Foxford Focus

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Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

The start of the year has been a busy and positive period across the school, with many opportunities supporting both academic progress and future aspirations.

Our Year 11 students completed their mock examinations during this period. These assessments are an important milestone in preparing for the summer exams, and students will receive their mock results in March, along with personalised feedback to help guide their next steps. We would like to thank Year 11 parents and carers for their continued support, particularly in encouraging attendance at after-school revision sessions. This partnership plays a vital role in helping our students build confidence and resilience.

We were delighted to host an outstanding Careers Day, which saw the highest number of providers we have ever welcomed into school. Students across all year groups had access to a wide range of guidance, advice, and inspiration, supporting our whole school community in understanding future pathways, careers, and opportunities.

In addition, several university visits and trips took place, giving students first-hand experience of higher education environments. These visits have been invaluable in raising aspirations and inspiring our learners to consider ambitious goals for their futures.

Thank you to all staff, students, parents and external partners who have contributed to such a successful and enriching start to the year.

Mrs Gallagher
Headteacher / Deputy CEO

Mr Jordan
Associate Headteacher

Calendar

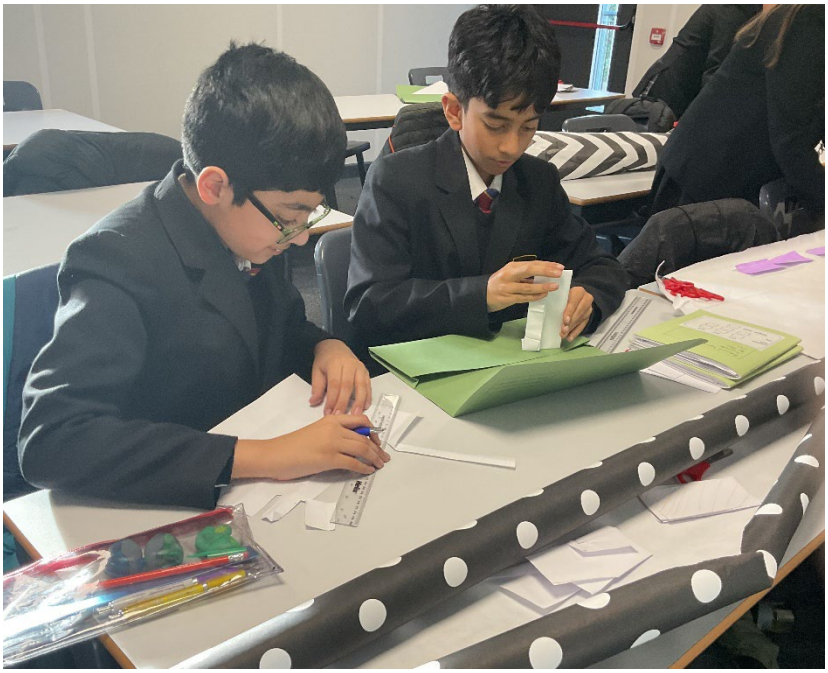
Monday 23 February	Training Day
Tuesday 24 February	HPV vaccinations – Year 8 (Mop up sessions)
w/c 2 March	Careers Week
Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 March	Year 8 Say Yes to Learning Conference
Thursday 12 March	Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 19 March	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 27 March	Year 11 & 13 Intervention Day (School closed to all other year groups)
Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 April	Training Day

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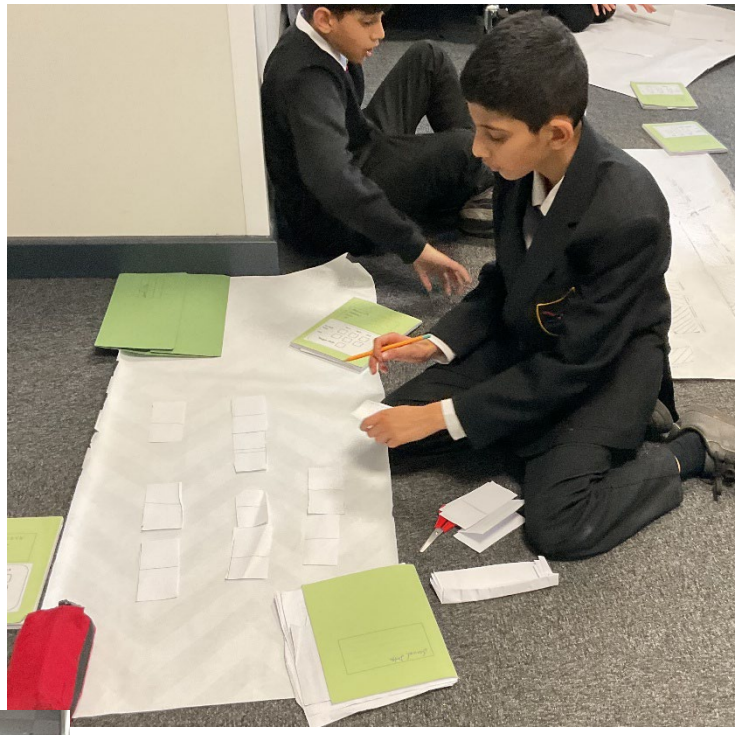
Year 7 Geography

In Year 7, students have been developing their map-reading and map-making skills, with a particular focus on understanding how scale works in real-life contexts. As part of this learning, pupils worked in small groups to carefully measure different areas of the classroom and use these measurements to produce accurate scale maps.



