Foxford Focus

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Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are now at the end of spring term 1 we are looking forward to lighter days and all that Spring has to offer.

We are keen to remind parents and carers of the importance of attendance as we move further into the term and wish to highlight the vital importance that time in school and studying has for your child's welfare and progress. It is integral in ensuring that all of our students have bright and successful futures.

It is wonderful to see the fabulous events our students have been involved in this half term. It is a joy for us to see our students involved in so much.

Next term we have many visits to universities and other career events, which we are looking forward seeing our students at. It has been great to see so many of our Year 11 students having sixth form interviews - they have really demonstrated their excellent progress and oracy skills in these interviews.

Finally have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing our students return on Tuesday 25 February.

Mrs Gallagher
Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 24 February	Training Day
Friday 28 February	Year 7 100th Day Celebration
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 March	Year 11 Parents Evening
Monday 10 March	Year 7 (X band) Say Yes to Learning
Tuesday 11 March	Careers Fayre
Thursday 13 March	Year 7 (Y band) Say Yes to Learning
Thursday 13 March	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 26 March	Year 9 (X band) Say Yes to Learning
Thursday 27 March	Year 9 (Y band) Say Yes to Learning
Wednesday 2 April	Creative Arts Spring Showcase
Thursday 10 April	Year 8 Parents Evening
Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday

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Year 11 GCSE Art Work



With our Year 11 coming to the end of their time with us at Foxford. It only seems fitting to celebrate their successes. Here we have a final piece completed by one of our GSCE art students.



The topic that inspired this final piece was “masked” This student has surpassed our expectations and created something beautiful. The meaning behind this piece is that even though we can have a beautiful exterior it is normal for our interior to sometimes struggle with the trails and tributes of life.

Key Stage 4 SEND Coffee Morning

Parents of Key Stage 4 students with SEN were invited to a coffee morning at Foxford in January. Parents were able to listen to presentations from an Educational Psychologist and a specialist teacher from the Complex Communication Team. The main focus was on managing exam stress for young people with additional needs. The presentations were informative and allowed parents to share advice too.

