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Dear Parent/Carer

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I am writing to introduce myself as the new Principal of Landau Forte College from 1st January 2016. I have spent the last three years working as Deputy Principal at Bethnal Green Academy in East London and prior to that was Deputy Principal at Shirebrook Academy in Derbyshire, both rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

I feel extremely privileged to have been appointed as Principal and I have been fortunate to be able to spend a significant amount of time at the College this term to ensure a smooth transition. I was certain from my first impression of the College that it was the right choice for me as Principal and the welcome I have received from everyone has only strengthened this.

I have been extremely impressed by the young people here. They are inquisitive, engaging and proud to be students of the College. Their teachers and support staff are equally impressive and in my short time here have shown not only their skills and professionalism, but their dedication and commitment to the students.

I believe that Landau Forte College has many strengths and enormous potential and I am excited about leading the College through its next stage of development. As such, my expectations of the students in terms of their achievement and behaviour are very high. I expect all members of the College to uphold core values of respect, tolerance, courtesy and cooperation.

The relationships between students, parents and carers and teachers are fundamental to the success of the College. Working together will ensure that students enjoy their time at Landau Forte College, make outstanding progress and leave us as responsible, well qualified young people, ready to make a valuable contribution to society.

With this in mind, I would really value your continuing support in ensuring that all students wear their uniform with pride, both in College and on their journey to and from College. I have included the Dress Code guidance with this letter. Similarly, the importance of punctuality in making sure students are prepared for their learning cannot be underestimated and your support with enabling students to be on site by 8.20am is much appreciated.

Please be aware that there have been two changes to term dates for the academic year 2016-17. These dates are available on our website and bring the October College holiday in line with the school holidays in Derby City.

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I will be writing again in January to invite you to an informal consultation evening so you can come and meet me and discuss your views on Landau Forte College Derby.

I very much look forward to working with you and your family and wish you all a restful and happy Christmas break.

Alison Brannick

Principal