ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER - 01 JUNE-17 JULY

WELCOME

As we come to the end of our academic year, I look back with great pride on all that has been achieved by our students. We said goodbye to our Year 13 and Year 11 students, celebrating with them on their leavers' days and at their proms. All events were both celebratory and emotional in equal measure. We can't wait to celebrate their results with them this summer!

We have welcomed our new Year 7 and Year 12 in for their induction events this term and we are excited about them joining our community in August.

In addition to all the hard work, all students have made the most of every opportunity. They have represented, danced, sung, and volunteered (see below!). They now fully deserve their summer break.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing all our families a wonderful summer break!

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KEY DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- Wed 26 Aug - Yr 7 and 12 Return
- Wed 26 Aug - Yr 7 & 12 Photographs
- Thurs 27 Aug - Yr 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13 Return
- Fri 28 Aug - Yr 10 Photographs
- Mon 31 Aug - Bank Holiday
- Wed 02 Sept - Yr 12 Information Evening
- Tues 08 Sept - Yr 10/11 Information Evening
- Thurs 10 Sept - Yr 8/9 Information Evening
- Friday 11 Sept - INSET Day, Academy closed to all students
- Mon 14 Sept - Yr 7 Information Evening
- Thurs 17 Sept - QEMS Open Evening - Academy Closed to Students from 12:30hrs
- Fri 18 Sept - INSET Day, Academy closed to all students
- Thurs 24 Sept - Yr 7 Settling In Evening
- Fri 16 Oct - End of Term

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The Safeguarding Team would like to thank all of our families for your for your continued support in working together to provide a safe, positive and enriching environment for every young person in our community. As we head into the summer break, we would like to share some important safeguarding, wellbeing and safety information to help keep our students safe, healthy and happy throughout the holidays.

Staying Safe This Summer

Water Safety

With warmer weather encouraging trips to beaches, lakes, rivers and swimming pools, water safety is extremely important. Children and young people should always be supervised around water and encouraged to swim only in designated safe areas.

We recommend families familiarise themselves with the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Float to Live guidance:

Float to Live

1. Tilt your head back with your ears submerged.
2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
3. Move your hands gently to help stay afloat.
4. Once calm, call for help or swim to safety if possible.

For more information visit: www.rlss.org.uk/float

Sun and Heat Safety

During periods of hot weather:

- Encourage regular hydration throughout the day.
- Apply and reapply high-factor sunscreen.
- Wear hats and lightweight clothing when outdoors.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight during the hottest part of the day.
- Check in regularly with friends and family who may be vulnerable to heat.

Road and Cycle Safety

The summer holidays often mean children are spending more time outdoors.
Please remind young people to:

- Wear a helmet when cycling, skating or scootering.
- Ensure bicycles are roadworthy and fitted with lights where appropriate.
- Stay alert when crossing roads and avoid distractions from mobile phones or headphones.
- Follow the Highway Code and cycle safely and responsibly.

Digital and Online Safety

Managing Screen Time

The holidays can often lead to increased use of phones, tablets, games consoles and social media. Families may wish to:

- Agree screen-free times during the day.
- Encourage outdoor activities and face-to-face social interaction.
- Set healthy routines around gaming and device use, keeping devices out of bedrooms overnight where possible.

Social Media and Apps

Popular platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok and Instagram continue to be widely used by young people.

- Check age restrictions before allowing access to apps.
- Have regular conversations about online behaviour and digital footprint.
- Encourage young people to report anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Regularly review privacy settings and safety features and supervise content and conversations on large group chats in particular negative interactions.

Parental Controls

Parental controls can help families create safer online experiences.
Useful guidance can be found at:

- www.internetmatters.org
- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- www.childnet.com

Supporting Young People Through Change

Preparing for New Beginnings

Many students will be preparing for important transitions, including:

- Moving to a new year group.
- Starting secondary school.
- Beginning Sixth Form.
- Preparing for college, university or employment.

Parents can support by:

- Discussing changes positively.
- Visiting new settings where possible.
- Encouraging independence and organisation.
- Maintaining familiar routines during the summer.

