

## Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy half term at school and there has been lots to celebrate.

On our first day back after the summer holiday it was fantastic welcoming all our new staff. We have been very lucky and have managed to recruit some amazing and talented educators as well as support staff to our school.

The first day back also saw our 210 Year 7 students into their new secondary school. They have certainly settled and I am seeing some great learning from them in their lessons.

Students were welcomed to our new refurbished rooms and refectory, which is certainly very busy at break and lunchtime.

It was lovely to see so many Year 10 and Year 11 parents at the Information Evening – there will be more evenings and I hope more of you can attend. We have listened to your feedback and will be changing the timings slightly so more can attend.

Year 11 will be completing their mocks after half term. All students have received their exam timetable along with 'What to revise' for each subject. Please can I ask that all Year 11 parents/carers support us in providing a quiet area for the students to revise.

We have welcomed Year 12 into their new Sixth Form area and Year 13 have completed their first round of mocks already.

After school curriculum activities are vast now at school and I hope your child can choose from the menu we have on offer. It has been phenomenal seeing all the students leaving school at 4.30pm after their activities.

I hope you enjoy reading all about our first half term and I hope you have a good half term. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Mrs A Gallagher

## Calendar

Monday 6 November	Training Day
Tuesday 7 November	Students return to school
Monday 13 November	Year 11 Mock exams begin
Friday 24 November	Year 9 – Say Yes to Learning
Tuesday 28 November	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Exams
Thursday 30 November	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Exams
Friday 1 December	Training Day
Monday 4 December	Year 13 mocks begin
Tuesday 5 December	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Exams
Thursday 7 December	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Exams
Thursday 14 December	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 22 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

## The Lord Mayor's Remembrance Day Service and Parade



**Sunday 12 November**  
**10.30am**



**War Memorial Park**

This term in English we are reading a really exciting and wide range of books, plays, non-fiction texts and short stories

**Year 7** - A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

**Year 8** - Non-fiction texts -Travel Writing

**Year 9** - The Hate you Give by Angie Thomas and  
Diverse Short Stories

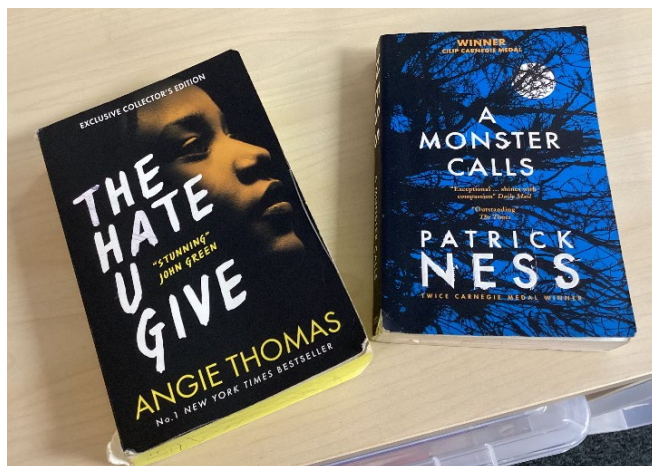
**Year 10** - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

**Year 11** - Macbeth by Shakespeare

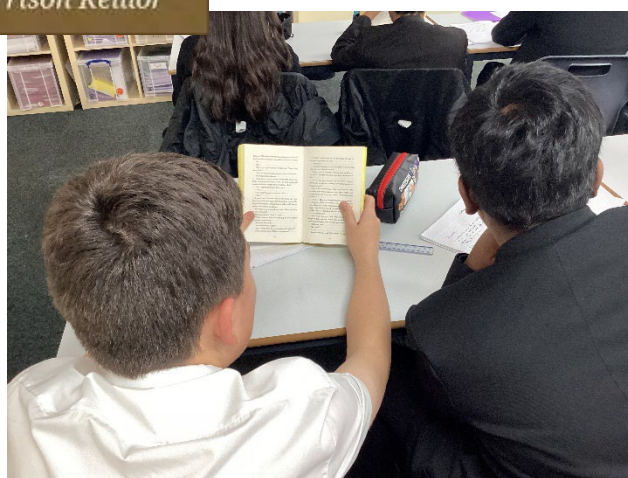
**Year 12** - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

**Year 13** - The Taming of the Shrew by Shakespeare

Let us know what you are all reading at home



*A book is a gift you can  
open again and again.*  
—Garrison Keillor



### Year 7 Reading Plus

At Foxford, one of our ambitions is to support and encourage all of our students to be avid, eager and engaged readers. From Winnie the Pooh to William Golding, Dickens to David Walliams, Shakespeare to Sue Townsend, the world suddenly becomes a much smaller place to navigate when we have the books to entertain, educate and excite us.



