Foxford Focus

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Update from the Headteacher

Dear students, families and staff

As I write this, my final note as Headteacher, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the years we have shared. Foxford has always been more than a school, it is a community built on kindness, resilience, curiosity, and a shared commitment to helping every young person flourish.

It has been the greatest privilege of my professional life to lead such an exceptional community. I have witnessed first-hand the determination of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families. Together, we have celebrated successes, faced challenges with courage, and remained steadfast in our belief that every child deserves the very best opportunities in life.

To our students: you are the heart of Foxford. Your energy, creativity, and ambition inspire everyone around you. I encourage you to continue striving, to be kind to one another, and to take pride in who you are becoming. Remember that success is not measured solely in achievements, but in the way you treat others and the integrity you carry with you.

To our staff: thank you for your professionalism, passion, and tireless commitment. You have shaped lives in ways that will echo far beyond the classroom. Your work has made a lasting difference, and I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished together.

Calendar	
Tuesday 1 September	Training Day
Wednesday 2 September	Year 7 in school and Year 12 PM
Thursday 3 September	All years in school
Wednesday 9 September	School Photos all year groups
Thursday 10 September	Sixth Form UCAS and destinations evening
Tuesday 15 September	Year 9 Preparing for options evening
Thursday 17 September	Year 11 GCSE Success Fayre
Thursday 24 September	Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 8 October	Awards Evening
Tuesday 13 October	Year 7 Tutor Evening
Friday 23 October	Training Day
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half Term

To our families and wider community: your support has been invaluable. The trust you place in the school and the partnership we have built together are central to everything we achieve. Foxford is stronger because of you.

As I step away, I am pleased to pass the leadership of Foxford on to Mr Jordan, who understands our culture deeply and whom I know will continue to build on everything we have achieved together at Foxford. I do so with complete confidence in the future of our school. While I will miss being part of daily school life, I am delighted to be moving on to the role of CEO of our Trust. I look forward to seeing and hearing how Foxford continues to grow and succeed, with great admiration and pride.

Thank you for allowing me the honour of serving this remarkable school.

Wishing you all a lovely summer.

Mrs Gallagher
Headteacher / Deputy CEO

Trust Student Leadership Awards

On Friday 19 June, the school proudly celebrated the achievements of students who had been nominated for the annual Trust Student Leadership Awards. In a special presentation held in the Refectory, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Jordan warmly welcomed the nominees and recognised the positive impact they have made within the school community. Each student had been selected in acknowledgement of their leadership qualities, including their commitment to supporting others, contributing to school life, demonstrating initiative, and consistently modelling the school's values.

During the event, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Jordan personally congratulated each nominee before presenting them with a certificate to mark this significant achievement. The atmosphere was one of pride and celebration, as staff praised the students for the example they set for others and the difference they make each day. The presentation also marked an important step in the awards process, with nominees now being considered for shortlisting for the final Trust awards, further recognising their outstanding contributions.



Thinking About a New Job?

Explore Our Vacancies!

Castle Phoenix Trust has a variety of exciting opportunities available across our eight schools in Coventry and Warwickshire. We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals who share our commitment to supporting students and enriching our school communities.

We encourage parents, carers and local community members to explore the roles currently available and consider joining us in making a positive difference.

View all current vacancies and apply via our Careers Site:

https://www.eteach.com/careers/castlephoenixtrust/

Birmingham Panthers Gateley Gateway Netball Programme



Last half-term, selected students from the Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams have been fortunate to take part in the Birmingham Panthers Gateley Gateway Netball Programme, organised by Miss Hughes. The initiative is designed to provide fully funded netball and educational opportunities to schools in underserved communities across the Midlands.

Throughout the programme, students participated in four two- hour sessions led by elite coaches and players from Birmingham Panthers Super League Netball team. The sessions focused on a variety of important aspects of performance and wellbeing, including



strength and conditioning, sports psychology, nutrition and performance enhancement. These sessions not only developed students' netball skills but also increased their understanding of the dedication and preparation required to succeed in sport.

Students were also excited to work alongside professional players including Caitlin O'Sullivan, Gabby Coffey and Charli Fidler, who delivered inspiring and engaging sessions throughout the programme. This initiative supports the Netball Super League's mission to increase grassroots participation and diversity, in netball across Birmingham, Worcester and Coventry. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our students, helping to build confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm for the sport, while inspiring the next generation of young netball players."