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Managing Anxiety and Worries
It is completely normal for young people to feel nervous about change.
Helpful strategies include:

- Listening and validating their feelings.
- Encouraging open conversations.
- Focusing on what they can control.
- Supporting positive sleep and wellbeing routines.
- Seeking support if worries become overwhelming.

Wellbeing and Support During the Holidays

Mental Health Support
If your child requires emotional wellbeing support during the summer break, the following organisations offer trusted advice and support:

- YoungMinds – www.youngminds.org.uk
- Childline – 0800 1111 or www.childline.org.uk
- The Mix – www.themix.org.uk
- NHS Mental Health Support – www.nhs.uk/mental-health

During holidays parents/carers can also self refer to MHST. Information on this has gone out on our Social Media pages.

Holiday Activities
Families seeking local summer activities, holiday clubs and support programmes can access information through:

- Staffordshire Connects – www.staffordshireconnects.info
- Local Family Hubs and community organisations

Safeguarding Contacts
Non urgent concerns can be reported to the safeguarding teams via the safeguarding email safeguarding@lfatq.org.uk which will be checked weekly over the holidays.

Emergency Safeguarding Concerns
If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, contact:

- Police: 999
- Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS): 0300 111 8007
- Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 0345 604 2886

CAREERS

Mr Carter - Careers Lead - scarter@lfatsf.org.uk.

Year 7 Higher Horizons UniFacts Programme

Year 7 students participated in the Higher Horizons UniFacts mini programme, which introduced them to the world of higher education in an engaging and interactive way. The sessions encouraged students to think about their futures, explore different subjects and careers, and develop an understanding of the opportunities available beyond school. It was fantastic to see students engaging enthusiastically and beginning to consider the opportunities that lie ahead.

Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students recently completed their Work Experience, spending time with a wide range of employers and gaining valuable insight into different industries and workplaces. The week provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop confidence, build workplace skills and explore potential career interests. Year 12 students also completed their Work Experience, gaining first-hand experience in professional environments linked to their future aspirations. Placements ranged across a variety of sectors and gave students the chance to develop workplace skills, make industry contacts and gain a deeper understanding of their chosen career pathways. We are extremely grateful to all the parents and employers who supported our students throughout the week.

Year 12 UCAS Writing Session

To support students as they prepare for university, employment or apprenticeship applications, Year 12 students attended a UCAS writing session. The workshop focused on helping students understand what universities and employers are looking for in personal statements and application materials, while providing practical guidance on presenting their skills, experiences and aspirations effectively. Students left with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of the next steps in the university and employment application process.

We are incredibly proud of all students who have engaged with these careers activities and would like to thank our employers, partners and visitors for their continued support in helping young people prepare for their futures.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' DAY AND PROM

On Monday 15 June, the Class of 2026 wrapped up their time at QEMS with their Leavers' Assembly! Year 11 have lived up to all expectations we had for them and more! Congratulations on being a wonderful group of young people. We hope results day brings all students everything you hoped for, but before that, enjoy your well-deserved summer break. 🎉🥳

PSHE SPOTLIGHT

PSHE Spotlight
As we come to the end of another academic year, we have been busy in PSHE preparing for the summer and looking forward to life beyond QEMS.

Our year 7 students have finished their topic looking at finance and being well prepared with our money. This has included trying to figure out how much it costs to run the average household for a month.

Our year 8 students have finished their sex and relationships topic for this year by looking at safe sex and how to protect ourselves from STI – again, the students showed great maturity throughout the topic.

Year 9 finished the year looking at consumer rights and how we ensure we know our rights when buying goods in person and online.

Year 10 have been busy with work experience, reflecting on the skills they have learnt by adding them to their CVs in preparation for applying for their next steps.

Please see some websites that you can use to support the students if they have any further questions after our PSHE lessons.
Year 7: https://www.nationwide.co.uk/about-us/for-the-good-of-society/money-lessons/
Year 8: https://www.nhs.uk/contraception/
Year 9: https://natwestthrive.com/about-thrive/parents-and-guardians
Year 10: https://www.unifrog.org/know-how/how-to-write-the-perfect-resume

DOFE - BUCKINGHAM PALACE VISIT

During May half term, Mr Bullock and Mrs Rose visited Buckingham Palace, once again, to celebrate a record number of Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards for our Sixth Form students. A massive congratulations to all 12 students who were at Buckingham Palace, including those Mr Bullock and Mrs Rose didn't get chance to see. A special mention to Aaron who had the opportunity to speak to the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward, about his award. We look forward to seeing the number of Sixth Form students increase again in next year's celebrations.