*"READING IS A PASSPORT  
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."*  
—MARY POPE OSBORNE





I am really excited to tell you that we have an incredible opportunity to trial a new reading program in the next half term with our Year 7 group. We will be spending 100 minutes a week in school, reading a range around a huge range of topics that are fun, exciting and engaging.

Year 7 students will spend 20 minutes per day reading and we want to see who is up for the challenge of matching or exceeding this at home as well.

Each week we will let you know who our top 5 readers are in terms of time spent reading, our most improved students based on attainment and progress, and our top performing tutor group. There will be a range of prizes including, book tokens, books, magazines and comics so keep an eye out for the winners.



**Can you be the Foxford reading champion of 2023? I dare you to try.**





## Spotlight on Year 10

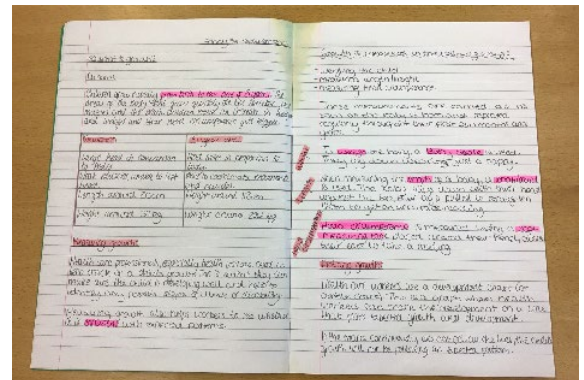


All students who take Hospitality and Catering have been brilliant during their practical sessions. They have been making great dishes, including Japanese Ramen and have been exceptionally focused



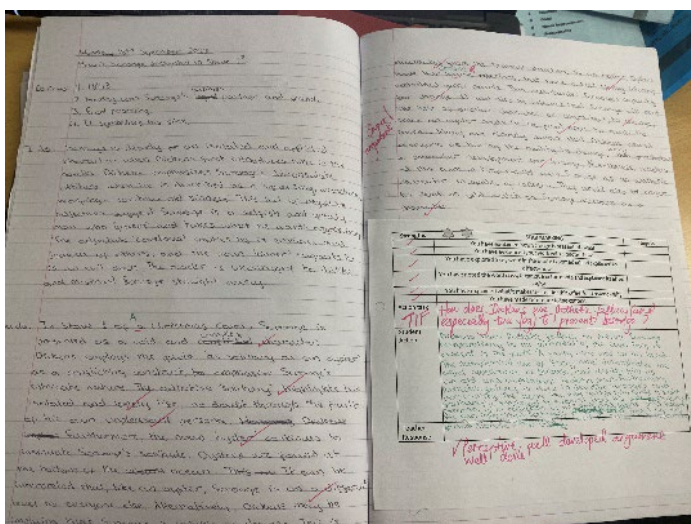
and produced high quality dishes. A couple of photos are attached of their final dishes.

A huge well done to Miss Hughes Year 10 Child Development class that all have made great improvement in term, improving their ATL and the quality of their class work. They have fantastic lessons, where all students are fully engaged and focused within a calm and quiet environment. All students have received praise points this term for their lesson contributions! See an example of Kyanna's book below:



Thank you and well done to the 6 brilliant year 10 students who came and helped out with open evening in creative arts this term. The students performed a dance from Aladdin and taught parts of the choreography to Year 6 students who were looking around. They were polite, hardworking, reliable: a real credit to the school. Thanks a lot!

