

NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of Landau Forte QEMS & Sixth Form



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Message from the Principal

Mrs K Adams

Please find included in our end of year newsletter some highlights of the great events and celebrations we have held at Landau Forte QEMS and Sixth Form. These demonstrate the students' willingness to get involved in all aspects of our academy life.

Our students have demonstrated great resilience this year and we couldn't be prouder of what they have achieved; they demonstrate daily their support our of academy values: compassion, curiosity and courage. In addition to the information in the newsletter we have also welcomed our new year 7s into the academy for three days, held our annual sports day, ran our annual activity day and have sent our musicians and performers to Barcelona for their first tour for three years.

I am incredibly proud of our students at our academy and thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you and your families a restful summer break.

Sixth Form EPQ

We were delighted to celebrate the success of our Year 13 students who gave so many excellent Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations. In essence, the EPQ is a large independent project for which students earn an AS (half an A-Level) qualification. These presentations saw the culmination of months of research into specifically chosen topics that students have an interest in. Throughout the year, students have honed their research and referencing skills and as a result have successfully demonstrated many sought after skills required by university and employers alike. Students covered a plethora of topics which included mental health, crime, drug legalisation, and Brexit, to name a few!

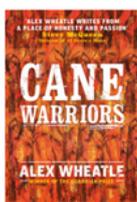
Well done Year 13 – it’s not easy to write in depth about a topic, or to present to an audience – we were really pleased with the quality of work and your insightful conclusions!

The EPQ team

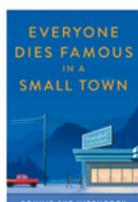


Carnegie Book Award Shadowing Scheme

The Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022



Cane Warriors
Alex Wheatle
Andersen Press



Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town
Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Faber



October, October
Katya Balen
Bloomsbury



Guard Your Heart
Sue Dinin
Macmillan Children's Books



When the Sky Falls
Phil Earle
Andersen Press



The Crossing
Manjeet Mann
Penguin Children's Books



Tsunami Girl
Julian Sedgewick
Guppy Books



Punching the Air
Yusef Salaam
HarperCollins Children's Books

Students and staff at QEMS and the Sixth Form have been taking part in the Carnegie Book Award Shadowing Scheme during April, May and June. The Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are the UK’s longest running and best loved children’s book awards. The Carnegie Medal is awarded for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people. Past winners include Frank Cottrell Boyce, Sarah Crossan, Siobhan Dowd and Patrick Ness. Participants have been reading a short list of eight contemporary young adult fiction and will be invited to vote for their favourite in early June. The winner of the Carnegie Medal will be announced at a live streamed ceremony on Thursday 16th June.

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Sixth Form Induction Days

We had a brilliant few days welcoming our new sixth formers at our induction days. We are looking forward to welcoming them all back in the new term.



Year 13 University Offers

Many of our students in Year 13 have applied for places at university in September. Here are just a few of the students who have received offers and will be heading off to pastures new next academic year.

Georgia

Georgia has received an offer to study Film Studies with Philosophy at Royal Holloway, University of London. Georgia finds film fascinating and she would like to make a career in the film industry. She would like to investigate all avenues of film and the film industry before specialising in one particular area.

Nell

In September, Nell hopes to be studying English Literature at the University of Liverpool. Nell believes that English Literature is the best course for her as it will provide her with the skills she will need for a variety of possible careers she has in mind, including journalism and detective police work.



DiSE Boxing

This year has seen the development of the DiSE Boxing (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) programme. This is a great opportunity for elite boxers to access an England Boxing pathway programme and be supported with all aspects of their sporting ambition. Athletes on the programme are supported to develop their skills, techniques and tactics whilst achieving supporting academic qualifications. Consequently, student athletes will train everyday under the tuition of an England Coach. The DiSE programme has gone from strength to strength with the support of Landau Forte in providing the supporting academic qualifications to develop our athletes to achieve academic and career success, thus, providing valuable opportunities to support the athletes LTAD (Long Term Athlete Development). This provides students different avenues to progress within coaching, officiating and university. The combination of physical preparation and long-term development are key for the athletes immediate and long-term goals. This year alone has seen a fantastic winning haul for our athletes with six DiSE/Landau Forte students achieving national titles. This includes the following:

Ella-Mai

Ella-Mai has been offered a place at the University of Leeds to study Philosophy and Politics. In the future Ella-Mai hopes to use her degree as a stepping stone to primary teaching but is leaving her options open for other careers, such as the civil service.

Bailey

Bailey has always enjoyed and excelled at problem solving, so relishes the chance to study Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University. After completing his degree Bailey hopes to become a Chartered Engineer working in the engineering industry.

James

James has always wanted to be a primary school teacher and has decided to take a direct route into teaching. He has accepted an offer at Birmingham City University to study Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status. A talented musician, James hopes to become a primary school teacher with subject leader responsibility for music.

Natasha

Natasha has chosen Bath University for its excellent sporting facilities and reputation. She would like a career in the sports industry so has chosen Health and Exercise Science which she can tailor to a variety of pathways in the future such as sports therapy and personal training.

We wish all year 13 students the best of luck for the future.



