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The newsletter of Landau Forte Academy Amington

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Thank you for reading this edition of our academy newsletter and celebrating some of the fantastic things happening across our community.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing even more of our students' successes with you in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Michelle Corrigan -- Head of Academy

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Our Academy; our community.

Welcome Back to Amington!

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Amington and see the school full of energy, enthusiasm and positivity once again.
Students have returned ready to learn, reconnect with friends and embrace the opportunities that a new school year brings.
Our values of Ambitious, Brave and Kind continue to be at the heart of Amington. This year, we want every student to aim high, have the courage to try new things and show kindness to those around them.
We are excited for everything this year has in store and look forward to celebrating our students' successes along the way.

Here's to another year of being Ambitious, Brave and Kind!

Welcoming New Staff to the Academy

We are delighted to welcome a number of new colleagues to Amington this term: Miss L Averis, Ms C Braithwaite, Ms E Day, Ms L Don, Ms H Galbraith, Mr J McDonough and Ms H Parker.

Starting at a new school is an exciting step, and our new staff have already become an important part of our Academy community. They bring with them a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and new ideas, and we are incredibly pleased to have them with us.

Our students have helped to make our new colleagues feel at home by demonstrating our values of being Ambitious, Brave and Kind, offering a warm Amington welcome from their very first day.

We wish all of our new staff every success and happiness as part of the Amington team and look forward to everything they will contribute to our school community.

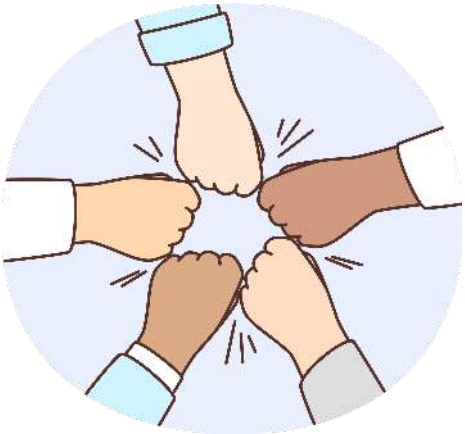
A Fantastic Start for Year 7

A huge well done to our new Year 7 students, who have made a brilliant start to life at Amington!

Moving to secondary school is a big step, but our Year 7s have embraced new lessons, new routines, new teachers and new friendships with confidence and enthusiasm.

They are already showing what it means to be Ambitious, Brave and Kind: ambitious in their learning, brave when facing new experiences and kind as they build new friendships and become part of the Amington community.

We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 7!



A Successful Open Day at Amington

It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families to our recent Open Day and the Open Mornings that followed.

These events provided families with the opportunity to experience life at Amington, meet our staff and students, explore our facilities and learn more about the wide range of opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom.

We are particularly proud of our students who supported the events. Whether leading tours, speaking to families or showcasing their learning, they demonstrated exactly what it means to be Ambitious, Brave and Kind. Their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their academy made them outstanding ambassadors for our community.

The Open Mornings also gave families the opportunity to see the academy during a normal working day, visiting lessons and experiencing the calm, purposeful and welcoming environment that our students and staff create every day.

Thank you to everyone who visited us and to our staff and students who worked incredibly hard to make each event such a success. We hope our visitors left with a real sense of what makes Amington such a special community, and we look forward to welcoming many of them back in the future.

Year 11 Parents' Evening and Subject Ambition Sessions

It was fantastic to welcome so many of our Year 11 families into school for a successful Parents' Evening. The evening provided an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers, celebrate students' achievements and discuss the next steps needed to support continued progress.

With GCSE examinations getting closer, conversations focused on attendance, effort, revision and how students can make the most of the support available to them over the coming months.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, as well as our dedicated staff for their time and commitment. Most importantly, well done to our Year 11 students. Keep working hard and making every lesson count!

We would also like to thank all Year 11 students for their attendance to their Subject Ambition Sessions. The attendance to these has been better than previous years and made huge steps in preparing Year 11 students for their mock exams in November.

