FOXFORD
Community School

11 September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Year 9

A year full of exciting learning, future thinking and opportunity awaits. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the autumn term and its festivities. I am proud to share that our students have settled in brilliantly this term, showing excellent attendance, punctuality, and a positive attitude towards their learning. I am confident this will continue. They have already demonstrated resilience and maturity in adapting to changes while embracing their learning with commitment and enthusiasm.

This year, students will have many valuable opportunities to explore subject choices, as we place greater emphasis on options and future pathways. Through engaging assemblies and PSHCE sessions, we aim to showcase new GCSE subjects on offer, raise students' aspirations and motivate everyone to achieve their full potential.

The Year 9 team is dedicated to supporting both the academic and pastoral needs of our students. With your continued support—ensuring they arrive on time, in full uniform, and attend every day—we can work together to maximise their success this year.

You can also access this information on our website:
https://www.foxfordschool.co.uk/parents/year-9/

The Team that will be supporting Year 9:



Mrs Bates
Year 9 Leader



Miss Slater
Associate Year Leader



Mr Holtom
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Green
Senior Assistant Headteacher

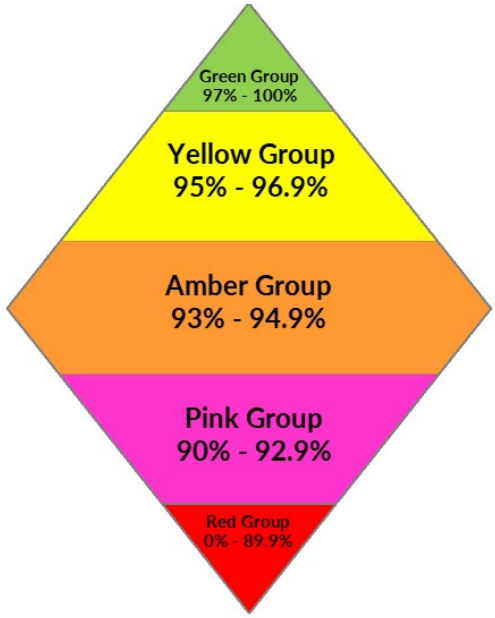
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Tutor group	Name of tutor	Tutor group	Name of tutor
9AHE	Miss Hedges	9BDH	Ms Dhillon
9CMY	Miss Myers	9MST	Miss Stapleton
9SMU	Mrs Munshi	9CWR	Mr Wright
9JCA	Mr Carter		

Attendance

At Foxford School we seek to ensure that all students receive a full education which maximises opportunities for each student to realise their true potential. In order to do this, all students need to be in school, on time, every day. We strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. To this end, school staff work with and support students and their families to ensure that any potential barriers to excellent attendance are dealt with quickly and effectively. We work hard to maintain an effective system of incentives and rewards, acknowledging the efforts of students to improve their attendance and timekeeping.

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



Uniform

It is very important to us that all students are wearing the correct uniform every day. Please find the uniform requirement below. Please do contact the Year Team if there are any difficulties in purchasing the uniform.



- Black blazer with school badge (COMPULSORY)
- Black school trousers or Black Foxford logo skirt only (COMPULSARY)
- White shirt (COMPULSORY)
- School tie (COMPULSORY)
- Plain black shoes / trainers (COMPULSORY) No boots or heels are permitted
- Black v neck jumper (OPTIONAL)
- No hats are to be worn on site; however, Sikh students may wish to wear a black turban or head covering. Muslim girls may wear a black hijab and boys may wear a cufi
- Only minimal make up and jewellery plus a watch may be worn. Piercings should only be 1 small stud or sleeper in each ear lobe, no other piercings are permitted. Acrylic nails and nail polish must NOT be worn. Sikh bangles may be worn but no others. The school accepts no responsibility for damage or theft to jewellery, which students may wear
- **PE KIT:** The Foxford School kit must be worn along with pumps or trainers and white socks. (It is advised that students wear different trainers for PE, than those worn for school)

PSHCE
Over the next half term, we will be looking at:

Online safety & Digital Citizenship / Living in the world
Well being
Diversity & Inclusion / Relationships
Living in the wider world
Relationships
Health & well being
Living in the wider world
Living in the wider world/Relationships

As some of these lessons can be of a sensitive nature, your child may benefit from extra discussion and support from home. If there is anything you think we should know, or if you have any concerns, please let us know foxfordyear09enquiries@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk .

Rewards
We have an exciting new Reward system, do talk to you child about this and ask to see their card. Many students are well underway in filling up their cards.

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/

Key dates – Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 16 September	Year 10 welcome evening
Thursday 9 October	Awards evening
Wednesday 15 October	Coventry Building Society Workplace visits
Monday 17 October	Flu Vaccinations (yrs7-11)
Friday 24 October	Training Day
Monday 27 to Friday 31 October	Half Term
w/c Monday 24 November	Data collection week
Wednesday 26 November	Say Yes to Learning – 9X
Thursday 27 November	Say Yes to Learning – 9Y
Friday 5 December	Training Day
Monday 8 December	Reports produced and issued to parents
Friday 19 December	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15 January	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 6 February	Options choice deadline
w/c Monday 4 May	Core Exams Week
Wednesday 13 May	Say Yes to Learning – 9X
Thursday 14 May	Say Yes to Learning – 9Y
Thursday 18 June	Year 9 Parents evening
Wednesday 8 July & Thursday 9 July	Td/IPV & Men ACWY Vaccinations
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July	Graduation Events

Year 9 Graduation Reward Event

Our Year 9 Graduation evening is a special reward that Foxford students really enjoy. It is held to celebrate the end of Key Stage 3, and while every student has the opportunity to attend, this will be carefully reviewed. To be eligible, students must maintain more than 95% attendance, show consistently positive behaviour and attitudes to learning, and demonstrate good punctuality to all lessons. They are also expected to uphold the school's RESPECT values at all times.

We wish your child every success in the academic year ahead. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact foxfordyear09enquiries@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bates	Miss Slater	Mr Holtom	Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader	Associate Year Leader	Associate Assistant Headteacher	Senior Assistant Headteacher