Throughout the lesson, students demonstrated excellent teamwork, supporting and encouraging one another while sharing ideas and responsibilities. They showed great care and precision in their measurements and took pride in presenting their final maps clearly and neatly.







It was wonderful to see such high levels of focus, independence, and concentration as the lesson progressed. By the end of the session, students were working confidently and collaboratively without the need for additional support, highlighting their growing maturity and understanding. The quality of the finished maps reflected their hard work and positive attitude to learning, and everyone should be very proud of their achievements.

Careers Fair

It was fantastic to see students from Year 7 to Year 13 engaging positively with 39 different employers, training providers and education partners at our Careers Fair. Students explored a wide range of sectors, including gaming with Playground Games, higher education with local universities including Russell Group institutions, further education with Coventry and NWSL College, finance with Coventry Building Society, public service with Coventry Council, and engineering and construction with Colas Rail.

Events like this give students invaluable insight into future pathways, helping them explore careers, build confidence, and make informed choices about their next steps.



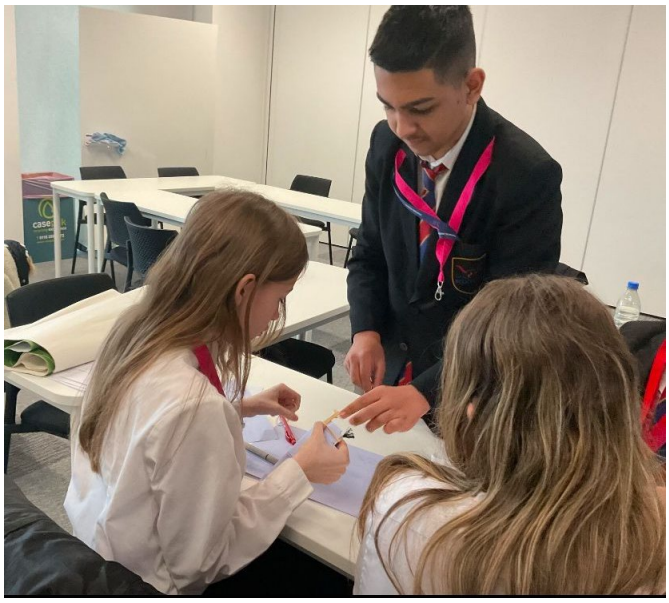




Engineering Insight Day

Twenty Year 9 students took part in an Engineering Insight Day at WMG at the University of Warwick. Through hands-on workshops, students explored a range of engineering roles and learned about the different pathways into the sector.





The experience helped bring engineering to life and broaden students' understanding of future career possibilities.



Coventry Building Society – Apprenticeship Panels

Foxford School welcomed apprenticeship speakers from EON, Cognizant, Salesforce, Severn Trent and CBS as part of our Better Futures programme. Year 10 and Year 12 students attended the session, hearing first-hand about different apprenticeship pathways, the skills developed, and the challenges overcome, showing that there are many routes to career success.

These real-life stories help raise aspirations, build confidence and challenge stereotypes, supporting students to make informed choices about their futures.

Year 10 Student Experience Day at The University of Warwick

Twenty Year 10 students took part in a Student Experience Day at the University of Warwick as part of the Widening Participation programme. They engaged in activities including a Life Sciences academic session, a student budgeting workshop, and an interactive esports session, exploring both university life and emerging career pathways.







The experience was highly valued by students, helping to raise aspirations, build confidence, and show university as an exciting and achievable future option.