Attendance Update

Foxford has introduced a range of creative initiatives to boost attendance and strengthen students' connection to school life. One standout approach has been hosting the World Cup breakfasts after England matches, giving students a fun, communal reason to come in early and share the excitement of the tournament together. It was great to see so many students enjoy some toast with a tea or hot chocolate This not only celebrates national moments but also turns them into opportunities for students to start the day positively and arrive on time. Alongside this, Foxford has focused on recognising commitment during key academic periods by rewarding Year 10 and Year 11 students with 100% attendance during mock exams, reinforcing the message that consistent presence directly supports strong performance. Students with 100% attendance during the mock exam season were presented with a chocolate reward and entered into a prize draw for a £50 voucher.

To encourage everyday consistency, Foxford has also implemented short-term incentives that make attendance feel immediately worthwhile. Students who achieve 100% attendance for two consecutive weeks are rewarded with a double lunch on a Friday, giving them extra social time and a tangible benefit tied directly to their efforts. These strategies combine celebration, recognition, and routine motivation, creating a culture, where showing up feels valued, enjoyable and connected to both academic success and community spirit.



The Violence Reduction Partnership have launched some webinars for Parents and Carers.

Parents & carers are able to explore some of the key risks and issues facing children and young people which can pose a risk to their safety, to enable us to consider the ways we as parents or carers can support our children's safety and wellbeing.

Topics will include peer pressure, influence, online safety, exploitation, mental health, strategies for talking with young people – and more.

The full list of Violence Reduction Partnerships webinars this month can be found here:
eventbrite.co.uk/o/west-midlands-violence-reduction-partnership-33440166991

Foxford Achieves Voice 21 Centre of Excellence Award

We are delighted to announce that Foxford has been awarded the prestigious Voice 21 Centre of Excellence Award in recognition of our outstanding commitment to developing students' speaking, listening and communication skills.



This national award celebrates schools that place oracy at the heart of teaching and learning, and the assessors highlighted a number of exceptional strengths in our provision, including:

- Our clear and ambitious vision for oracy, linked to social mobility and our Inclusive Classroom approach.
- Strategic leadership that ensures oracy is embedded as a whole-school priority.
- A dedicated Year 7 oracy curriculum that gives students a strong foundation in communication skills.
- A wide range of opportunities for students to develop their confidence and communication beyond the classroom, including tutor time, *Say Yes to Learning*, mock interviews and our school podcast.
- A subject-specific approach to oracy, enabling students to develop the language and communication skills needed to succeed across the curriculum.

The assessment team were particularly impressed with our approach to disciplinary oracy, describing this aspect of our work as outstanding. They recognised the work our faculties have undertaken to embed purposeful talk within each subject, helping students to think more deeply, communicate effectively and become confident learners.

This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our staff and students, and we are incredibly proud to receive this national recognition.

Supporting Every Student to Learn and Succeed

This term, we have continued to strengthen teaching and learning across Foxford as part of our Impactful Teaching programme. Our aim is simple: to ensure every student experiences high-quality teaching in every lesson, helping them to build knowledge, develop confidence and achieve their very best.

Helping Students Learn for the Long Term

Our teachers have taken part in professional development focused on how students learn most effectively. Rather than simply looking at how well students perform in a lesson; staff have explored ways to help learning last over time.

This has included developing strategies that help students:

- remember key knowledge more effectively;
- revisit and build on previous learning;
- tackle challenging work with confidence; and
- develop a deeper understanding across all subjects.

By continuing to develop our teachers' expertise, we are ensuring that lessons are carefully planned to help every student make lasting progress.

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High-Quality Teaching in Every Classroom

Across the school, teachers are using a shared set of evidence-informed teaching strategies that support students to succeed in every subject. This term, our focus has been on:

- helping students confidently access subject-specific vocabulary and texts;
- providing clear demonstrations before students practise new skills independently; and
- encouraging every student to participate actively in lessons so that all voices are heard.

These approaches help to create inclusive classrooms where students feel supported, challenged and fully involved in their learning.

Continuous Improvement

We regularly review teaching across the school through classroom visits, coaching and faculty reviews. These activities allow us to celebrate excellent practice while identifying opportunities to continue improving.

