

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



CURIOSITY COMPASSION COURAGE

TERM 3 - 05 JAN-13 FEB



WELCOME

I am delighted to share with you the activities that have taken place in our academy over this half term. We have had lots of reasons to celebrate with our students!

Our personal development day was a fabulous way for our students to engage with external speakers and agencies to promote safety within and outside of school.

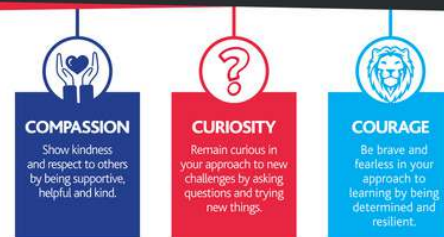
Next term we are looking forward to our annual Dance Show, adding another performance due to the size and popularity this year. We also see the first of our silver Duke of Edinburgh groups head out on their expeditions.

As always, thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our academy, allowing our students to achieve their personal and academic potential.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

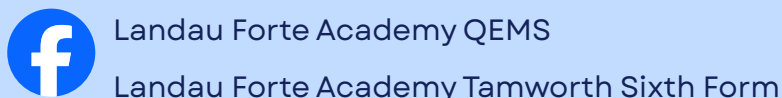
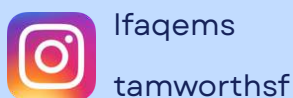
IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- Personal Development Day - Safeguarding
- Careers
- International Coding Competition
- Celebration Breakfasts & Celebration Assemblies
- Next Generation Football Academy
- Sports Reports
- House Championship
- Tamworth Park Run
- Restaurant Menus
- Dress Code & Attendance



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- Mon 23 Feb - Term Begins
- Mon 23 Feb-Fri 06 Mar - Yr 11 Trial Exams
- Tues 24 Feb - Celebration Evening
- Thurs 05 Mar - Yr 10 Parents Evening
- Sat 07 Mar - QEMS & SF Tamworth Park Run Takeover
- Thurs 12 Mar - Yr 12 Parents Evening
- Fri 20-Thurs 21 Mar - Dance Show
- Fri 20 Mar - Silver DofE
- Thurs 26 Mar - Personal Development Day
- Fri 27 Mar - Yr 11 Photographs
- Fri 27 Mar - End of Term





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★ Wellbeing Personal Development Day – A Wonderful Success!

On Tuesday 5 February 2026, we were delighted to host our Wellbeing Personal Development Day for the whole academy. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore important local and national issues that shape the lives of young people.

We were pleased to welcome guest speakers from Staffordshire Police and the Tamworth Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who joined our dedicated staff in delivering a range of informative sessions.

👮 Learning About Safety

PCSO Sorroll and PCSO Wilkes spoke to students about knife crime awareness, helping them understand how to keep themselves safe and make responsible choices within the community.

💬 Supporting Mental Health

Rebecca Firth and Hannah Mitchell from the MHST led sessions on recognising signs of poor mental health, looking after emotional wellbeing, and supporting one another—an increasingly important skill in today's world.

📖 Safeguarding for Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form students took part in safeguarding training delivered by Miss Robbins, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. This experience will be especially valuable for those aspiring to work with children or young people in the future.

They also had the chance to sit a mock driving theory test, helping them prepare for the next steps in their independence journey.

🛡️ Safeguarding Across the Academy

Students across different year groups participated in classroom activities provided by Educate Against Hate, learning how to stay safe, spot concerning behaviours, and understand how extremism and online risks can present themselves.

🎓 Preparing for Exams

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students took part in targeted masterclasses designed to strengthen their knowledge, build confidence, and support them in the run-up to their upcoming exams.

💛 Looking Ahead

We are excited to explore even more opportunities to work closely with both the PCSOs and MHST to further support our students and families.

Thank you for working with us to place student wellbeing, safety and personal development at the heart of our school community.

Mr Cavanagh, Mrs Rose and Mrs Wright



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Mr Carter - Careers Lead

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me - scarter@lfatsf.org.uk.

Work Experience

There's been an increase in momentum in students in Years 10 and 12 securing exciting work experience placements. A reminder that Year 12 work experience takes place Monday 29 June – Friday 03 July, and Year 10 work experience takes place Monday 06 July – Friday 10 July.

Degree Apprenticeship Mock Interviews

We were delighted to welcome in a partner from Higher Horizons to conduct mock Degree Apprenticeship Interviews to Sixth Form students. Students noted how valuable the experience was for giving them interview insight and boost their confidence. The interviewer noted how polite and respectful students were, as well as how motivated and passionate they were about their chosen career paths. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 9 Options

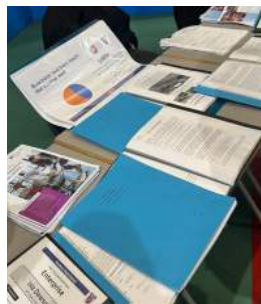
It's been fantastic to see how engaged Year 9 students have been in taking control over their decision making. There has been a real buzz around students beginning to shape career pathways by making these choices and their enthusiasm lends itself to very bright futures ahead.