UCAS DISCOVERY FAIR

On Monday 22 June, Year 12 students visited the UCAS Discovery Fair at NEC Birmingham, one of the UK's largest higher education and careers events. Students were able to speak with representatives from a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, which helped support them in beginning to explore their next steps. We hope students were able to have valuable conversations and gained some clarity about their future options! 🎓

SIXTH FORM PROM & RESIDENTIAL HOME PARTY

At the recent Sixth Form prom, our Prom King and Queen, Dominik and Antonella, won donations to the charities of their choice. Antonella chose the National Autistic Society and Dominik the Royal British Legion.

The money raised from the prom went towards a garden party for local senior citizens which we hosted at the academy on Thursday 09 July. Sixth Form students organised an Afternoon Tea for the Wilnecote Rest Home residents which was a resounding success. We had some lovely feedback from relatives of the residents including “what an absolute credit the young people are to your Sixth Form - every one of them that we came into contact with was polite, helpful and very kind to the Home’s residents” and “I have never met a group of more delightful young people who gave their time and efforts to supporting the residents.”

Well done to those that were involved in organising the event!

SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAYS

On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June, we held our Sixth Form Induction days. We hope everyone who attended had a fantastic time learning about their chosen subjects, making new friends, team building and getting involved in the inflatable and escape room fun! We look forward to seeing you at the start of next term!

AARON - ARCONIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to recognise the success of Year 13 student, Aaron, who has been awarded a prize by the Arconic Foundation Scholarship Program 2026. The scholarship is for relatives of employees in the Arconic company based in the USA, to go towards college fees/tuition. Only a small number of people are chosen for the award each year from around the world. Following Aaron's GCSE results, remarkable A-level predictions, volunteering work for his DofE Gold Award, and High Achiever Status on the Volare Programme, Aaron has been awarded tuition fees towards his post-18 studies in Music. A huge congratulations to Aaron for all his hard work and fantastic achievements!

BILLIE - TEAM GB BASEBALL

A huge well done to Billie who attended a full weekend of Baseball training this term with Team GB! Despite the poor weather she took part in the full GB National Women's squad training on Friday, and played competition games against the Czech National Women's team and two traveling sides from the USA Baseball for All Ambassador Program over the weekend. She performed solidly with the GB coaches asking her to not only carry out her normal duties as a catcher and a batter but to also pitch as part of her development!🌟

OLIVIA - ICE HOCKEY

A huge congratulations to Year 7 student, Olivia, who after winning the league with Solihull Junior Barons U12s Ice Hockey Team, went on to compete further. The team won 7 of their games at the competition and took home the 1st place trophy. Well done to Olivia and her team!

QEMS CRICKET

Cricket has returned to QEMS, after a 6-year hiatus, in the form of an U14 Twenty20 match against Rawlett.

On a blistering hot day, QEMS decided to bat first and got off to a great start with Connor hitting 17. Unfortunately, wickets fell at regular intervals but with good contributions from Ronnie (22) and Freddie (18) the QEMS students made 121-9 off their 20 overs. In reply, Rawlett were 68-2 off their first 10 overs after wickets from Connor and Jovan, the QEMS bowlers toiled in the heat but Rawlett hit the target after 19.1 overs for a 7 wicket victory.

It was a great day all round seeing QEMS back playing cricket during a wonderful July day. The team gave it their all against a much older Rawlett side and should be proud of themselves! 🏅

SIXTH FORM BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Wednesday 17 June, some of our Year 12 students visited Birmingham University. They took part in discussions about what life is like at university, information on how finances work as a university student, and were shown what Birmingham has to offer on a campus tour! We hope students came away with lots of interesting ideas and food for thought for their future!🎓

CAREERS IN SPORT SHOWCASE

On Thursday 18 June we held our annual 'Careers in Sport Showcase' where we welcomed a group of Tamworth Sixth Form alumni to inspire our current Year 12 Sport students.