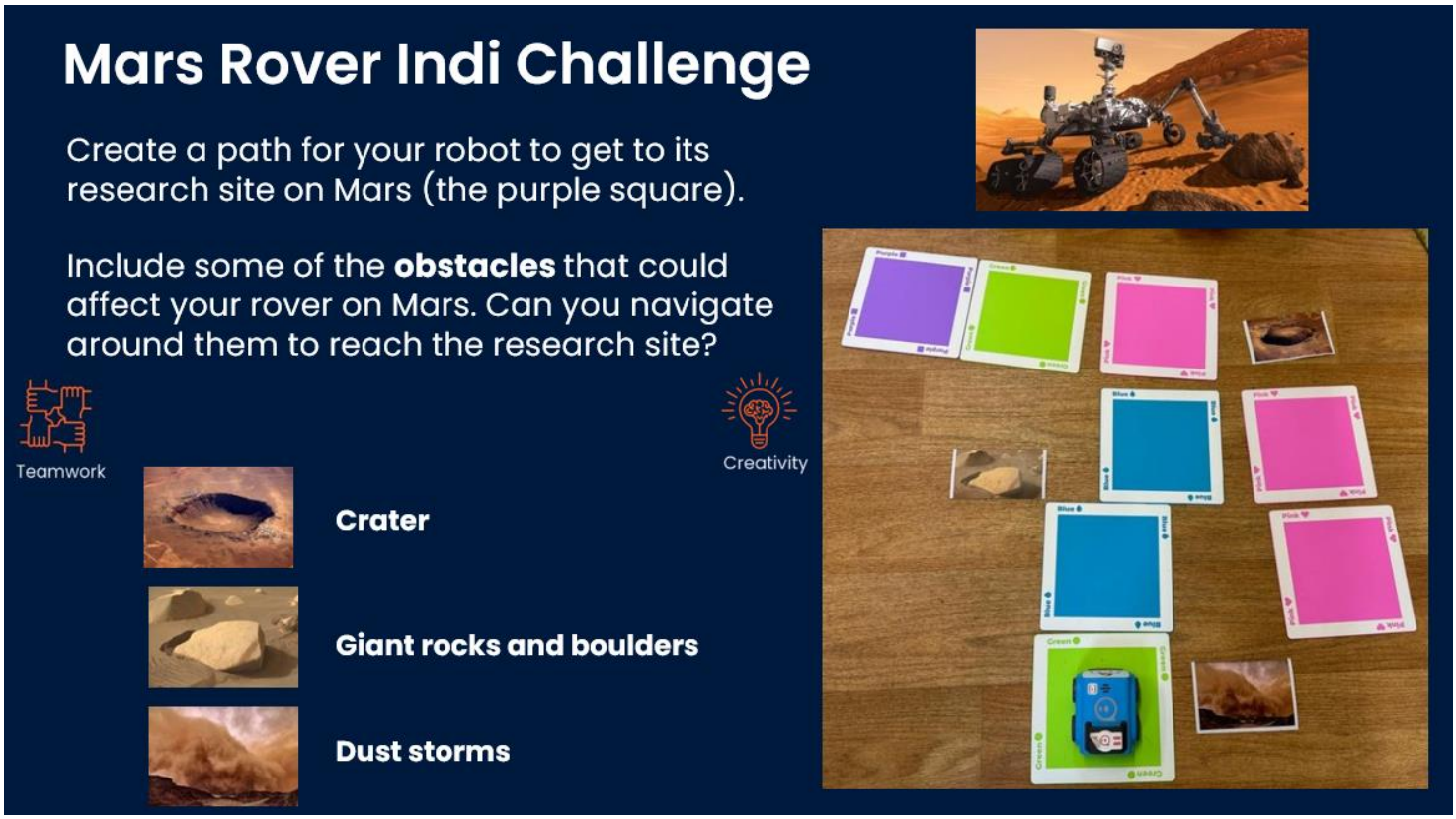


Topics such as revision, executive functioning, the impact of study environments and organisation were discussed. Supporting wellbeing was also a key theme, with a focus on supporting emotional regulation.

Year 7 - Tech She Can

Year 7's cohort of 'Tech She Can' students experienced another fantastic workshop in January. This time, the theme was 'tech for living in space.' Students considered the challenges of living in space, with a particular focus on eating. They even looked at the positives and negatives of dehydrated, thermostabilized, heated and 3D printed food to find out how astronauts get to enjoy their meals! This led to career spotlights on how to become a space food scientist, a space product designer and a biomedical engineer.

Students then moved onto the hands-on experience of programming their Indi robots to complete a Mars rover challenge. We are looking forward to our next session already!



Information from West Midlands Police
Operation Snap

We want to make sure our roads are as safe as possible for all users. That's why we have Operation Snap (Op Snap) - and we need your help. If you see anyone committing driving offences on our roads and it's captured on your dashcam, CCTV or a mobile phone by a passenger, we want you to send it in to us.

Offences might include:

- dangerous driving
- using a mobile phone while driving
- not wearing a seatbelt
- failing to stop at a red traffic light
- using a trailer in lane three of a motorway
- crossing solid white lines
- other offences where a driver is clearly not in proper control of a vehicle

Every piece of footage sent to Op Snap is reviewed by specially-trained staff. If an offence is identified, the driver can be prosecuted or told to take a driver improvement course.

For further information please see the West Midlands Police website: -

https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/

Oracy at Foxford School: Amplifying Student Voices



At Foxford, we believe that oracy, the power of spoken language, is a vital tool for learning, expression, and personal growth. This year, our commitment to oracy has taken an exciting new direction with the launch of a student-led initiative: *The Foxford Files* podcast.

Spearheaded by our dynamic Year 7 students, *The Foxford Files* is an example of student voice in action. What sets this podcast apart is that it is entirely presented, edited, and produced by our talented students, showcasing not only their oracy skills but also their creativity, technical abilities, and teamwork.

The podcast covers a diverse range of topics that are both relevant and engaging for our school community. From discussions on wellbeing and PSHE to the importance of attendance and reflections on current affairs, *The Foxford Files* provides a platform for thoughtful dialogue and insightful perspectives from the student body.

Our dedicated Year 7 form representatives take centre stage as the podcast's presenters. These students have undergone specialized training in oracy skills under the guidance of Mrs. Rombach, the Year Head for Year 7. Her expertise and support have been instrumental in helping our young podcasters develop confidence, clarity, and effective communication techniques.

The Foxford Files is listened to by all Year 7 pupils during tutor time and is used as a way to promote further discussion in the classroom. This integration into the school day helps to reinforce key topics, encourage critical thinking, and foster meaningful conversations among students. The podcast is specifically designed for a student audience and is not available for external listening.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 7s for embracing this challenge with enthusiasm and professionalism. It showcases the importance of oracy in building confident, articulate young people and highlights what students can achieve when given the platform to lead and inspire. We look forward to hearing more as it continues to spark curiosity, encourage dialogue, and celebrate our future leaders.

Foxford Files - The Podcast



This week's LATEST NEWS **is**



What do we think about the latest news segment this week?
Do we feel the same as the podcaster?
Do we have anything to add?