Careers Logo

'Careers' now has a new face – and we're proud to show it off! This logo will start being integrated into all aspects of the school where careers information, communication and learning is taking place!



On Thursday 05 February, we held our Year 9 Options Carousel and Options Evening which gave students and parents the opportunity to discuss all courses that we offer with the teaching staff of those subjects, as well as providing information about student pathways. Both the carousel and evening were a huge success, and it was great to see the enthusiasm of students to find out more about subject choices 📚



INTERNATIONAL CODING COMPETITION



December 2025
International Coding Competition
Results

Secondary / Middle School **Congratulations!**

Country	School Name	Classroom Number
11 Portugal	Agrupamento de Escolas de Oliveira do Hospital	100_25_26
12 United Kingdom	St Margaret's Church of England Academy	SMA 2025
13 Germany	Berlin International School BIS	Grade 6
14 Indonesia	SMP Al Iqoyat Banyuwangi	International Coding Competition - K3
15 United States	Baseline Middle School	4th HR-CSD 2
16 Kosovo	Mattik School	Suhreka 2025
17 Croatia	August Šenoa	8.b
18 Luxembourg	Michel Lucius International School	7IECB
19 United States	Pennington Middle School	7th Grade
20 United Kingdom	Landau Forte Academy, QEMS	TICS

Codementum

In December, we entered all of our Computing and Computer Science groups into the Codementum International Coding Competition, and out of 11,203 class groups, from 4,853 school and across 136 countries, our Year 11 GCSE Computer Science class came 20th! This is a fantastic achievement that the students should be truly proud of!

<https://codementum.com/hour-of-code>

CELEBRATION BREAKFASTS

On Friday 31 January, we held a Celebration Breakfast to recognise our amazing students! They were awarded for their fantastic performances in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. We hope you enjoyed your celebration breakfast!



On Friday 06 February, we held a Celebration Breakfast for Year 7 students with an excellent start to their first year at QEMS.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 10 received their reports on Wednesday 11 February, as well as several students receiving certificates for Highest Attainment and Highest Progress!



Year 9 received their reports on Thursday 29 January during a celebration assembly ahead of their options process beginning!



Our Year 7 girls had a superb 5-2 win on Monday 19 January against Sir Graham Balfour which puts the girls into the next round of the County Cup. QEMS were 4-1 ahead at half time and had produced some top quality team goals. Sir Graham Balfour scored a second goal in the second half but we showed resilience to add another two goals to complete an impressive win. A special mention to Aubree for scoring all 5 goals including an absolute screamer of a second goal! Player of the match was awarded to Jayda after a fantastic performance at the back. The 9 ★ - Olivia K, Aubree C, Jayda G, Chloe N, Maja S, Matilda Q, Presley H, Erika C, Zara P W (C)



On 28 January, our Sixth Form footballers had a brilliant day at the Loughborough University Futsal Experience★

- ⚽ High-intensity futsal session
- 🏰 Tour of a world-class campus
- 💡 Insight into elite performance & student life

An inspiring experience inside one of the UK's leading sporting universities – opening eyes, raising ambitions and showing what's possible beyond sixth form. ❤️⚽

Our Monday Development Group worked through a focused and productive session. This week's coaching focused on passing and receiving, with players working on first touches into space, weight and accuracy of passes, and body shape and awareness.

Players then moved into a small-sided game to apply these principles under match-like pressures and encourage decision making in tight areas.

To conclude, we replicated the pressure and excitement of the previous day's AFCON Final with a penalty shootout. This provided a fun but valuable opportunity for players to experience high-pressure moments in a supportive environment.

A special mention goes to Jan K, who produced a superb penalty that reflected his enthusiasm and consistent effort throughout the session.

Overall, the group continues to show encouraging progress and a brilliant attitude towards learning and improving. Well done to all involved.



On Thursday 05 February, our Sixth Formers faced a huge test away at Brookvale Training Ground, home of Aston Villa FC Academy - the boys delivered a ruthless performance from the first whistle.

We challenged them to compete with intensity, play with courage and impose ourselves on the game... and that's exactly what they did.

- ⚡ Aggressive press
- ⚡ Brave, forward-thinking football
- ⚡ Clinical in key moments
- ⚡ Standards maintained throughout

To go into a professional academy environment and perform with that level of confidence says everything about this group.

🏆 Player of the Match: Kian W - he was composed on the ball, relentless without it and decisive when it mattered most. Kian led by example and set the tempo for the team – a complete display built on hard work and quality.



SWIMMING GALA

QEMS competed in the Swimming Gala on Wednesday 21 January 2026 and after a fantastic performance came 2nd with 163 points, just 5 points behind The Wilnecote School! We also had a number of students break records, some of which have not been broken for 14 years!