With a range of destinations including Governing Body work for FA, Physiotherapy and Osteopathy, Equine Sports and Academy Football coaching with business ownership, our current Year 12s were able to gain an insight into the number of careers they can progress to within sport.

We are extremely proud of the vast pathways our students pursue and achieve year on year and are delighted at their willingness to come back and contribute to the support and guidance of our current students! Our next showcase with more ex-students will be in September, with destinations including FIFA Sports Analysts, Sports Media, Sports Business Management and Dance with Education. 🎓🏅

COMPUTER SCIENCE ALUMNI VISIT

This term, we were delighted to welcome back former student, Josh, who delivered an inspiring and insightful talk to our Year 12 Computer Science students about his journey into the world of apprenticeships. Now in the first year of his Software Development apprenticeship with a strong focus on Artificial Intelligence, Josh is working with Tarmac – one of the UK's leading building materials suppliers. His success story is a fantastic example of how determination, curiosity, and the right pathway can open doors to exciting careers in tech. During the session, Josh shared his personal experience of securing his apprenticeship, offering practical advice on applications, interviews, and standing out to employers. He also gave students a valuable glimpse into his day-to-day work life, explaining the types of projects he works on and how AI is influencing the industry. Students found the talk engaging and relatable, gaining a clear understanding of what an apprenticeship in software development looks like and the opportunities it can lead to. We are incredibly proud of Josh's achievements and grateful that he took the time to return and inspire the next generation!

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day 2026 may just have been the best one yet! The culture of our Academy shone through all day with courageous individual performances, the curiosity to step up into new events and the compassion in the face of competition. With the band playing, cheerleaders performing, a podium to crown victors and a sell-out of ice lollies, the day was a true success to match the efforts and talent on show by our fantastic students.

A huge congratulations to the students who broke or equalled records this year in a range of events!

Year 7
Girls High Jump - Sienna - Peel
Girls Triple Jump - Sienna - Peel

Year 8
Boys Javelin - Flynn - Aethelflaed
Boys Long Jump - Orson - Aethelflaed

Year 9
Boys Javelin - Sam - Offa
Boys 100m - Morgan - Aethelflaed
Boys 600m - Alex - Offa

Year 10
Boys Shot Put - Mitchell - Offa
Boys Long Jump - Daniel - Peel
Girls High Jump - Kirsty - Peel
Girls Javelin - Billie - Offa

Finally, in a first victory for over 20 years, a huge congratulations to Freville house. With the most jubilant support and celebrations deserving of victory, it was confirmed during the double-counting relays that the win had been achieved. It seemed only fitting that ahead of a permanent name change to Aethelflaed, that a first victory in such a long time was achieved!

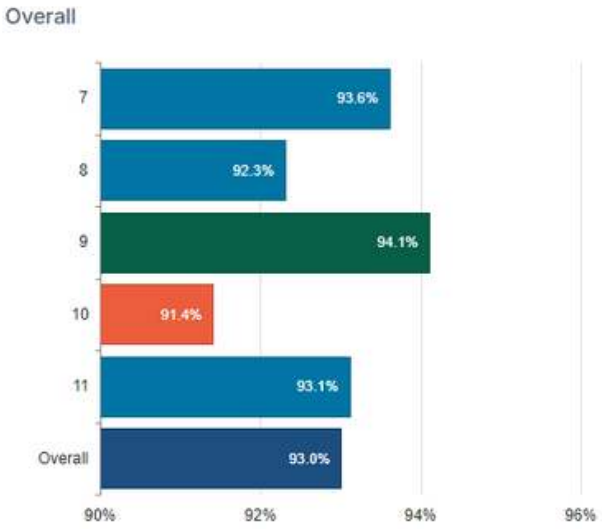
Points totals:
1st: Aethelflaed – 690 pts
2nd: Peel – 672 pts
3rd: Guy – 662 pts
4th: Offa – 630 pts

Already looking forward to a bigger and better one next year!

LANDAU FORTE ACADEMY QEMS ATTENDANCE 2025/26 - 93%

Well done Year 9!

Thank you to all students, parents and carers in supporting the Academy in the importance of attending school regularly, keeping up with learning, building confidence and making the most of what the Academy has to offer.