This term, a review of the mathematics faculty highlighted many strengths, including consistent teaching, excellent modelling of new concepts and well-planned learning that helps students build knowledge step by step.

Investing in Our Staff

Professional learning doesn't stop after training sessions. Our instructional coaching programme continues to grow, with experienced teachers working alongside colleagues to share ideas, reflect on classroom practice and further develop teaching. This collaborative approach helps ensure that the highest standards of teaching are consistently delivered across the school and reflects our commitment to continual improvement.

Teaching Students *How* to Learn

Alongside their classroom lessons, students have continued to benefit from our Say Yes to Learning programme, which helps them develop the habits and skills needed for success in school and beyond. This term, students explored topics including:

- **Year 7:** Developing resilience and a growth mindset through *The Power of Yet*, encouraging students to embrace challenges and recognise that learning takes time.
- **Year 9:** Understanding how purposeful practice and learning from mistakes prepare them for GCSE study.
- **Key Stage 4:** Learning effective revision techniques, including retrieval practice and memory strategies, to help make revision more productive and successful.

These sessions encourage students to take ownership of their learning and understand how positive study habits can make a real difference.

Looking Ahead

We are proud of the progress made this term as we continue to strengthen teaching and learning across Foxford. By investing in our staff, using research-informed approaches and helping students understand how they learn best, we are creating classrooms where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

A Memorable Visit to the Houses of Parliament

This term 30 students from across all year groups, enjoyed an exciting educational visit to the Houses of Parliament in Central London.

The day began with the opportunity to experience some of London's most famous landmarks. Students took in the sights of Buckingham Palace, Baker Street, the London Eye and the River Thames, with plenty of photographs capturing the memorable occasion.







A Memorable Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Our students represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. Smartly dressed and impeccably behaved, they were a real credit to our school and certainly stood out for all the right reasons. The visit included a fascinating guided tour of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, followed by an interactive workshop exploring the work of Parliament and the importance of democracy. Students also enjoyed a walking tour of Parliament Square and Horse Guards Parade, bringing their learning about British Values to life.



A particular highlight was meeting Mary Creagh, who generously gave her time to answer students' questions. They asked a wide range of thoughtful and topical questions, including discussions about mobile phone use in schools, whether the UK might re-join the European Union, and even why schools do not have air conditioning during heatwaves. It was wonderful to see students engaging so confidently with current issues. There were also some memorable personal moments, including Elda bringing along an autograph book to collect MPs' signatures! One of the highlights of the day was seeing students from every year group spending time together, supporting one another and enjoying the experience as a school community.

Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go inro cold water shock.
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/) or the RNLI Education Resources page (https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources).

Foxford Creative Arts Summer Showcase 2026

Our Creative Arts Summer Showcase was a fantastic celebration of the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our students. Families, friends and staff came together to enjoy an evening filled with music, dance, poetry and outstanding performances, showcasing the hard work our students have put in throughout the year.

The showcase opened with an energetic performance from our Year 8 Samba group, who impressed the audience with their vibrant rhythms and teamwork. Aneila-Jade followed with a fantastic vocal performance of Keane's 'Somewhere only we know', demonstrating confidence and powerful vocals.
Our Year 9 Girls Dance Group took to the stage with an engaging dance performance before Mia captivated the audience by performing a selection of her own original poems, showcasing her creativity and talent as a writer. The audience then enjoyed a performance from Vocal Vibes of the song, 'Rolling in the Deep' our dedicated after-school choir, whose commitment to weekly rehearsals was reflected in their polished and uplifting performance.

Instrumental music featured throughout the evening, beginning with Ayo, who performed confidently on the saxophone two of his favourite Christian songs. Sophie then impressed the audience with a beautiful vocal performance of 'A Whole New World' from Aladdin. Our youngest solo performer, Ajay in Year 7, showcased great confidence during his piano performance, followed by Samuel Dodge, this year's Fox Factor winner, who once again demonstrated his exceptional rapping and singing talents, with the song 'In the End' by Linkin Park. Sofia completed our solo performances with the piano piece, Rush E, showcasing both skill and musicality.

To bring the showcase to a close, our Year 7 Dance Group gave a fantastic final performance, highlighting everything they have learnt during their performance lessons this year and ending the showcase on a real high.

