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Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin the summer term, we wanted to write to all parents to share with you some of the feedback from our short Ofsted inspection at the end of March.

We are very pleased that inspectors agree that the Academy continues to be 'Good' and that the report reflects so positively on the strengths of the school. In his letter to me as Executive Principal, the Inspector praises our culture of high aspirations, the safeguarding of students, our music and performing arts offer and the training and support our staff are receiving.

It is likewise gratifying that the Inspector has acknowledged the "robust action" we have taken to drive improvement in recent months and the positive impact this is already having. While there is still some way to go, we are determined to ensure that students are meeting and exceeding expectations and leaving us with the very best qualifications and skills for the next stages of their lives, educations and careers. As part of this, we will continue to communicate with you about some of the measures we will be putting in place as we strive to become an 'Outstanding' school.

In his letter, the Inspector also says:

- "You and your staff have an unshakeable belief in the potential of each pupil and each member of staff. You are aspirational for all, believing that every pupil can achieve well no matter what barrier they may face."
- "The school is orderly, calm and well managed."
- "Safeguarding is taken very seriously [...] Pupils' welfare is at the heart of everything you do."
- "You want pupils to see themselves as successful, studious individuals and pupils told inspectors they enjoy this challenge." Students "were full of excitement and gratitude for the opportunities you offer them".
- "Assessment is linked clearly to where pupils are in their learning, what they are doing well and what they need to do next."
- "You [...] offer a wide range of opportunities in music, art and drama. You believe in performance art and the crucial role it plays in creating a sense of community and purpose in your school."
- "Responses to the staff, pupil and parent questionnaire are very positive. You have the support of your community."

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This feedback is testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff and the support of parents, governors and the local community. It also demonstrates that our commitment to continuous improvement and focus on improving outcomes for students is beginning to have a real impact on the education and experience that they receive at Landau Forte Academy QEMS.

Thank you for your continued support. May we wish students a very happy, successful summer term.

Best wishes,



Dr Antony Edkins  
Executive Principal of Landau Forte Academy QEMS,  
Chief Executive of Landau Forte Charitable Trust



Ms Meena Wood  
Interim Senior Associate Principal