



16 January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the Spring Term!

UpLearn

We are delighted that our introduction of UpLearn has been so positively received by our students. It is a software programme that supports a number of our subjects and provides a personalised learning journey. Students are able to access UpLearn both in school and at home, enabling consolidation of learning from lessons and repeated review and revision.

Over 1000 hours of learning have already been logged. A special mention must go to Akal and Amin, who lead the way with 100 hours and 62 hours of UpLearn study respectively.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to provide this opportunity for our students to maximise their potential for great outcomes in the Summer.

Sixth Form Awards

At the end of term, we held an informal rewards ceremony in which students were able to nominate their peers in certain categories. The awards were announced in our final assemblies of 2023 and we were so proud of the good spirit in which the whole event was taken.

Amongst our award winners were : Kurt Lole, Faizan Ahmed, Amin Ali and Tarun Pooni, as well as many students being rightly awarded for their 100% attendance winners too.

Prom

We are all getting very excited about our forthcoming Year 13 Prom. This is to be held on Friday 5 July at the Village Hotel. It will be wonderful to celebrate the end of exams with our Year 13 students and hope that it will provide them with a lovely opportunity for them to mark the end of their time at Foxford. Any student wishing to attend the Prom should pay their £10 deposit ASAP please, payments can be made through Arbor

Enrichment opportunity

On Wednesday 24 of January, all of Year 12 will be visiting Coventry University as part of our Phoenix Partnership with Coventry University. The day will involve a campus tour, registering with the library, learning about a day in the life of a undergraduate student and a masterclass in a subject area they may not have yet considered.

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This will be an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 students to expand their aspirations and see where life may lead after Sixth Form. We are grateful to Coventry University and the Phoenix Partners for facilitating this trip and providing our student with an important insight into the world of Higher Education.

UCAS

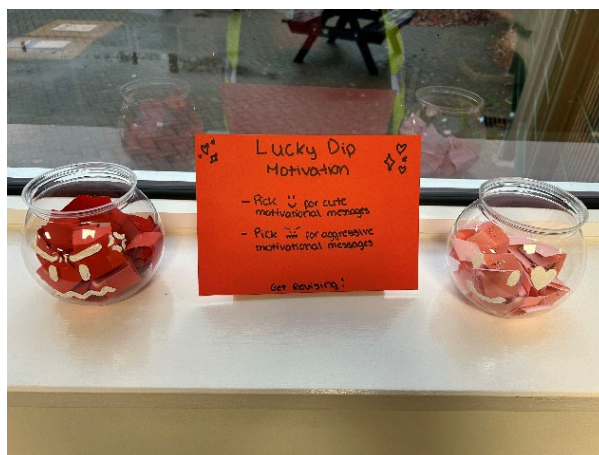
Year 13 students and the Sixth Form Team are very busy with UCAS applications at the moment. We are delighted that a number of students have received offers from lots of different universities, including Russell Group institutions.

Finding the Right Balance

We are hugely proud of the work ethic shown by the vast majority of students in the Sixth Form, who consistently display the elements of our GREAT ethos. The most successful of our students are those that are managing to find the right level of effort, which includes focus and diligence around their studies, but also incorporates time away from study. This is crucially important, especially for those in Year 13, who are understandably feeling the pressures of their forthcoming exams. Balance is key in maintaining good levels of concentration and high-quality mental health. We urge anybody who is feeling that they are not achieving this balance to talk to a member of the Sixth Form Team, in order that we can provide appropriate support.

T is for Teamwork

The ethos of GREAT (Goals, Routines, Effort, Achievement and Teamwork) is at the heart of everything that we do in the Sixth Form and much of this was evident during mock week. Of particular mention, however, is the embodiment of Teamwork in the little revision pots that appeared one day on the window sill in the Sixth Form Centre (pictured). Containing motivational suggestions and statements, they have been used by students and staff alike as both carrot and stick (depending on which pot is chosen) to offer guidance and support. Thank you so much to Primal, Malaynie, Anumta, Aamani, Amber and Nikesh for coming up with such an innovative and supportive idea, consolidating our sixth form GREATness.



Learning Plans

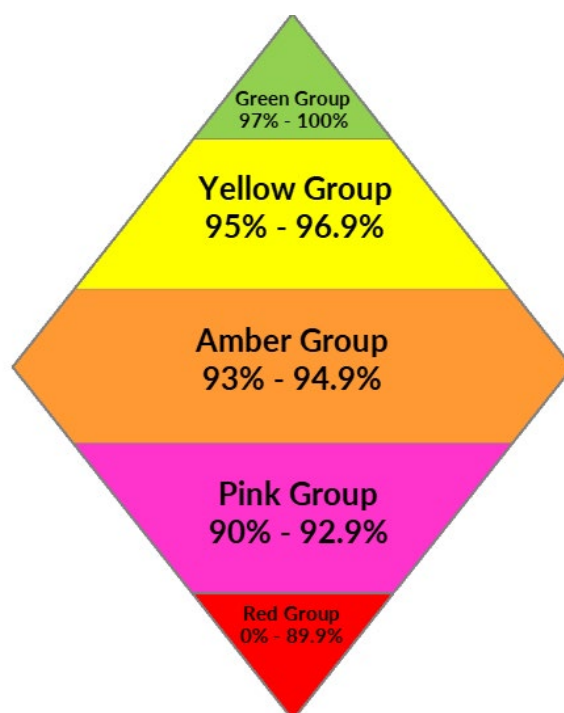
Learning Plans are designed so that students and parents/careers can understand the learning intention for each unit of work. These plans give you a summary of the key skills, knowledge and subject specific vocabulary which will be learnt in each topic. You can view all Foxford's learning plans on our website

<https://www.foxfordschool.co.uk/curriculum-introduction/learning-plans/>

Attendance

Please ensure that attendance at school is prioritised, especially during these dark and cold months. Regardless of how tough it might feel to get out of bed, it is nothing in comparison to how tough it will feel to not achieve good grades to unlock future pathways. Please endeavour to ensure attendance at all required sessions; all support from home with this is gratefully received.

Green	No risk
Yellow	Risk of under achieving
Amber	Serious risk of underachieving
Pink	Serious risk of underachieving
Red	Extreme risk - Court action



Key dates – Spring Term

Thursday 1 February	Sixth Form Parents Evening
Friday 9 February	Training Day
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half term
Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April	Easter Holidays

We wish your child every success in the academic year ahead. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact foxfordsixthformenquiries@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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