New records:

Butterfly:

Yr 9 - Ethan W - QEMS 15:72 - previously held by QEMS since 2013

Freestyle:

Yr 7 - Henry F - QEMS - 31:91 previously held by TEC/LTAM since 2012

Yr 9 - Ethan W - QEMS - 29:59 previously held by TEC/LTAM since 2014

Individual Medley:

Yr 8 - Marcus Z - QEMS - 71:28 previously held by RAW since 2024



BADMINTON

The following girls recently played in a badminton tournament. After a strong effort, the team came 3rd overall. Well done girls!

Singles game

Aine S, Erin R

Doubles game:

Billie C, Dominika M, Molly S, Grace P, Karina G S



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP - POINTS TABLE

The House relaunch is officially underway! This term, students attended a special assembly where we revealed exciting developments to our school's House System. With more events, more opportunities, and more healthy competition. Students enjoyed taking part in a lively True or False Showdown, with Freville House celebrating two impressive victories. Well done to all who took part. Commiserations to Offa House, who despite great effort were unable to secure a win this time. Looking ahead, rehearsals for our annual House Dance & Music Competition will begin next term. Students will be working hard to put on inspiring performances as they compete for the prestigious and historic trophy.

Here, you will find the current standings in both the House League (Events) and House Points Table.

Pos	Team	P	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
1	Freville	4	2	0	1	1	11
2	Guy	4	1	2	0	1	11
3	Peel	4	1	1	1	1	10
4	Offa	4	0	0	2	2	6

House	Points
Freville	58814
Guy	59428
Offa	51898
PEEL	61603



TAMWORTH PARK RUN - SATURDAY 07 MARCH



QEMS & Tamworth Sixth Form are taking over Tamworth Park Run, in an attempt to break a record (in volunteers and runners), raise the physical activity profile within our academy and to engage with our community! This will be a 09:00hrs start at Tamworth Castle Grounds on Saturday 07 March. Want to get involved? Join us for a free, fun and friendly 5k. Whether you run, jog, walk, volunteer, or cheer from the sidelines, everyone is welcome!

- If you are wishing to run/walk/take part, please register via <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> on your own device or search 'park run register,' following the details and saving your barcode. Please see Mr Sanderson with any enquiries.



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RESTAURANT MENUS

This Weeks Menu Week Commencing Monday 09 March

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Chicken Korma Chicken Balti Paneer and Pepper Balti	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Hot Dog	Cheese and Bean Bake	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Meatball Pasta Bake Vegetable Bolognaise	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chicken Burger	Sausage Roll	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Round the World Wednesday MEXICAN DAY	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Loaded Wedges	Chilli Nachos	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Sausage Quorn Sausage Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Mozzarella Sticks	Chicken Wings	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fishcake Breaded Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Pizza Slice	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink



This Weeks Menu Week Commencing Monday 02 March

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Hunters Chicken Cheese Omelette	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Sausage Roll	Potato Spirals	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Cottage Pie Quorn Cottage Pie	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Chicken Strips	Mozzarella sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Round the World Wednesday CHINESE DAY	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Cheese and Beans Baguette	BBQ Pulled Pork Baguette	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Pork Vegan Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Hot Dog	Chicken Wings	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fishcake Zinger Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Beefburger	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

This Weeks Menu Week Commencing Monday 16 March

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Beef Chilli Vegetable Chilli	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Sausage Roll	Nachos	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Spicy Chicken Noodle Box Vegetable Chow Mein Box	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Cheese and Bacon Potato Skins	Panini	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Round the World Wednesday ITALIAN DAY	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Mozzarella Sticks	Pizza Bagel	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Chicken Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Wedges	Pulled Pork and Cheese Baguette	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fishcake Breaded Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Beefburger Bean Burger	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink



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QEMS TAMWORTH SIXTH FORM

This Weeks Menu

Week Commencing Monday 23 March

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Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Creamy Sausage and Onion Cheese and Bean Bake	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chicken Strips	Panini	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Cajun Chicken Drumsticks Spicy Bean Burger	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Hot Dog	Pizza Slice	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Round the World Wednesday BEST OF BRITISH	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Loaded Chicken Tikka Wedges	BBQ Sausage Panini Cheese and Bean Panini	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Pork Cheese and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Hot Dog	Chicken Wings	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Landau Chicken Shack	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Beefburger	Mac and Cheese with Garlic Bread	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink



QEMS TAMWORTH SIXTH FORM

This Weeks Menu

Week Commencing Monday 23 February

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Sausage Roll Cheese and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Beefburger	Mozzarella Sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Potato Wedges	Chicken Strips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Round the World Wednesday INDIAN DAY	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Lattice Potato Fries	Tandoori Chicken Flatbread	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Turkey Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Cheese and Bean Panini	Pizza Slice	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fish Fingers Southern Fried Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Hot Dog	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink



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ATTENDANCE

We are very proud to share the news that yet again we have received a National School Attendance Award for Autumn term 2025/26. The Academy attendance is in the top 25% of all FFT secondary schools in England. A huge thank you to all those families who prioritise their child's attendance and learning, working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.



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