students felt supported throughout. The workshops provided a valuable opportunity for discussion and reflection, helping students to better understand this important issue and how they can contribute positively to preventing violence and supporting others.

## **Switching Off to Switch On: Hush Pouches**

Hush pouches have recently been rolled out across the academy as part of our commitment to creating a focused and positive learning environment. These pouches help minimise distractions caused by mobile phones, allowing students to fully engage in lessons and make the most of their time in school.

The introduction has already been a great success, with staff and students noticing improved concentration and more meaningful interactions. This initiative supports our values of being ambitious, as students focus on their learning, brave in embracing change, and kind by showing respect to others.

Overall, Hush pouches are helping to create a calm, purposeful, and supportive school environment.



## Visitors Celebrate Success At Amington

Amington has been delighted to welcome a number of special guests this term, highlighting the positive work taking place across the school.

We were particularly proud to host distinguished visitors, including the Chief Executive of Tamworth Borough Council, the Leader of the Council, and the Lord Mayor. Their visits recognised the ongoing achievements of the academy and the meaningful contributions our students are making within the local community.

Students and staff appreciated the opportunity to showcase their work and values, demonstrating the strong sense of pride and commitment within the school. These visits have been a wonderful celebration of success and community partnership.

## Mayor Visits Amington

On 24th March, Chris Bain, the Mayor of Tamworth, paid a visit that gave students a valuable insight into local government and civic life. The session was engaging and interactive, with students asking a range of thoughtful questions about his role. They were particularly curious about how long a mayor serves, the journey to becoming mayor, and the ways young people can become more involved in their local community.

During the visit, the mayor spoke in detail about his responsibilities within the council. He explained that one of his key duties is to act as the chair of full council meetings, where he helps guide discussions and ensures that debates on important issues affecting the town are conducted fairly and effectively.

He also highlighted the wider civic responsibilities that come with the role. These include representing Tamworth across the region, working closely with other mayors and the chamber of commerce, and playing a leading role in significant community events. Among these are occasions such as Remembrance Sunday, where the mayor takes part in commemorating and honouring those who have served.

The visit concluded with an exciting invitation for students to visit the Town Hall in the future. The mayor described it as a place rich in local history and an important symbol of Tamworth's heritage, offering students a chance to further connect with their community and its past.





## Student Voice in Action

Students across Key Stage 3 have recently completed their East Learning Surveys, providing valuable feedback on their experiences at Amington.

These surveys give students an important opportunity to share their views on teaching, learning, and wider school life.

We are proud of the thoughtful and honest responses provided, which will help to shape future improvements. Student voice is a key part of our academy, ensuring that every learner feels heard and valued.

The Student Parliament will now work closely with the Senior Leadership Team to review the survey results and identify key actions. Together, they will help drive positive change, ensuring the academy continues to grow and meet the needs of all students.

## Attendance Matters

At Amington, excellent attendance is essential for every child to thrive. Being in school every day supports not only academic progress, but also friendships, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging. We encourage all pupils to be ambitious in their learning, and this begins with being present and ready to engage each day. Regular attendance helps children build resilience, be brave in trying new challenges, and develop the consistency needed to succeed.

We ask families to prioritise school attendance by avoiding term-time holidays and arranging appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Every lesson matters, and even small amounts of missed time can have a significant impact over the year.

We understand that sometimes there are barriers to attendance. At Amington, we are a kind and supportive community, and our attendance team is here to work in partnership with you. Whether challenges are big or small, please reach out, we are committed to supporting both pupils and families to ensure every child can attend, achieve, and flourish.





## **Reporting Lateness / Absence**

Parents should inform the school as soon as possible if their child is going to be late. This helps ensure the child's safety, allows staff to update attendance records accurately, and supports a smooth start to the school day.

If your child is unable to attend the academy, it is your responsibility to report their absence via one of the following methods:

1. Telephone: 01827 301800
2. Email: [attendance@lfata.org.uk](mailto:attendance@lfata.org.uk)
3. My Child at School (MCAS) app

## **Final Push: Year 11 Strive for Success**

As Year 11 approach the final stage of their GCSE journey, the focus is firmly on a strong and determined final push. Students have shown resilience and commitment throughout the year, and now is the time to build on that hard work.

With exams fast approaching, attendance, revision, and positive routines are more important than ever. Students are encouraged to attend all lessons, make use of intervention sessions, and revise regularly at home. Small, consistent efforts each day will make a big difference.

This final stretch is an opportunity for students to embody our values: being ambitious in striving for their best outcomes, brave in facing challenges with confidence, and kind in supporting one another. We are proud of Year 11 and look forward to celebrating their achievements.



## Academy Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
07 May 2026	Year 7 Parents' Evening
13 May 2026	Year 8 Drop-In
15 May 2026	Year 8 Reports go out
20 May 2026	Year 9 Drop-In
21 May 2026	Year 8 Parents' Evening
22 May 2026	End of Term
01 June 2026	New Term Begins
wc/ 01 June 2026	Year 10 Work Experience
03 June 2026	Year 10 Drop-In
08 June 2026	Year 9 Assessment Point 2
08 June 2026	Principal Day Time Drop-In
10 June 2026	Year 11 Drop-In
11 June 2026	Revision Carousel
15 June 2026	Geography Fieldwork
16 June 2026	Geography Fieldwork
17 June 2026	SEND / Safeguarding Drop-In
17 June 2026	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
18 June 2026	End of Y11 External Exams
18 June 2026	Year 11 Prom
19 June 2026	SEND Transition
21-24 June 2026	PGL School Trip
25 June 2026	Summer Open Evening
26 June 2026	SEND Transition & Y8 HPV Immunisations
03-06 July	Poland School Trip
07-08 July 2026	Y6 Transition
14 July 2026	Sports Day
17 July 2026	End of Academic Year



## 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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