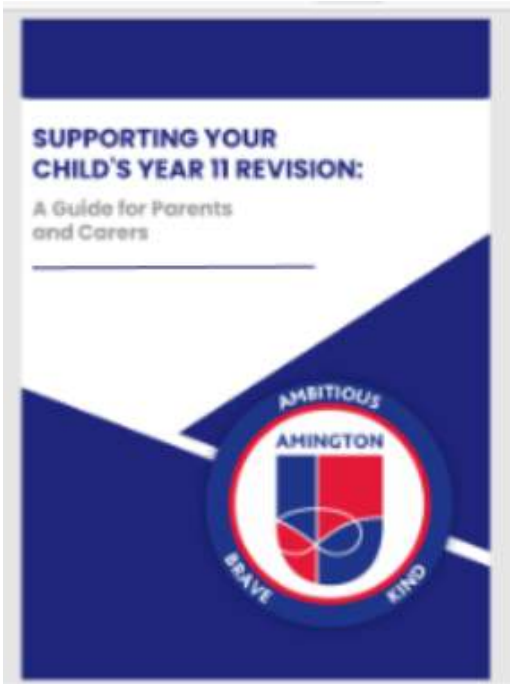
Support your Child's Year 11 Revision

As your child moves through Year 11, there are lots of ways you can support them with their revision and preparation for GCSE examinations.

This guide has been put together to help you do just that, with advice on effective revision, helpful study routines, wellbeing, and subject specific resources. It also includes QR codes for every subject area, making it quick and easy to access revision materials, websites, and other support from home.

Whether your child is feeling confident or finding aspects of their courses challenging, the booklet offers simple strategies that can make a real difference.

By working together and encouraging regular, focused revision, we can help every student feel prepared, reduce unnecessary stress, and give them the best possible chance of success in their GCSE examinations.



Year 9 Geographers Explore Dovedale and Carsington Water

Earlier this term, our Year 9 Geography students enjoyed a fantastic fieldwork trip to Dovedale and Carsington Water as part of their study of upland landscapes.

The trip gave students the opportunity to take their learning beyond the classroom, completing fieldwork activities and developing valuable geographical skills that will support them as they progress towards GCSE Geography.

Students were able to see many of the geographical features they have been studying in lessons first-hand, including V-shaped valleys and the effects of erosion. Exploring these features in a real landscape helped students bring their classroom learning to life and develop a deeper understanding of the processes that shape our environment.

Across both days, students were enthusiastic, engaged and keen to learn. It was fantastic to see how much they enjoyed exploring the rural landscape, with students asking lots of thoughtful questions throughout the visit.

Well done to all of our Year 9 geographers for representing the school so positively and embracing the opportunity to learn outside the classroom!

Year 9 Rise to the Challenge with Humanutopia

Our Year 9 students recently enjoyed a fantastic Personal Development Day with Humanutopia, taking part in their thought-provoking “Who Am I?” programme.

Throughout the day, students explored identity, confidence, relationships and the impact we can have on the people around us. They were encouraged to reflect, communicate, step outside their comfort zones and support one another.

It was fantastic to see Year 9 engaging so positively and demonstrating our values throughout the day: being ambitious about who they want to become, brave enough to challenge themselves and kind in the way they listened to and supported others.

A brilliant day of personal development and a fantastic effort from Year 9!

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Get Involved – Amington Clubs Are Back!

Our after-school clubs are back, with lots of opportunities for students to get involved, try something different and make the most of life at Amington beyond the classroom.

Taking part in clubs is about much more than learning a new skill. Clubs can help students build confidence, make new friends, develop teamwork and resilience, discover new interests and strengthen their sense of belonging to our school community.

We want students to challenge themselves this year: be ambitious and develop your talents, be brave and try something new, and be kind by encouraging others to get involved too.

There really is something for everyone, so take a look at what is available and get involved!

New year. New opportunities. Give something a go!

Monday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Maths Challenge	Miss Gardner	B02
Maths Revision	Mr Breeze	B03
Homework Club	Mrs Martin	B04
Spanish/KS4 Spanish Revision	Mrs Fougo	L03
SEN Homework Club	Mrs Farmer	C04
Netball (all years)	Miss Sawle/Miss Gunn	MUGA/Sports Hall
KS4 Science Drop-In	Miss Farley	D05
Girls Football (all years)	Miss Frost/Ms Earnshaw/Miss O'Neill	Field
Boys Football (year 8)	Mr Murray	Field
Boys Football (year 9)	Mr Smith/Mr Owen	Field

Tuesday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Music Tech	Mr Gordon	G01
Chess Club	Mr Marris	C03
Art Club	Miss Braithwaite	F02
WJEC Intervention (as required)	Mr Murray/Miss Frost/Mr Drew	E04

Wednesday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
GCSE Business Studies	Mrs Shah	B04
KS4 Religious Studies Drop In	Mr Phillips	C07
KS4 Geography Studies Drop In	Ms Fox	K01
Dance	Ms Alvey	J02
DofE (Duke of Edinburgh's Award)	Miss Sawle	D06
Boys Football (year 7)	Mr Drew	Field
Library Open	Miss Bevan	Library
Boys Football (year 7)	Mr Drew	Field

