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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on a few key issues across Landau Forte QEMs and Sixth Form.

Firstly, I would like to apologise that we were unable to get this communication to you yesterday.

You may already be aware that I will be taking up a position as Interim Principal at Landau Forte Academy QEMS and Tamworth Sixth Form with immediate effect. As a Trust we will be launching a full recruitment process shortly to find a permanent Principal.

We acknowledge there have been a number of changes to the school leadership over the years. As a trust we are focussed on our students and getting the quality of education right, and we will never compromise on these values. It is vital that every one of our school leaders are united behind our shared vision of providing the best education for every child, and that they actively work to promote a welcoming and positive learning environment.

We will not rush to make this appointment and we will take our time to identify the right person for this school. Until then, we want to reassure you that my role as Interim Principal shows the importance we place upon this role, and our commitment to ensuring your children receive the high-quality education they deserve.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work more closely with the staff and students across Landau Forte Academy QEMS and Tamworth Sixth Form and have already begun making a number of changes in response to feedback that I have received.

For QEMs the focus on teaching and learning will be strengthened and our staff will be focussing on ensuring that every lesson has a positive impact on students. We are aware of concerns raised regarding intervention sessions and supply teachers and have therefore worked with the SLT to ensure that teaching staff are allocated appropriately and are able to focus on lesson content without any diversion.

For Sixth Form, we have relaxed the uniform rules to ensure that smart business dress is worn, but with no restriction on patterns/stripes etc. I would however ask that all skirts are kept to an appropriate length to safeguard our students. We will also be reviewing the ways in which Sixth Formers are able to access learning without remaining on site for the full day. This is a more comprehensive piece of work, but we will be looking to make changes to this policy following the half term break.

I will also be communicating shortly about parent drop-in sessions that we will be holding. I would encourage you to attend these and meet with me so that we can work together to effect rapid change for these schools and for Tamworth.

In the meantime, please do feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Findlay-Cobb".

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