



# LANDAU FORTE ACADEMY QEMS

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# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Landau Forte Academy QEMS and thank you for expressing an interest in our Academy. As Principal at QEMS, I am very proud of the achievements of all our students and the pride they take in themselves and all aspects of school life.

Our high expectations together with high aspirations and ambitions you have of your child are all key elements in the vital partnership between the Academy, child and parents. It is this partnership, which provides the cornerstone for your child to succeed. We ensure students have the support and guidance required to help them become successful, responsible and educated citizens.

At Landau Forte Academy QEMS we want our students to enjoy their education and be stretched and challenged to achieve. We do this by promoting our key values of **compassion, curiosity** and **courage**.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you over the coming years to support your child through this important period in their education.



**Mrs Katie Adams**

Principal of Landau Forte Academy  
QEMS and Tamworth Sixth Form







# ABOUT US

Landau Forte Academy QEMS is part of the national network of schools and academies, it is owned and operated as an independent educational organisation providing free full time education for up to 840 students from 11 to 16 years old.

**The Academy intends to provide a distinctive style of education. The aim is to make learning challenging, interesting and relevant to the future to ensure that our students:**

- Have acquired the ability to think logically and approach situations with an open and inquiring mind, becoming independent learners.
- Have discovered and developed their personal strengths, aptitudes and interests.
- Are encouraged to contribute to a better society which takes into account the needs of others and shows respect for people and the environment.
- Are familiar with the expectations of future employers, understanding how business and industry operates and have the skills to access employment and training.

# WELCOME FROM THE TRUST



Landau Forte Academy QEMS is a member of the family of Academies operated by Landau Forte Charitable Trust. This is an educational charitable trust founded by Martin Landau and the Forte family over twenty years ago.

The Trust expects each of the Academies to provide a Landau Forte style of education which is distinctive, high quality and critically releases the potential of each student, enabling them both individually and collectively to be the best that they can be. Whilst the Academies each have their individual areas of expertise, the expectation of high standards of learning, teaching, attainment, achievement and student care are common.

At Landau Forte, our basic expectation is that every student makes at least good progress in their studies. The continuous academic development of every learner is central to our wish for young people to access the best that higher education, training and employment can offer.

It is intended that each Academy serves the wider community, providing opportunities for adult education and use of facilities for teams, clubs, societies and community groups.









# OUR APPROACH TO LEARNING

Our intention is to secure an excellent climate for effective learning with a positive culture where hard work and self-discipline are both rewarded and valued, where the students are motivated to learn and develop confidence so that they achieve to their potential.



Students are developed socially and emotionally through our tutorial system, house system and supported by a strong student support team.



Lessons focus on students building good learning habits using a range of resources and approaches to learning, using flexible student grouping for subjects. Our academy terms are similar in length, achieved through a five term year.



We naturally have a strong emphasis of linking with the world of work, industry and commerce supported by Information Communication Technology, with students studying at least one foreign language to support this.

# OUR CURRICULUM



We work very hard with our partner primary schools to ensure students have a smooth transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3. During their early years at the Academy students follow programmes of learning which build upon their previous experiences from primary school.

We view the Curriculum as the sum total of all the learning experiences within the Academy, not simply the identifiable subjects. There is a clear focus upon the core subjects of Mathematics, Science, English and with a strong emphasis on Humanities and Foreign Languages. The educational experience is further enhanced through Technology (including Art and Design), Performing Arts, and Physical Education & Sport along with other cultural, enterprise and personal challenge activities.

Students build upon their experiences from the early years at the Academy studying for GCSE and vocational qualifications during Key Stage 4 (14 – 16 age range). Throughout the Curriculum all students take part in work-related learning and placement activities. As a result each student has a broad foundation, which over time is increasingly personalised to fully release their potential and to meet the ambition and aspirations of the individual.



## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The Academy prides itself on providing for young people of all academic abilities. The needs of students vary; some needing full-time support programmes whilst others may need intervention for a short period of time. These needs could be academic, physical, medical, sensory, behavioural or emotional. The Academy's SEND policy reflects the new Code of Practice and the Local Authority Inclusion Policy.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Landau Forte Academy QEMS offers a wide range of opportunities for students to participate in the wider life of the Academy and broaden their experiences. We have an outstanding reputation for Music, Dance and the Performing Arts as well as expertise and excellent facilities for sport.



The Performing and Creative Arts Directorate enjoys purpose-built facilities and consistently provides superb opportunities for our students to achieve excellent examination results and be part of our wonderful shows, concerts, bands, orchestra and choir. We also offer highly subsidised instrument tuition.



Our shows at QEMS are outstanding; they are very professional and well attended by students, parents and the local community. Once every year we run a weekend theatre group. At this theatre group we work towards our annual production. We aim to include everyone and have lots of roles for everyone who expresses an interest.





In addition we have a comprehensive extension and enrichment activities programme which includes a range of cross-curricular clubs, homework clubs, university trips and visits, career and enterprise events, links to local and national charities plus local, regional and international trips.













The academy has a state of the art sports centre and a swimming pool, providing superb facilities for our students and community.

Coupled with this, we have extensive fields and a large astro-turf and we are therefore able to offer our students a wide range of sporting activities in their lessons as well as after-school clubs. We are a centre of excellence for cricket and have teams in local and national competitions in sports including; Athletics, Netball, Futsal, Rounders, Table Tennis, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Badminton, Basketball and many more.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



At Landau Forte Academy QEMS we believe passionately in developing our students into future leaders. Student voice is all about valuing our students and their opinions. Every student, in every classroom, has a voice that should be heard in the Academy. Student voice allows our students to share who they are, what they believe, and why they believe in what they do with their peers, parents, teachers, and their entire school.

Our student leaders are excellent ambassadors for our Academy at local events as well as leading student voice discussions which focus on all aspects of their experience with us.

We believe student success transcends examination results. Our relentless focus on the whole student ensures academic achievement alongside the skills and attributes to make a positive contribution to society.



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