



To: Parents/Carers of all students at
Foxford Community School

Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the academic year, I want to thank you for your support over the past 12 months. It has been a busy time, and much has been achieved by our continued partnership with you.

Joining Castle Phoenix Multi Academy Trust in October 2018 has afforded us new opportunities with some of their teachers teaching here at Foxford and our teachers at Caludon Castle at points over the year. We are also gaining from training opportunities and the combining of resources.

Activities involving our students have been broad and varied this year. We currently have 8 students accompanied by 3 members of staff and 2 volunteers at Nateete School in Kampala, Uganda. This year sees our 5th bi-annual visit. Our students will be delivering lessons, supporting in the organisation of a Sports Day for the 5 schools partnered with Coventry and also helping to enhance some of the school buildings thanks to the fundraising that has taken place at Foxford. We look forward to the party sharing their experiences with us when they return.

Our year 12 students have enjoyed their UCAS residential at Aberystwyth University. Each of the other year groups have also been on an Enrichment Day visit. We have also had a number of visitors in school to talk to groups of students and we have been involved in a number of national projects.

We are delighted to share that we are over subscribed for year 7 in September with over 190 students due to start with us. They enjoyed a good transition day, following the theme of Harry Potter, in early July.

A few staff will be leaving us at the end of term. Dr Long is retiring, 7 years after stepping down as Head of Science and agreeing to work part time teaching A Level chemistry and year 11. He is now finally hanging up his lab coat – we thank him for the past 28 years he has committed to educating students at Foxford School. Mrs Beestone, Deputy Head, leaves us to take up appointment as Head Teacher at a school in Cumbria. She will be greatly missed as the Pastoral Head at Foxford,

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however, we are delighted that she has gained her dream job! Mr Simpson is leaving to become Head of Technology and Creative Arts at a school in Leicestershire.

Ms Kelly, Mr Docherty, Ms Sahota, Dr Knight, Mr Law and Ms Hussain are also moving to take up new posts. We thank them all for the commitment they have given to Foxford. We have appointed new staff to replace them all, I will introduce them to you in September.

Term will end on Friday, 19 July at approximately 1:30pm following our whole school assembly and lunch.

Publication of exam results

AS/A2 results will be published on Thursday, 15 August 2019, Year 13 students should report to the Post 16 centre where results will be available from 7.00am. GCSE results will be published on Thursday, 22 August 2019, between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Year 11 students should report to Post 16 centre. If students are unable to attend, they must leave a stamped addressed envelope, or an email address, with Ms Clarke (Exams Manager) before the end of term.

Looking ahead to September 2019

The autumn term will begin on Monday, 02 September – arrangements being:

Monday, 02 September 2019	Teacher Training day, no students in school.
Tuesday, 03 September 2019	Years 7, 12 and 13 only in school.
Wednesday, 04 September 2019	All years in school 8:50am.

Further dates will be circulated at the start of next term.

Pastoral system

Year 7 – Ms Winton

Year 8 – Mr Heer

Year 9 – Mr Kemp

Year 10 – Mrs Pattison

Year 11 – Mr Singh

Year 12 and 13 – Mrs Natali

New School Day

For September 2019 we are making a few changes. Firstly, our school day. We will be having a one-week timetable. Lessons will remain at 1 hour long, but tutor time will be in the middle of the day and a staggered lunch created.

8.40am – 8.50am	Staff Briefing
8.50am	School begins for all students
8.50am – 9.50am	Period 1
9.50am – 10.50am	Period 2
10.50am – 11.10am	Break
11.10am – 12.10pm	Period 3
12.10pm – 12.40pm	Lunch Year 7, 9 and 11
	Tutor time Year 8, 10 12 and 13
12.40pm – 1.10pm	Lunch Year 8, 10, 12, and 13
	Tutor time Year 7, 9, and 11
1.10pm – 2.10pm	Period 4
2.10pm – 3.05pm	Period 5
3.05 – 3.15pm	Catch up time students if needed

We are also revising our assessment system and structure for parents' evenings. Details about both of these will be shared in September and parent's information evenings arranged.

Reminders for the start of the autumn term.

Mobile Phones

Thank you for your support for our tightened policy re: mobile phones. Students have responded well; the new rules will continue next year.

Uniform

I need now to remind you of our uniform policy, as outlined below. Of particular note:

- Only plain black footwear
- School trousers must be worn – no leggings or jeans
- No tops of any kind under blazers other than black plain v neck jumpers
- Coats are to be removed within buildings.
- Black blazer with school badge (COMPULSORY)
- **Black school trousers / skirt - at least knee length (COMPULSORY) – leggings and jeans are not allowed.**
- White shirt (COMPULSORY)
- School tie (COMPULSORY)
- Plain black footwear (COMPULSORY)
- 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 kufi
- Only minimal make up and jewellery plus a watch may be worn. Piercings should be small studs or sleepers. Acrylic nails and nail polish must NOT be worn. Sikh bangles may be worn but no others
- PE KIT: The Foxford School kit may be worn along with pumps or trainers and white socks. Alternatively, black joggers/shorts with a black or white polo shirt. A suitable swimming costume.

Remember these things when buying replacement uniform. Non-uniform items will not be allowed and confiscated like mobile phones.

Catering

Our cashless catering system is now well established. There will be no increase in the price of a full meal deal next year and will stay at £2.80. The price of a sandwich meal deal will also stay at £2.15. The cashless catering system does not allow students to go into debt so I would ask that parent/carers ensure that students have enough credit on their account, money to put into the revaluation machines located in school or a packed lunch each day.

It is worth reminding parents that free school meals are available to children from families whose income is below the threshold set. If you feel that you may qualify for free school meals then you need to contact the Admissions and Benefits Office at Civic Centre 1, at the Council House, Little Park Street, Coventry. Telephone: 024 7683 1613 email: secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk. A claim form can also be obtained from the school office during term time. Students who have free school meals will still need to sign up for the cashless system. Again, if you have any queries please contact the school office.

Food and drink in school

We encourage students to drink plenty of water during the school day however, in line with government guidance, we do not allow students to bring energy and carbonated drinks on to the school site. We also do not allow students to order takeaway meals to be delivered to school.

All parents can access Parent Pay in order to monitor what their children are purchasing from the school diner each day – or spending their free school meal allocation on. If you no longer have your log-in details please contact the school.

Holidays

From 1st September 2013 the school has not granted any leave of absence during term time unless there have been exceptional circumstances.

Government guidelines state "The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave"

Parents/carers can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. For further information please refer to our Attendance Policy on our Website.

Open Evening

Our new intake Open Evening will be held on Monday, 23 September 2019 at 6:00pm.

Should you wish to discuss matters at any time please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. If they cannot deal with your query they will refer it to the Director of Learning. If you do not get a response within 24 hours please contact Ms Kenny, PA to Pastoral Deputy Head, who will accelerate the matter.

I would like to thank you for all your support over the past year.

Yours sincerely



Ms R Williamson
Head Teacher