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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We have had a very strong year at the College and there has been a lot to celebrate.

We have been very impressed with our student body this year; their conduct and commitment to their studies is extremely positive and makes me very proud as Principal. As a staff body, we were particularly impressed with the way in which students in Years 11 and 13 prepared for their external examinations. Staff commented that students' organisation, maturity and preparation were the best they have seen here at the College. Likewise, our younger students have demonstrated positive attitudes towards their learning and have prepared well for their own end of year assessments.

We will finish for the summer break at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 21 July. The last day of term will be a non-uniform day organised by the Student Council, when students will be able to pay £1 to wear their own clothes. We ask that students wear sensible, appropriate clothing; revealing clothing or clothing with inappropriate slogans will not be allowed. The money raised will be donated to Remap (<u>http://www.remap.org.uk/</u>), a charity very close to the heart of the Student Council. Remap custom-makes equipment to support disabled people in living independent lives and is currently supporting one of our Year 11 students, who will be our guest of honour on the last day of term. We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to support this event. Other fun activities will also be taking place around the College on the last day of term to raise funds for Remap.

I have enclosed hard copies of the term dates for next academic year and the 2018/19 academic year. Students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will be returning to College at 8.20 a.m. on Wednesday 30 August. We will then be welcoming our new Year 7 students to the College on Monday 4 September at 8.20 a.m., with Year 12 returning at the same time on Thursday 7 September.

From the start of the new academic year, Heads of Year, rather than Divisional Directors, will be the primary support for students. This will only further enhance the high quality support the pastoral team already provides for our students. We have more year group specific activities and gatherings taking place than ever before and the Head of Year system will ensure tailored support at key times of the calendar. The vertical tutoring system will remain and students will still be part of a Division (LF1-5), but students will now have a Head of Year who will move on with them during their time at the College.

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The team will continue to be managed by Mr Carey, Director of Learning, Student Support & Behaviour Management (<u>icarey@landau-forte.org.uk</u>) and the Heads of Year are staff that most of you will already know and work with, and will be as follows:

Year 7 - Mr Tabiner (<u>stabiner@landau-forte.org.uk</u>) Year 8 - Miss O'Mara (<u>eomara@landau-forte.org.uk</u>) Year 9 - Mr Dobson (<u>ndobson@landau-forte.org.uk</u>) Year 10 - Mr Harvey (<u>pharvey@landau-forte.org.uk</u>) Year 11 - Miss Noble (<u>cnoble@landau-forte.org.uk</u>)

Year 12 and 13 - Dr Delbridge (adelbridge@landau-forte.org.uk)

At the end of the academic year, we have some staff moving on to new posts or retiring and new staff joining us so there will be some movement and change with the tutor bases. We will, of course, write to you to inform you of any change for your child.

I would like to thank you again for your support and likewise to thank students for their hard work and positive attitudes this year. We look forward to celebrating with our Year 11s and 13s this summer, when I hope and expect we will see another strong set of GCSE and A Level results.

Should you wish to discuss any of these arrangements, please contact my PA, Miss Lauren Walendziewski, on 01332 204040 or <u>lwalendziewski@landau-forte.org.uk</u>. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful and peaceful summer break.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Brannick Principal