Friday Week A

Club	Staff	Room
Games Design	Miss Deville-Smith	C02
Badminton	Mr Wood	Sports Hall
KS4 Health & Social Care Intervention	Mrs Halifax	L02
Boys Football (year 10 & 11)	Mr Murray/Mr Drew	Field
WJEC Intervention (as required)	Mr Murray/Miss Frost/Mr Drew	E04

Monday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Maths Revision	Mr Breeze	B03
Homework Club	Mrs Martin	B04
SEN Homework Club	Mrs Farmer	C04
Netball (all years)	Miss Sawle/Miss Gunn	MUGA/Sports Hall
KS4 Science Drop-In	Miss Farley	D05
Girls Football (all years)	Miss Frost/Ms Earnshaw/Miss O'Neill	Field
Boys Football (year 8)	Mr Murray	Field
Boys Football (year 9)	Mr Smith/Mr Owen	Field

Tuesday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Music Tech	Mr Gordon	G01
Chess Club	Mr Marris	C03
Art Club	Miss Braithwaite	F02
WJEC Intervention (as required)	Mr Murray/Miss Frost/Mr Drew	E04

Wednesday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
GCSE Business Studies	Mrs Shah	B04
KS4 Religious Studies Drop In	Mr Phillips	C07
KS4 Geography Studies Drop In	Ms Fox	K01
Dance	Ms Alvey	J02
DofE (Duke of Edinburgh's Award)	Miss Sawle	D06
Boys Football (year 7)	Mr Drew	Field
Cooking Club	Miss Malley	A02
Library Open	Miss Bevan	Library
Boys Football (year 7)	Mr Drew	Field

Friday Week B

Club	Staff	Room
Games Design	Miss Deville-Smith	C02
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Student Voice: Helping Us Plan for the Future

Our Key Stage 3 students have recently been completing their East Learning questionnaires, sharing their views and experiences across wellbeing, PSHE, careers and their future goals.
Student voice is an important part of how we shape Personal Development at Amington. The responses give us a valuable insight into how our students are feeling, what they understand and where they may need further support or opportunities.

We use this information to help us plan our PSHE curriculum, Personal Development opportunities and careers provision, ensuring that what we offer responds to the needs and aspirations of our students.

Thank you to all of our KS3 students for taking the time to share their views. Your voice helps us to make Amington even better.

Year 7 Rise to the Challenge on Personal Development Day

Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic Personal Development Day focused on building the skills and confidence they need both in school and beyond.

During the morning, students took part in a range of workshops exploring first aid awareness, communication, resilience and problem solving. These activities encouraged students to work together, think carefully and develop practical skills that will support them throughout their time at Amington.

The afternoon brought an exciting team challenge as students were tasked with designing, making and racing their very own ‘snakes’, created using socks filled with rice. Teams had to plan their design, solve problems along the way and work together before putting their creations to the test in the final race!

The day was a brilliant opportunity for Year 7 to demonstrate our values of being Ambitious, Brave and Kind: ambitious in taking on new challenges, brave in trying new skills and kind in supporting their teammates.

Well done to all of Year 7 for their enthusiasm, teamwork and fantastic attitude throughout the day!

Academy Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
02 November 2026	New Term Begins
04 November 2026	Year 7 Assessment Point 1 Reports
05 November 2026	Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening
06 November 2026	Year 10 Careers Event
wc/ 09 November 2026	Year 11 Mock Window 1
11 November 2026	Year 7 & 8 Drop-in
16 November 2026	Principal Day-time Drop-in
wc/ 16 November 2026	Year 9 Assessment Point 1
18 November 2026	Year 9 Drop-in
24 November 2026	Flu Vaccination (All Years)
26 November 2026	Year 10 Revision Carousel Sessions
2 December 2026	SEND / Safeguarding Drop-in
8 December 2026	Year 11 Mock 1 Reports
9 December 2026	Year 10 & 11 Drop-in
10 December 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening
14 December 2026	2026 Cohort GCSE Certificate Collection
16 December 2026	Year 9 Assessment Point 1 Reports
16 December 2026	Year 9 Drop-in
17 December 2026	Year 7 & 8 Disco
18 December 2026	End of Term
4 January 2027	INSET Day
5 January 2027	New Term Begins

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: lpoole@lfata.org.uk

Miss Wilson - 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.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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 - lpoole@lfata.org.uk

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