Asha and Jaya are participating in a Formula 1 in schools' project. This involves designing the fastest model of car and racing them against teams from other schools. They smashed all of the competition and will now be competing in the professional level. (They were so good the Formula 1 team allowed them to skip a level!) As part of this they are required to secure sponsorship, create merchandise and increase their design skills before racing their design on a national scale. To secure sponsorship funding they presented to CBS at their Coventry Headquarters on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and were questioned by high-ranking managers at CBS. They were fantastic, confident and succeeded in securing sponsorship. We are all really proud of them! Coventry Building Society has reported their admiration of their aspiration, dedication and determination to us following their presentation. Well done "Sirens of Speed"

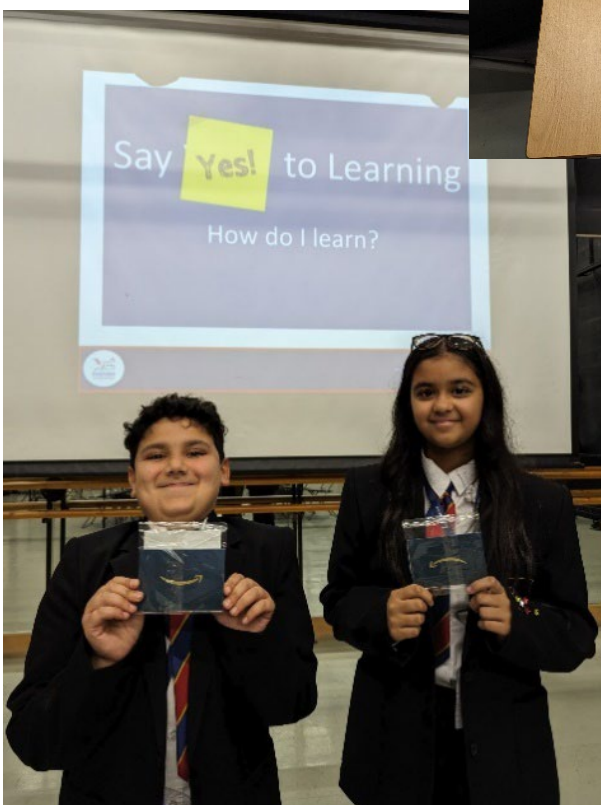
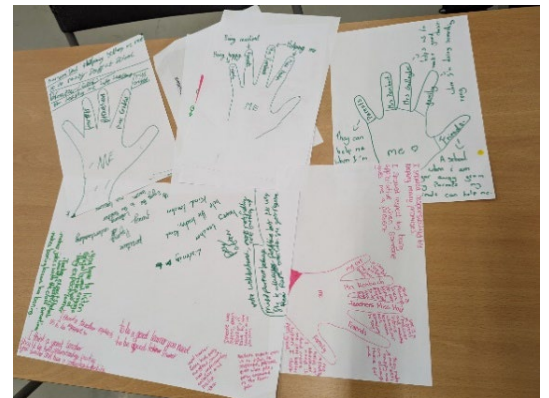


Well done to Kismat for completing her first English lesson this term to an excellent standard, including achieving 7/8 on questions 2! Kismat demonstrated amazing, perceptive responses, well done.

Year 7 and Year 8 students have had their first 'Say Yes to Learning' sessions of this year. Where they have been learning what skills, they need to become **Great Learners**.

They have met CODE and now have the skills and knowledge needed and are ready to apply this to their own learning.

Well done a great start to your Learning journey at Foxford!



## The 4 R's = a **Great** learner!

### Responsible

Dependable  
Keeping promises  
Honor commitments  
Accepting consequences

### Resilient

Work through a problem  
Not giving up  
Managing emotions

### Reliable

Honest  
Sincere  
Trustworthy

### Respectful

Considerate  
Appreciative  
Polite



## Year 7 100 Hours of Learning

On Friday 29 September, year 7 students celebrated their first 100 hours of learning at Foxford School. Students were also celebrated for outstanding achievements such as 100% attendance as well as being nominated as a VIP by their form tutor. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a year group and celebrate the wonderfully positive start that our students have made here at Foxford. We now look forward to celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> week of learning in February!





## Sixth Form

We were delighted to be able to open the doors of the new Sixth Form Centre to students from September. With a designated common room, kitchen, toilets and classrooms, it provides a fantastic environment for students in Year 12 and 13 to come together as a community and learn effectively.



**Mrs Fallis**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mr Tully**  
Head of Sixth Form



**Mrs Tuckley**  
Sixth Form Administrator



Mrs Fallis, Mr Tully and Mrs Tuckley are all based in the Sixth Form Centre, making them accessible and approachable for all Post 16 students.