A huge congratulations goes to every student who performed. Taking to the stage requires confidence, commitment and resilience, and every performer should be incredibly proud of their achievement. We would also like to thank our staff, families and everyone who attended for their continued support of the Creative Arts at Foxford.

We are already looking forward to another exciting year of performances and opportunities for our students.

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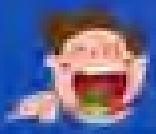
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FAMILY HUBS

BEST START IN LIFE

Coventry's Best Start in Life Hubs (Family Hubs) offer a wide range of advice, support, and activities for children, young people, and families. Services include health, early education, parenting support, SEND services, and much more. Support is available for ages 0–19, and up to 25 for those with (SEND).

To find out more about Family Hubs and access helpful advice, visit The Portal. Here you can explore a range of topics, along with details of all eight Family Hubs, including their contact information and activity timetables.

www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 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
2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS
Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG
1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. 13th July - 31st August

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

CINQUITO
Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS
2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS
Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNYS
Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA
Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

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

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

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE
Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

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

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE via the 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

PIZZA HUT
Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

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 up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 5 - 9pm

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

TESCO
Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

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

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY
Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS
Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

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 via app during school holidays

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RESEARCH CENTRE FOR FLUID AND COMPLEX SYSTEMS

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 10:00AM-3:00PM

MAGNIFICENT MATHS AND PHENOMENAL PHYSICS OPEN DAY

FREE ENTRY

🔬 Interactive Demonstrations– Get hands-on with real experiments!

🧠 Expert Talks – Discover how maths and physics change the world.

🏛️ Lab Visits – See our labs and speak to our researchers about the work we do!

Register Here:

The Techno Centre, Coventry University Technology Park, Coventry, West Midlands CV1 2TS

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Holiday Activities
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CLOTHING COVENTRY PRESENTS

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM POP UP



WHERE

QUEEN'S ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Grosvenor Road
Coventry
CV1 3EG

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WHEN

10th TO 28th AUGUST 2026

Monday to Friday

10am - 3pm

HOW TO BOOK

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Booking is essential

Join the waiting list to be notified when booking opens

clothingcoventry.org/uniform

Due to reduced funding, all items will be second hand / preloved

6th Form Business wear will also be available

**This event is for Coventry schools and residents only*

DONATE YOUR OLD BLAZER



Clothing Coventry can reuse your blazer for other children in need

Any school uniform and shoes you no longer need can be donated to Clothing Coventry to support other children in the city.

Donations can be dropped to 19 or 8 Naiper Street
Mon-Fri 10am-2pm or Wednesday 5-7pm

What's it all about?

The DofE is a life-changing adventure you don't want to miss. As Gold Award holder Jay puts it, ***"My DofE has made me realise I can be whoever I want to be".***

If you're 14 to 23, you can take part in three levels of programmes leading to a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award.



Choose from hundreds of activities – from canoeing to gymnastics, DJing to dog walking for an elderly neighbour – so there'll never be a dull moment. Plus, you'll pick up memories, friendships and skills that will stay with you forever.



And the added bonus?

Having a DofE Award can really give you the edge when you're applying for jobs, college or university. Fun, sociable, challenging plus great experiences you can put on your CV.
The DofE Award. It's what you make it.



Local contact
www.dofeqrbc.co.uk

Bronze, Silver and Gold
Friday Evenings (term time)
7:30pm - 9:30pm



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be able to get FREE school meals



Do you receive any of the following?

- Any amount of Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Universal Offer

Also, Universal Infant free school meals are available to ALL children in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

You can apply as soon as your child's school place has been confirmed.

The benefits of free school meals

- You could save more than £500 a year for each child
- It saves time making packed lunches
- Your child gets a healthy, tasty, cooked meal
- Children achieve more when they've had a cooked lunch
- Schools can get extra funding to help children in their education (pupil premium up to £1,550 a year for each child)

Coventry City Council

ONE COVENTRY

Everyone's a winner

Too many children in Coventry are living in food poverty, yet hundreds of children are still not receiving their entitlement to a free school meal.

One in four children in Coventry are eligible for a free school meal. More are taking up their entitlement but there are so many more who could benefit.

Talk to your neighbours, friends and family to spread the word.

It's really easy to apply online at
www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you may be able to take advantage of free activities during the main school holidays with the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.