Year 8 Say Yes to Learning Conference

In the final week of January, we held our "Say Yes to Learning conference" sessions for Year 8, centred around Oracy. The main topic of conversation was mobile phone use and mental health, and students participated in various activities aimed at:

- Developing listening skills
- Learning through discussion
- Enhancing their speaking abilities





Students engaged well with the Talk Tactics and the Voice 21 springboards, and it was noticeable how comfortable they were with using them.

Well done Year 8!

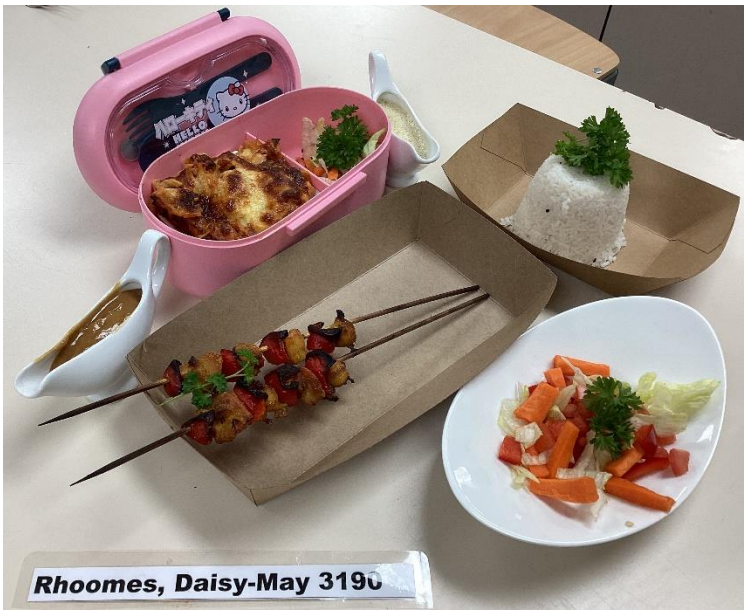


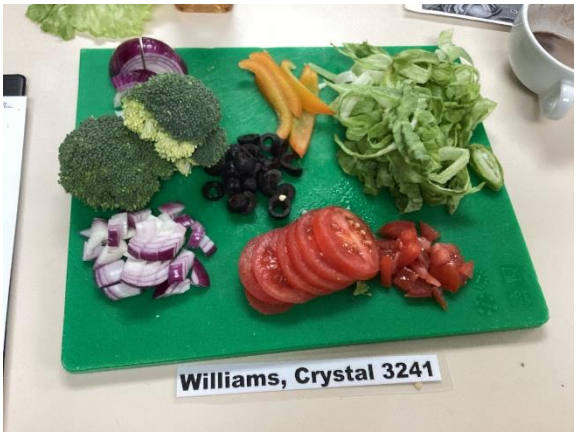
Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Skills Exams

Hospitality and Catering students in Year 11 have been working against the clock in their practical skills examinations this week. They have had to plan a variety of meal options in response to a scenario using the various skills they have been taught in their course so far. The work they have produced has been fantastic and supported expertly by Ms Maccallum. MasterChef eat your heart out!
















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11 MARCH 2025
PARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND 3:10PM TO 4PM

Special Educational Needs and Disability
Information, Advice and Support Service

Coventry SEND Support Service

In Partnership with Coventry SENDIASS

Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.
Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- **Are more emotionally stable**
- **Are more resilient**
- **Achieve more academically in school**
- **Have fewer behavioural problems**

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and it's scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

'Live' Virtual Session

(This session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams)

Wednesday 5th March 2025

9.30am – 11.30am

To book a place (and get your link) please contact SENDIASS
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

*Please QUOTE: 'EPS' when booking

COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene

with a FREE fun day of workshops and activities at The Moat Family Hub

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19.02.2025 **11:00AM - 14:00PM**

The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for young people aged 8 to 18 & Coventry families with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality | Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners | And Much More

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In partnership with

CIRV Community Initiative to Reduce Violence

MY TOMORROW Create it. Shape it. Embrace it.

WHAT'S ON AT THE COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

Feb Half Term

Monday 17th Feb 2025-
Friday 21st Feb 2025

COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

What is a Family Hub?

A Family Hub is a welcoming place where children, young people and families of all ages can seek help and support, and to experience activities that enable your family to thrive.

For more information call us on
0800 8870545

Please use your phone to scan the above QR code and complete a simple registration form before you attend one of the FREE half term sessions.

