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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Term Welcome

I hope you passed an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break.

We have a busy summer term ahead of us, with many of our students preparing to take exams. As you will have seen, we have also been implementing a series of changes at Landau Forte Academy QEMS that will continue improving the education and school experiences of our students. Key to these changes is the quality of communication between you and the academy.

New Twitter feed

As we mentioned at the end of the spring term, we are re-launching our Twitter feed. If you haven't already, we invite all parents, carers and those involved with QEMS to follow us @LFATQ to keep up to date with what is going on in our academy.

Go4schools and Show My Homework

As well as updating you about developments in our academy, we know how important it is for you to keep up to date with information regarding your child's progress, feedback from teachers and homework. We have recently introduced two brand new systems in order to share this information with you – Go4Schools and Show My Homework. Details of how these work and why they are important are attached. If you have not already done so, we also ask that parents send us their email addresses, so that we can ensure everyone has access to both systems. For further details please contact Mr Murdoch (amurdoch@lfatq.org.uk) for Show My Homework and Mr Haddon (nhaddon@lfatq.org.uk) for Go4Schools.

Engage and Achieve Unit and Positive Behaviours Policy

The details of this will be sent to you shortly and will appear on our web-site.

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Parents and Carers' Forum

Through my discussions with you and listening to your feedback, I have identified the need for a QEMS Parents and Carers Forum. This will be an online forum that will :

- a) Create two-way communication between you and the academy, to:
 - ✓ Work with us as we continuously improve on our journey to an outstanding quality of education for your children;
 - ✓ feedback to us on our initiatives;
 - ✓ help us identify what works and where we can improve further.
- b) Provide opportunities for you to be briefed on developments, as and when these arise;
- c) Identify volunteering opportunities for you to contribute towards our student enrichment programme or to offer work experience placements for students as appropriate.

I also recognise that we have a highly skilled and committed pool of parents and carers and we would like to invite you to share and model your talents with our students. For instance, have you thought about giving a motivational talk in our assembly, or acting as a reading buddy for our younger students, or assisting us to run an after school club or Young Enterprise activity? These are only a few suggestions, so we welcome any ideas or alternatives from you all. Please get in touch with Ms Powell my PA, if you would like to register your initial interest and to discuss this further. We will be sending everyone a form that we would like you to complete indicating your areas of interest.

Through establishing this dialogue, we look forward to working in partnership so that, together, we help your children achieve their full potential and really excel during their time with us.

We will be updating you shortly on these and other developments, including our calendar of events for this term. Please do take the time to read the attached information and do not hesitate to get in touch with us about any queries.

With very best wishes



Ms M Wood
Interim Senior Associate Principal

Students' Progress and Homework Monitoring Systems for Parents

We are always striving to improve the way that we share information with our parents and carers, especially when it comes to your child's progress, assessment data, feedback and homework. We have recently introduced two brand new systems in order to share this information.

Go4schools and is an online data system through which we are able to share all of your child's assessment data keeping you up to date with their progress.

The benefits of this system are as follows:

- **Transparency** – All assessment data for all subjects is logged via the online portal to enable you to see all of this information via a few simple clicks.
- **Timeliness** – as soon as staff have entered assessment data this is immediately available to both students and parents/carers.
- **Convenience** – you can view your child's current progress at any time whether that be using a computer, laptop or your smart phone.
- **Ease of use** – data is colour coded to show whether your child is on, above or below target.
- **Specificity** – every topic/unit that your child is taught is visible so you can see how they are doing in all aspects of their learning.

Example view of how you would see the information:

Detailed progress

| Subject | External target | Teacher target | Current | Progress | Mark sheet summary |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------|--|
| Art & Design | A | - | A | - | Unit 1 Textures A Unit 2 Celebration B Unit 3 Movement - Unit 4 All about me - Mock Exam - |
| Biology | B | - | A | - | B1 Objective Tests A B2 - B3 Test - New ISA - Homework Assignments Higher A Homework Assignments Foundation - |
| Chemistry | B | - | B | - | C1 Objective Tests A C2 - C3 Test D ISA - Homework Assignments Higher B Homework Assignments Foundation - |

Show My Homework is an online tool that is specific to the homework your child receives.

The benefits of this system are as follows:

- **Convenience** – whether you log on to the website via the link on the school's homepage or you download the Show My Homework App, you will be able to keep track of what is set and when it is due. This also means that your child will not miss any homework tasks through forgetting to write them down or simply forgetting about them.
- **Timeliness** – as soon as a member of staff sets a piece of homework this becomes visible through the website. If you have the App you will receive push notifications when tasks are set and when they are due.
- **Ease of use** – all information about homework is shared with both students and parents/carers and any additional useful links or documents can be attached. You will also see how each piece of homework should be handed in.
- **Specificity** – you will only receive information about the homework set for your child.

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