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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this academic year, I reflect back with immense pride on yet another incredible year! I remain astounded by how much we can achieve together as a result of the strong relationships that exist amongst staff, parents and our students. We can all be really proud of our schools across the Trust and their school communities for the way in which they have supported each other through many ongoing challenges. Working together they have ensured that we have done everything to maintain the highest standards of education possible, both academically and for your child's personal development.

This hard work has led to very positive outcomes from the two Ofsted inspections we have received this year. Landau Forte Moorhead has moved out of Special Measures and into Requires Improvement with Good for Leadership and Management, and Landau Forte Amington has moved out of Requires Improvement to Good in all areas. We are extremely proud of our staff and the students at these schools. Well done to all of them!

It has been a delight over the past few weeks to visit each of our schools across Derby and Tamworth. At Landau Forte Greenacres I was privileged to be in the audience for their production of Mary Poppins. All I can say is that it was absolutely fabulous! The air was filled with children singing their hearts out having carefully learnt every word. The principal actors were amazing too and truly took me back to my own childhood and the original film version of Mary Poppins. The mere fact that we could all be in the school together to watch this performance for the first time in two years made it all the more special.

At Landau Forte Amington I had the pleasure of being at their first school Fete for many years and want to thank our wonderful parents on the Fete Committee for organising and setting up this excellent event. We did however, get soaking wet on a couple of occasions but that did not take away from the success of the day. A small school orchestra played for us, ballroom dancers danced for us and students sang for us. The police and fire brigade were there as well as agility dogs, ice-cream vans and fish and chips! The event was a huge success and one that will be happening annually from now on.

At Landau Forte QEMS we welcomed 112 year 6 children from local schools as they had their taster session as Year 7s in their new school. The smiles and excited chatter said it all. Faces beamed as they told me about their day and all the things they were looking forward to. New friends were made and teachers met. Behaviour was impeccable and the students were a real credit to both their families and their primary schools. We can't wait for them to join us.

At Landau Forte Tamworth 6th Form I visited the newly introduced drop down days for students which was a huge success. The day consisted of university talks, student finance, degree

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apprenticeships, apprenticeships, gap years and employment. The day ended with the medical officer, Mr King, speaking about staying safe when socialising and what to do in an emergency. Students were given the opportunity to practice giving first aid, CPR and experience using a defibrillator machine. The students enjoyed telling me about their day and what they will take away from it.

At Landau Forte College Derby I was honoured to be asked to present certificates at the Celebration of Success awards. 160 students were nominated for the awards. The event was spread over two evenings to accommodate all the families attending. I was extremely proud of each and every recipient of the awards but was particularly touched by the students who had attended our Landau Forte Moorhead school and then moved on to our Landau Forte Derby College.

At Landau Forte Moorhead our Year 3 and Year 4 students travelled to Manchester to play with the Halle Orchestra in a concert with schools from the north of England. Everyone learns an instrument at Moorhead - the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils are learning to play the flute and so through 'Wider Opportunities' the school secured the opportunity to take part in a concert and play with the world famous orchestra. The children were thrilled and couldn't quite believe they were there. They certainly did us proud.

So once again I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Parents and Carers for choosing us to educate your children. We can't thank you enough for letting us be part of their lives. Have a wonderful summer break and we will do it all again in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Findlay-Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sarah Findlay-Cobb
CEO Landau Forte Charitable Trust