The New Coventry Families Portal

Visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk to get on board to receive information tailored specifically for your family's needs.
For an online one stop shop for advice, support, and events for children, young people and family members

Families For All

Monday 17th February
Baby and Me
1.15pm - 2.45pm
For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences, child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends.

Wednesday 12th Feb 5pm - 7pm
Thursday 13th Feb 5pm - 7pm
Monday 17th Feb 10am - 3pm
Sports Leadership Programme
Level 1 qualification in Sports Leadership delivered by Sky Blues in the Community
For young people aged 14-19 years.
For further information and to book your place phone **02476 977991**

Tuesday 18th February
Music and Art SEND Friendly Session
1.15pm - 2.45pm
For children 0-4 years to explore and experience multi senses through play.

Wednesday 19th February
Let's Cook Together
1.30pm - 3pm
Come along for a fun family cooking session. A free session with all ingredients provided.

Pathways

Monday 17th February
Family Creative Crafts and Games
2pm - 4pm
Fun activities for all the family including making dream catchers, stained glass windows, stone painting and more

Wednesday 19th February
Get Active Family Session
10am - 11.30am
Join our indoor and outdoor physical play session.
Suitable for all ages.

Friday 21st February
Baby and Me
1.15pm - 2.45pm
For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences, child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends.

Aspire

Monday 17th February
Sensory Play Session
1pm - 2.30pm
A session for 0-7 year olds and their families.
Come prepared to get messy.

Tuesday 18th February
Baby and Me
9.30am - 11am
For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences, child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends.

Tuesday 18th February
Family Crafts and Games
2pm - 3.30pm
Fun activities for all the family including, crafts, cake decorating, games and more.
Suitable for all the family.

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COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

Wood Side

Tuesday 18th February

Wildlife Trust 'Go Wild in Willenhall'

2pm - 3.30pm

Outdoor fun for children aged 9 - 11years
Please book a place
www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Wednesday 30th February

Baby and Me

1pm - 2.30pm

For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences, child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends

Thursday 20th February

Family Session

10.30am - 12pm

Step into spring with creative activities for children of all ages and their families

Friday 21st February

Pizza and Movie

1.30pm - 3.30pm

To book a place phone **02476 978090**

Harmony

Tuesday 18th February

Baby and Me

9.30am - 11am

For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends.

Thursday 20th February

Family Outdoor Physical Play Session

9.30am - 11.30am

A physical play session for children of all ages and their families.

The Moat

Tuesday 18th February

Music and Art SEND Friendly Session

9.30am - 11am

For children 0-4 years to explore and experience multi senses through play.

Wednesday 19th February

Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover

11am - 2pm

Dive into Coventry's Youth Space with a FREE fun day of music, multi sports, virtual reality, arts & crafts, food,and youth partners for young people aged 8-18 years

Thursday 20th February

Family fun session

2pm - 4pm

Family activity group with arts and crafts, and a movie and hot dogs.

Friday 21st February

Bump, Baby and Beyond

9.30am - 11am

Bringing together midwifery, health visiting and a baby group for parents and children 0 - 2yrs.

Park Edge

Monday 17th February

Baby and Me

9.30am - 11am

For babies up to 2 years, these sessions offer new experiences, child development insights and a chance for parents/carers to make friends.

Tuesday 18th February

Play and craft session

1.30pm - 3pm

A fun play and craft session for all the family.

Mosaic

Tuesday 18th February

Sensory Play session

10am - 11.30am

Sensory activities for children up to 5 years to learn through experiencing and exploring lots of different senses using the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt.
To book a place phone **02476 978160**

Tuesday 18th February

Boxing

4.30pm - 6pm

For children aged 8 years and over to improve physical fitness and enhance coordination

Thursday 20th February

Bumps, Babies and Beyond

9.30am - 11.30am

Bringing together midwifery, health visiting and a baby group for parents and children 0 - 2yrs.

Thursday 20th February

Let's Get Cooking Family Session

3pm - 4.30pm

Learn new cooking skills and techniques whilst making your own dishes. A free session with all ingredients provided.
To book a place phone **02476 978160**

Friday 21st February

Let's Build - Construction Session

10am - 11.30am

Get creative using different materials to build, including Lego, puzzles, sand and everyday objects for children aged over 5 years

COVENTRY OUTDOORS
EDUCATION & ADVENTURE SERVICE

February half term Activity Camp '25

17 - 19 February

Coombe Abbey Park, Coventry CV3





10% off with go CV

Have a go at:

- ✓ Combat Archery
- ✓ Laser Tag
- ✓ Bushcraft
- ✓ Survival Skills

9-13 years | **10am -3pm** | **£25pp per day**



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Book your place online:
www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors