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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, please find enclosed the latest edition of Newslink. This edition really is the best showcase for all the wonderful things our students take part in; much better than I could describe in words alone.

In addition to the features in Newslink, I would like to thank you all for your support of the College's annual Children in Need event. The event was completely organised by the College's Student Council and raised just over £8,000, which is exceptional.

As we come to the end of Term 2 I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am with the progress we are making at the College. Attendance and punctuality rates continue to improve. The College has introduced an email address attendance@landau-forte.org.uk to support parents and carers in reporting student absence. If your child is too ill to attend College please telephone the College or email the attendance address stating the name of your child, year group and Personal Tutor, reason for absence and likely return date to the College. Student behaviour is very positive and staff are very impressed with the way all year groups are performing. Years 11 and 13 are working very hard preparing for their external examinations.

This term the College has focused on building further links with universities. Staff from Derby University and The University of Nottingham have visited the College to run interesting and engaging careers workshops with students from a variety of year groups. Some students have visited Sheffield University and other visits to universities are being planned for this academic year. Links with universities are crucial to growing our students' awareness of the opportunities available to them and also raising students' aspirations.

On Friday 16 December it will be Christmas Jumper Day at Landau Forte College! The event is being organised by Year 13 BTEC Business students and is in support of Derby Kids Camp. Derby Kids Camp is a volunteer run charity which provides free holidays for the most deserving children in Derby and Derbyshire.

From Term 3 we will be holding one Parent Drop In day per term. These days will give parents and carers the opportunity to drop in to College without a prior appointment and meet me and other members of the Leadership Team to discuss any issues or topics. I look forward to meeting parents at the Drop In days and at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

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I am always available to meet with parents, if you would like to meet with me and are not able to attend the Drop In days please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please contact Miss L Walendziewski, PA to the Principal on 01332 204040 or lwalendziewski@landau-forte.org.uk

Parent Drop In Date	AM Session	PM session
Term 3 11 January 2017	8.00am – 9.30am	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Term 4 5 April 2017	8.00am – 9.30am	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Term 5 28 June 2017	8.00am – 9.30am	3.00pm – 5.00pm

The College will close for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16 December and reopen for Term 3 on Tuesday 3 January. Can I please ask for your support with ensuring that students are on site for 8.20am each day?

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ms A Brannick
Principal