Top left - S Shore - National Youth Champion (Female Youth Under 63kg)

Top middle - J Van Gelder - National Youth Dev Champion (Youth Development Under 57kg)

Top right - D McKenzie - National Youth Champion (Male Youth Under 80kg)

Bottom left - D McManus - National Youth Champion (Male Youth Cadet Under 92kg)

Bottom middle - J Rose - National Youth Champion (Male Youth Cadet Under 54kg)

Bottom right - Z Aitchison - National Youth Champion (Female Youth Under 60kg)

PE

The PE department have built on their successes in the second half of the academic year, where many more students have had their first taste of an athletics sports day, rounders fixtures and cricket fixtures in 3 years!

Badminton

The boys' tournament played host to more than 90 boys across all year groups, with some fantastic matches. The overall winner was Ben. M in Year 11, narrowly beating Tom. R, also in Year 11.

The girls' tournament played host to more than 60 girls, some with their first experience of competitive badminton. The quality of girls' badminton is on the rise and we hope more will continue to attend the club and enter future tournaments. The overall winner was Olivia. W in Year 10, beating Jessica. M in Year 10.



Cricket

The Year 7 boys entered a softball cricket tournament on Tuesday 13 June. After a strong victory against Landau Amington the boys were defeated in the last over by Rawlett. In the final game the boys scored a mammoth 88 and limited Wilnecote to 30 to win by a big margin and finish as runners up.

On Tuesday 20 June the same set of boys entered the Year 8 tournament. In their first game they beat Wilnecote by 20 runs with Charlie P scoring 29. The deciding game saw them beat Landau Amington without losing a batter. Mason H took 2 wickets and a run out in his over.

Netball

There has been an excellent turnout for Netball club all year round. The standard of performance has been brilliant, and the younger students have progressed so much, which has had a huge impact in their netball grade in lessons.



Rounders

Well done to the Year 8s for finishing 3rd in the Tamworth Schools Rounders Tournament. Some excellent batting performances from the girls, and some really close games! This was their first competitive match this year and they all showed great courage and teamwork throughout the tournament- well done girls! Our Year 9s and a mixed Year 7 and 8 Rounders' team played against Rawlett last week. Although narrowly losing, there were some stand out performances from both games, especially in our fielding. They worked incredibly hard and showed great commitment and enthusiasm throughout. Well done to both of the teams!



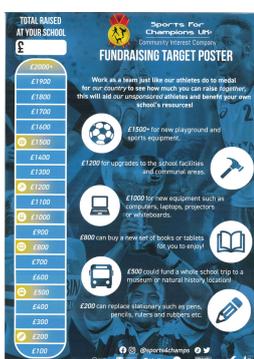
Tamworth Athletics Competition

Well done to all students that participated in the Tamworth Athletics Competition. This was the first competition in 3 years and it was a pleasure to see so many students experience success and enjoyment in these opportunities. 13 of the students have qualified for 18 events in the County Athletics Competition, representing Tamworth at the Northwood Stadium. The students performed with courage and provided great support and compassion for one another.



Sports For Champions

On Monday the 27 of June, Leon Baptist visited QEMS. Leon is a double Commonwealth Games gold medallist and current Olympic coach. Leon is a fantastic role model for the KS3 students. He led an inspirational workshop which engaged the students, and inspired them to chase their dreams by giving them the tools needed to overcome adversity, break down barriers and maximise their potential. This event was funded via a fundraising model, where the students were asked to be sponsored to complete the sporting activities with the athlete. Our target was £519 and the students managed to raise an incredible £739.04. The money raised goes into an athletes' fund. This is to help athletes with medical and training costs so they don't have to worry about generating a wage and they can concentrate on training to compete.



Next Generation

WOW, what a term it has been for our players here at NEXT GENERATION from our Yr 7 - Yr 11, students who have continued to work so hard on and off the pitch to reach their full potential.

Our Year 11s played their last game for the academy and what a performance it was! Year 11s have really worked hard to improve and perform to their highest ability. The team had their last game of their journey against Tamworth Enterprise College: their performance was one of the best we have seen.

We are very happy to announce that several of the students are going on to develop their football journey at our Sixth Form Football Academy. Good luck boys, we will be behind you all the way.

This term has seen so many superb moments for everyone involved but one moment has stood out. Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls competed against two very strong Tamworth Enterprise College girls' teams, our girls showed great resilience against a team full of academy players, we created chance after chance but it was Scarlet P that hit the back of the net for the first goal for the Girls Academy. It caused scenes of pandemonium amongst her teammates, just incredible!

Finally, we would like to thank all the students, teaching staff and parents for your support. **Mr Treadwell & Mr Cowdell**



YTF Celebration Day 2022

For the 17th year in succession, students from Landau Forte Academy QEMS attended Celebration Day for the Young Teen Fiction Book Award, held at RAF Cosford, in Telford. They had a fabulous day meeting authors and getting books signed. All three of the authors present have written one of the shortlisted books. The students have read them all and were very interested in the talks, asking lots of interesting questions about the books; the journey each writer took to becoming a shortlisted author and most importantly, trying to discover what they are writing next!

These students are fabulous advocates for reading. They have a love of books and enjoy sharing stories. This year they led library inductions for younger students on their visiting days. They did a great job! We encourage our students to become lifelong readers



Year 9 Trip To Belgium

The Year 9 students who recently visited Belgium, conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, with the school laying a wreath under the Menin gate at the Last Post Ceremony. The behaviour of the students was impeccable throughout, visiting the graves of fallen soldiers and also paying respects at the Last Post.



U14s National Basketball Team Trials

