FOXFORD

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

20 October 2025

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October Week 3

Every year, I get to this point in the Autumn term and can't believe how quickly the time has gone since the beginning of September.

We have welcomed new cohorts of students into Years 7 and 12, as well as having assessed the ability of existing year groups, gaining valuable data about our Year 11 and 13 students that will help them to focus on closing any gaps they may have and refine their exam preparation skills. For coursework subjects, students are well on the way to meeting requirements.

Year 7 parents and carers were welcomed into school for their 'meet the tutors' evening on Tuesday . This event was so well attended and it was wonderful to see and hear really proactive conversations about how we can best support Year 7 students going forward.

Our team of tutors and the Year 7 pastoral team, led by Mrs Rombach and Mr Dhesi, are so pleased with the start Year 7 have made to their time at Foxford and we look forward to many more events where we can share our successes.

Notices

Monday 20 October:
Year 11 mock exams continue for the week

Friday 24 October:
School closed for training day

Spotlight

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, during Say Yes to Learning sessions, all Year 8 students explored the theme **Uniform or Unique?**, using oracy to debate fairness, identity, and belonging.

We recognised excellent use of CODE (Challenge, Ownership, Dialogue, Engagement) with sweets and Amazon vouchers

Activities included:

- Discussion tasks and talk tactics, allowing students to structure their talk for different audiences
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) planning

Students really engaged well with the sessions with many reporting that their confidence has improved as a result.

Attendance Matters

The transition to secondary school fosters a sense of accountability and requires students to manage their own time, equipment, and learning. **School attendance is more than grades!**

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