The new term and new Sixth Form team have brought with them the launch of the ethos of **GREAT** in the Sixth Form. This framework underpins everything that we do, from teaching and learning, to independent study to pastoral support. It is based on **Goals, Routines, Effort, Achievement and Teamwork**.

We firmly believe that by helping our young people to develop both academically and personally around these principles, they will be able to maximise their potential during their time in Sixth Form



## OUR SIXTH FORM ETHOS

<b>G</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Why?'</li> <li>• SMART Targets</li> <li>• Short, Medium and Long Term</li> </ul>
<b>R</b>	<b>Routines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organising self</li> <li>• Organising time</li> <li>• Organising work</li> </ul>
<b>E</b>	<b>Effort</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working hard, but efficiently</li> <li>• Avoiding stress and burnout</li> <li>• Maximising opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>A</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What success looks like</li> <li>• Knowing the goalposts</li> <li>• Understanding progress</li> </ul>
<b>T</b>	<b>Teamwork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowing/Finding your tribe</li> <li>• Supporting others</li> <li>• Giving back</li> </ul>



Leading learning and excelling together

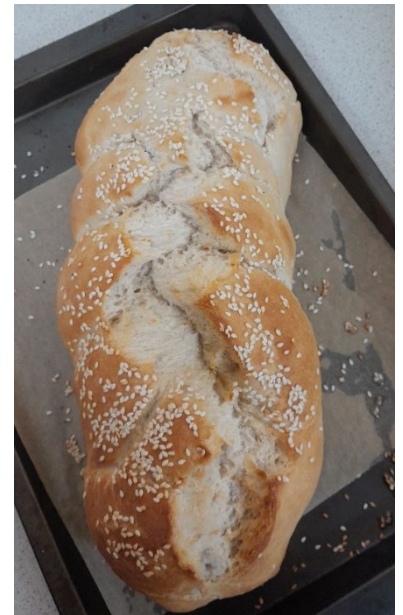
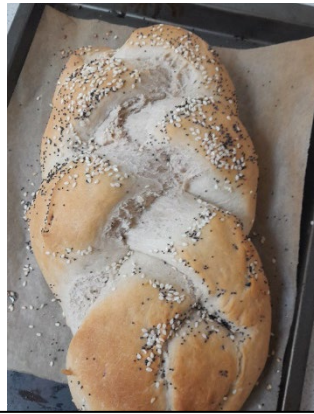


### UCAS Applications

Students in Year 13 looking to apply to university or for Apprenticeships are very busy putting together their UCAS applications. We have already sent some applications off for Medicine and the University of Oxford and have everything crossed that all students receive offers from their chosen institutions.

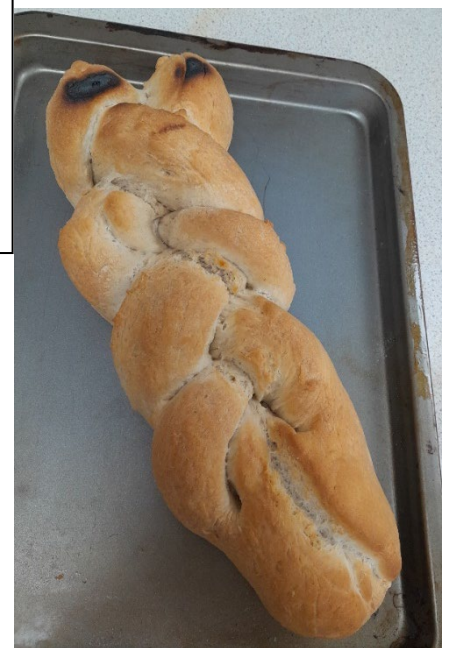
**UCAS**  
We are a UCAS registered centre





This is an exciting and popular after school gathering of fabulous cooks all aiming to improve their skills. We have been making bread plaits, shortbread, flapjacks and churros. We are currently working with Year 9 but fully intend to invite Year 8 to join in after Christmas!

Just follow your nose on a Thursday after school.



## Kids eat **'FREE'** or for just **£1** this half term

### Asda Café (every day)

Kids 16 or under get a FREE breakfast or a meal for £1. No minimum spend required

### Beefeater (every day)

Up to two children can eat a 'free' kids' breakfast when an adult buys a cooked breakfast for £9.50

### Bella Italia (Mon-Thurs)

Kids eat for £1 when an adult buys a main meal. Valid from 4pm-6pm

### Brewers Fayre (every day)

Up to two children can get a 'free' breakfast when an adult buys a cooked breakfast for £9.99-£10.50

### Café Rouge

Kids eat 'free' when an adult buys a main meal. Valid on different dates in England and Wales

### Dobbies (every day)

Kids eat 'free' when an adult buys a main meal

### Dunelm Pausa Café (Mon-Fri)

Kids can eat for 'free' when an adult spends £4

### Fridays

Children aged 12 and under can eat for 'free' if you're signed up to its app, select the 'kids eat free' deal, and buy a full-price adult main meal

### Harvester (weekdays only)

Kids aged 10 and younger can eat for £1 when an adult downloads the Harvester app and purchases a main meal

### Hungry Horse (Monday only)

Kids eat from £1 when an adult buys a main meal. Mondays only

### Ikea (every day)

From 11am, kids can get a main meal from 95p. No minimum spend

### Morrisons Café (every day)

You can get a 'free' kids' meal when an adult buys a main meal for £4.49

### Sainsbury's Café

You can get a kids' meal for £1 (normally £3.25) when purchasing an adult main meal for £5.20 or more.

### Sizzling Pubs (Mon-Fri)

Kids eat for £1 when an adult buys a main meal. Valid from 3pm-7pm

### Tesco Café (weekdays only)

Kids can eat for free when an adult buys anything in the café and scans their Clubcard

### Table Table (every day)

Up to two children can eat a 'free' breakfast when an adult buys an unlimited cooked breakfast for £9.50

### The Real Greek (Sunday only)

Kids under 12 can eat for 'free' on Sundays when an adult spends £10

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At the beginning of October, the Creative Arts faculty launched their extra-curricular clubs.

The department is alive with creativity after school each evening, with a musical theatre club, choir, band, dance and art clubs. It has been amazing to have older students giving up their time to help out at these after school clubs too.

As a faculty we have been thrilled with the turn out and commitment so far. Watch this space for a showcase of their talents at Christmas.

## After School Activities

Please see below details of the after school activities we currently offer and the year groups they are for:

Day	Activity	Year Group
Tuesday	Geography revision	11
Wednesday	F1	7-9
Thursday	Cooking Club	7-9
Thursday	Psychology revision	13

## Sports Fixtures

Date	Details
Tuesday 7 November	Year 8 Netball Bishop Ullathorne School
Thursday 9 November	Year 7 Football President Kennedy School
Monday 13 November	Year 10 Netball Bishop Ullathorne School
Tuesday 14 November	Year 8 Football Sidney Stringer
Wednesday 15 November	Year 11 Football President Kennedy
Thursday 16 November	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball President Kennedy
Monday 20 November	Girls football Ernsford Grange
Wednesday 22 November	Year 11 Football Home game vs Princethorpe College
Thursday 23 November	Year 7 Netball Bishop Ullathorne School
Wednesday 29 November	Year 10 Football President Kennedy
Tuesday 5 December	Year 8 Netball Ernsford Grange
Wednesday 6 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball Finham Park
Thursday 7 December	Year 10 Netball Ernsford Grange
Wednesday 13 December	Year 10 & 11 Basketball Finham Park
Thursday 14 December	Year 10 Netball Cardinal Wiseman



## Free Parent Arbor App



Please download the free Arbor app.

We are now using the app to send 'In App' messages, trip payments and consent and school shop items.

You will also be able to view your child's praise points, Behaviour points, attendance and timetable.

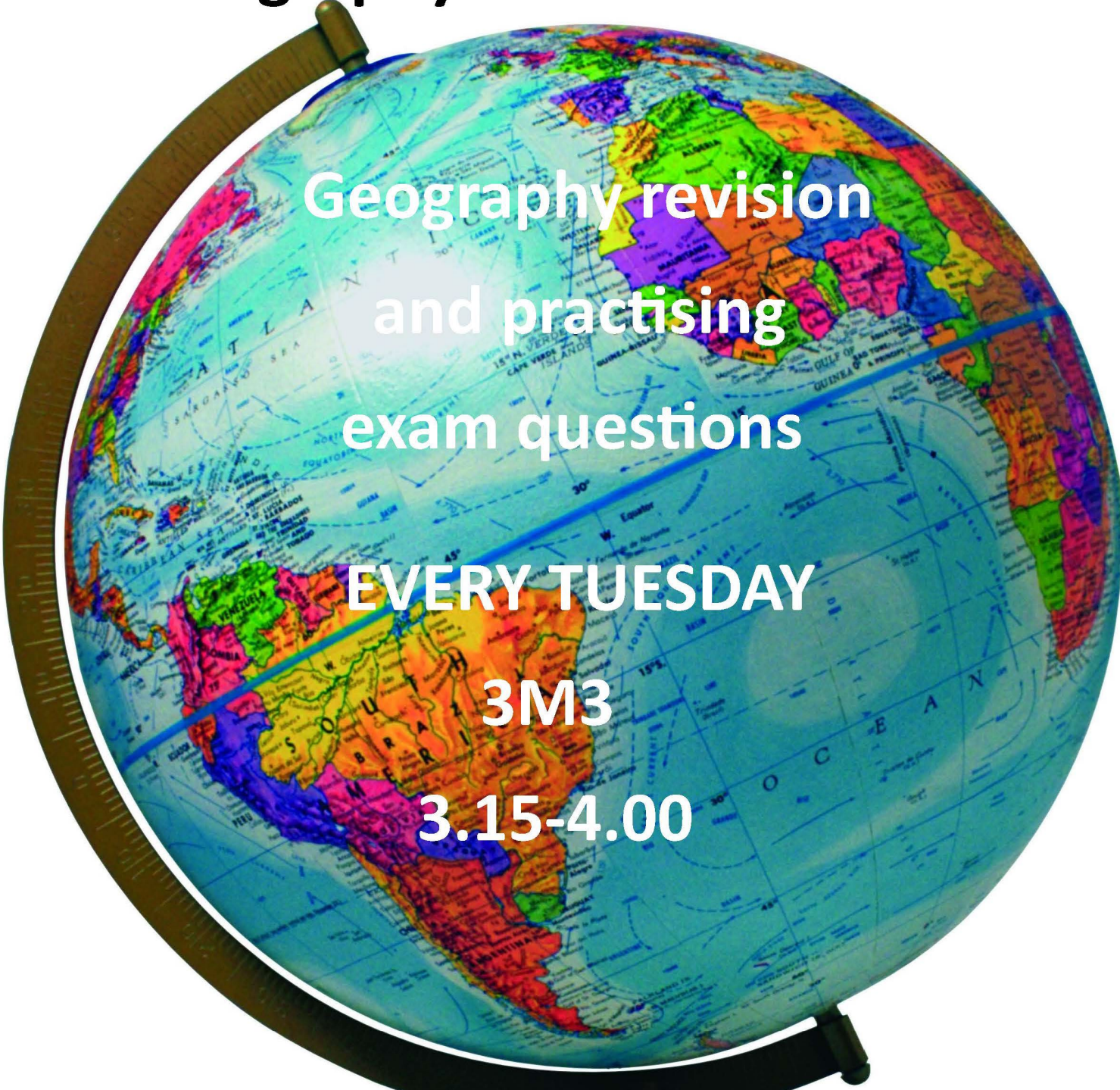
The app will enable you to check your child's emergency contact details are up to date, as we no longer issue paper forms for this.

The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store.

If you have any problems, please email [foxfordmail@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk](mailto:foxfordmail@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk)



# Geography Revision Year 11

A globe is shown, tilted on its axis, with the Americas (North and South America) visible. The globe is mounted on a dark brown stand. Overlaid on the globe is the text 'Geography revision and practising exam questions' in white. Below this, 'EVERY TUESDAY' is written in large white capital letters. Further down, '3M3' and '3.15-4.00' are written in white. At the bottom of the image, there is a black rectangular box containing a table with two columns: 'Month' and 'Topic Covered'.

**Geography revision  
and practising  
exam questions**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**3M3**

**3.15-4.00**

Month	Topic Covered
October	Development
November	Rivers, including the fieldwork
December	Coasts
January	Changing Cities