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Dear Parent/Carer

ArtScience Prize

We are delighted to inform you that our BTEC Subsidiary Art & Design students have been selected to be a part of the 2014/15 ArtScience Prize. In 2013, Landau Forte College was invited to be the first school in England to pilot this innovative scheme, in partnership with Derby Museums and The Silk Mill. The ArtScience Prize and Idea Translation Lab programs operate in nine sites worldwide. We are excited to offer this opportunity again, as the programme builds on its global success.

During Term 4, students will benefit from working alongside external mentors to develop their ideas using learning methods as both an artist and scientist. The 2014-15 ArtScience Prize theme; **Biodiversity**, invites young people to imagine bold new ways to recover biodiversity – to explore the diversity and connections within our world. The fusion of creative thought and use of analytical methods will be developed into reality and delivered to a panel of judges. Some of the timetabled learning sessions over the term will take place at The Silk Mill as part of this exciting journey. This opportunity will provide much evidence towards two of their core units for their course: Ideas and Concepts in Art and Design, and Communication through Art & Design.

Over the coming weeks, students will be involved in research to gather their ideas and work collaboratively in small teams, supported by a series of expert guests who are currently working in Art/Science related industries. In partnership with Derby Museums, we begin the first experience on **Thursday 12 March** from 11.30 am - 1.35pm, where students will meet their mentors to begin to realise their goal.

Yours sincerely

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Learning Leader for Art & Design

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