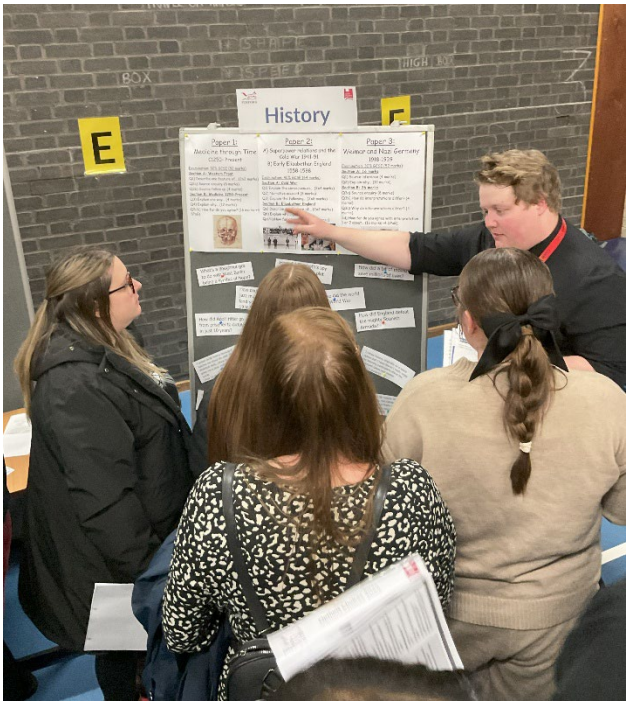


Year 9 Options Evening

The Year 9 School Options Evening, held on Thursday 15 January, was a great success and very well attended by students and their families. The event provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to explore their choices for the next stage of their education.







The sports hall was filled with an impressive range of subject stands, each staffed by enthusiastic teachers ready to offer advice and answer questions. Parents and students enjoyed engaging discussions about the different courses available, gaining valuable insight into what each subject entails and how it can support future ambitions. The lively atmosphere and strong turnout reflected the community's commitment to helping students make informed and confident decisions about their GCSE options.



Coventry Building Society Graduate Panels



Foxford School welcomed graduate speakers from CBS, Severn Trent and Trustmark as part of our Better Futures programme. Year 10 and Year 12 students attended the session, hearing first-hand about different career pathways, the skills developed, and the challenges overcome, helping them understand that there are many routes to success.

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Reading

At Foxford, we continue to place reading at the centre of school life, and this term our students are engaging with a wide range of texts during tutor time. These weekly reading sessions give students the chance to explore different genres, encounter new ideas and look more deeply at ambitious vocabulary. By building these routines into the school day, we aim to strengthen confidence, broaden knowledge and nurture a genuine enjoyment of reading across all year groups.

We are also excited to share that our Year 7 and Year 8 students will be taking part in the upcoming Coventry Poetry Slam. This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students to perform their own poetry, celebrate creativity and represent Foxford in a citywide celebration of spoken word. Preparations are already underway, and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and imagination students are bringing to their work.

Looking ahead, World Book Day will take place on Friday 6th March, and we are preparing for a day full of fun and literary celebration. This year, our staff theme is “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly in Literature,” and we are looking forward to seeing some memorable characters brought to life around school. Students will also have the chance to take part in a variety of competitions and activities throughout the day, helping us celebrate the joy of reading together as a community.

Creative Showcase

Foxford School's Creative Showcase brought together students from Years 7 to 10 for an evening filled with talent, confidence and creativity. The event featured a diverse range of performances, including singing, dance, instrumental music and impressive Oracy pieces.

Students captivated the audience with vocal performances, energetic and well-choreographed dance routines, and skilful musical acts. The Oracy presentations were particularly powerful, demonstrating clarity, confidence and thoughtful expression.

The showcase was a true celebration of student voice and artistic ability, highlighting the dedication of both students and staff. It was a memorable evening that reflected the vibrant creative spirit of the Foxford community.

A big thank you to the staff and students that put so much into the event to make it such a success.



FOXFORD WELFARE NEWSLETTER
Spring Edition
CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION - CCE



Facts

- Children of all genders are at risk.
- Children are being targeted in every area of the UK.
- Children tend to be living at home when the exploitation starts.

Spot the signs

- Frequently going missing from home or school.
- Looking unwell after coming home or going missing.
- Being found with drugs, money, weapons or items linked to drug use.
- Being found in a different area.
- Increasingly disruptive and aggressive at home or school.
- Anxiety or urgency over mobile phone use.
- Unexplained money, phones, clothes, bikes or e-scooters.
- Increased interest in money.
- Evidence of bank accounts, transfers or cards in other people's names.
- New friends or relationships.
- Drug or alcohol use.

Support for Parents and Carers

If a child is in immediate danger and needs urgent help, please call 999

https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/caa/child-abuse/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/search/?query=child+criminal+exploitation

https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/news/2023/child-criminal-exploitation-a-blog-post

https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS
Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb

BREWDOG
Kids eat free this Feb Half Term

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult!

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat FREE from 10th to the 16th of Feb 2026.

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO
Kids eat for £1 from 6th Jan to 11th February 2026.

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

PIZZA HUT
Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
Kids eat free all day Feb 16th - 20th 2026

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February Half Term Timetable

COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

16th Feb - 20th Feb 2026

Find out about the FREE activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the February half term holidays.
We are looking forward to meeting you.

For more information

Scan the QR code or visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



*Activities are correct at the time of print. Please see social media for updates. Follow your local hub on facebook.