Why is attendance important?

Every day really does count
- Attending school regularly helps students keep up with learning, build confidence, and avoid gaps that are hard to catch up later.

Attendance links directly to achievement
- Students with 95%+ attendance are far more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes. Missing just 10 days a year (around 95%) can make it harder to secure good grades.

Small absences add up quickly:
90% attendance = half a day missed every week
85% attendance = almost one full day missed every week
This means key learning is lost, even if absences seem occasional.

Good attendance supports wellbeing and friendships
- Being in school helps students feel part of the community, maintain friendships, and develop routines that support positive mental health.

Attendance affects future opportunities
- Research shows that students who are persistently absent are less likely to stay in education, training, or employment after school.

There is a real financial impact
- Studies suggest that pupils with poor attendance can earn around £35,000 less over their lifetime compared to those with good attendance.

Employers notice attendance habits
- Good attendance builds punctuality, reliability, and responsibility – qualities that employers value highly.

We understand that challenges happen
- Illness and genuine difficulties occur, and support is always available. The school will work with families to remove barriers and help students attend whenever possible.

Attendance is a shared responsibility
- When students, families, and schools work together, attendance improves – and so do outcomes.

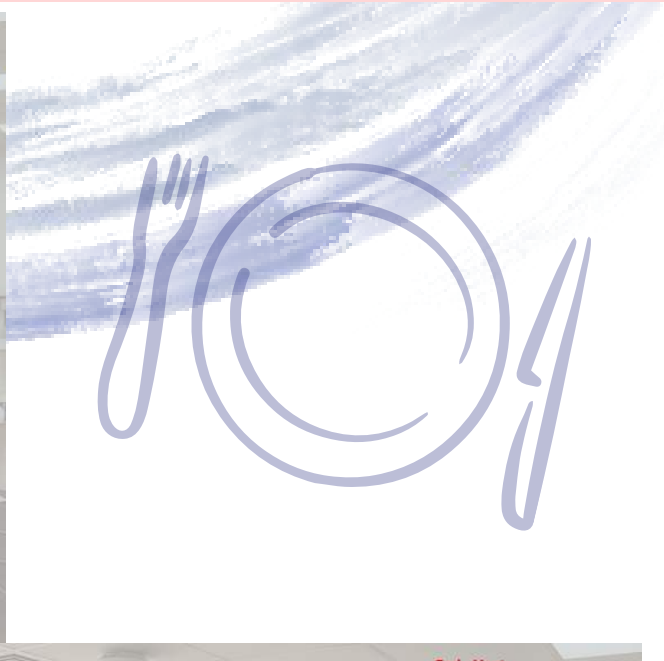
RESTAURANT MENUS

This Week's Menu

Week Commencing
Tuesday 01 September
Monday 21 September
Monday 12 October

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	Chilli Beef or Beef Bolognaise Vegetarian Bolognaise	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Panini	Loaded Wedges	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Hunters Chicken Cheese and Onion Quiche	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Sausage Roll	Cheese Donut	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Chicken Pasta Bake Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Pizza Slice	Chicken Tikka Pasty	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Sausage Quorn Sausage Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Baguette	Lattice Potato	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fishcake Zinger Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chips	Beef Burger Vegetarian Burger	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink



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Week Commencing
Monday 07 September
Monday 28 September

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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	Meatball Pasta Bake Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Panini	Chicken Strips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Cheese and Ham Omelette Cheese Omelette	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Wedges	Tandoori Pitta Parcel	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Sweet and Sour Chicken Katsu Chicken Spring Rolls	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Pizza Slice	Cheese and Bacon Turnover	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Pork Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Chicken Wings	Mozarella Sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Landau Chicken Box	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chips	Panini	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

This Week's Menu

Week Commencing
Monday 14 September
Monday 05 October

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	Shepherd's Pie Cheese and Bean Pasty	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Panini	Mozarella Sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Massala Vegetable Balti	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Loaded Potato Wedges	Sausage Roll	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Lasagne Stuffed Peppers	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chicken Strips	Potato Lattice	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Chicken Cheese and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Cheese Donut Chicken Donut	Hot Dog	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fish Southern Fried Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Beef Burger Vegetarian Burger	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

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