



To: Parents/Carers of students at
Foxford Community School

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to remind you of the end of term and start of the summer term arrangements.

The school will close for the Easter Holiday on Friday, 12 April 2019 at the normal time of 3:05pm.

The summer term arrangements are as follows:

- Monday, 29 April 2019: Moderation Day. Students in all years should only attend if asked to by their teacher.
- Tuesday, 30 April 2019: all students return to school at 8:50am.
- Monday, 06 May 2019: May Day Bank Holiday, school closed.
- Week starting Monday, 27 May 2019: school closed for half term for the week.
- Friday, 19 July 2019: Last day of the summer term – school closes for students at 1:30pm.

Over the Easter holiday a number of revision sessions for our year 11 students have been planned, as outlined in the letter attached for year 11 students.

Challenging youth violence

I am sure, like me, you are concerned about the increasing levels of youth violence in our city, specifically knife crime in our communities. I want to reassure you that the school is taking this issue very seriously and is working closely with outside agencies and organisations to ensure the safety of our students.

We are focusing on continuing to educate and inform students about issues surrounding gang violence and knife crime. For example, all students attended an assembly covering safety and the knife crime issues in conjunction with the West Midlands Police service and our pastoral teams. We have also run follow-up workshops for students to alert them to the dangers of becoming involved in violence and gang crime, more are planned for the summer term.

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West Midlands Police will be setting up a 'knife arch' metal detector in school to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying weapons. It is part of an initiative to warn and educate students of the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife.

This forms part of a series of events that the school is involved in over the coming months where guest speakers and organisations will be working with us to ensure our children are informed and educated about the risks within our community and how best to keep themselves safe.

You may remember Police Officers attended last year to carry out a similar activity. In addition, we now have the 'Mentors in Violence Prevention' programme established in the school (MVP) with year 11, 10 and soon year 9s will be involved along with other schools in Coventry.

Policy change for mobile phones

We believe that one of the things we do at Foxford is to give students the skills for adult life - and one of the things adults have to know is how to manage and moderate their mobile phone use.

From the start of the summer term we are tightening our mobile phone policy. Students will still be able to use their phones at break and lunchtime but the rule will be that their mobile phone is turned off and in their school bag at all other times in the school day, from when the bell goes for the start of the school day, between lessons and in lessons.

The teacher will announce at the start of every lesson if mobile phones are to be used as part of the learning activity in that lesson for how long and for what. If phones are not part of the lesson, they should be switched off and put away.

If a student has their phone out, then the teacher will confiscate it and it will not be able to be collected until 3.35pm that day from Reception.

If the student refuses to hand over their phone then their parent/carer will be contacted and the student will have to hand over their phone to their Year Head the following day for the whole day, collecting it from Reception at 3.35pm.

If a student refuses to do this then they will be internally or externally excluded. A meeting will then be arranged for them and their parent/carer to meet with a Senior Leader or even the Governing body of the school.

Uniform

I wish to remind you that full school uniform should be worn at all times. During the summer months students should come to school wearing their blazer with a school jumper if its chilly. No other jumpers or hoodies should be worn. Plain black foot wear is a requirement along with black trousers or a knee length skirt and a school tie. During hotter periods students will be advised when they can remove their blazer.

I am attaching with this letter our termly newsletter, I am sure you will agree we have much to celebrate, well done to all students who have been involved in the many activities that have taken place this term.

With summer now fast approaching we have a great deal to look forward to next term, dates included at the end of the letter. I want to particularly draw your attention to our annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, 18 May 2019 – 11:am to 2:00pm. We are currently finalising arrangements but look forward to sharing music and other entertainment from our students past and present (and those of local primary schools) in the company of the Lord Mayor. This also offers an opportunity for our students and other community groups to run stalls. We do hope you will come along with your family to join us.

Yours sincerely

R Williamson

Ms R Williamson
Head Teacher

Key Dates Next Term

Summer Term 2019

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	29 April	All day	Moderation Day – only students invited to attend should be in school
Tuesday	30 April	8.50 am	School opens for all students
Monday	06 May	All day	School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 07 May to Saturday, 11 May			Year 9 visit to Dol-Y-Moch
Saturday	18 May	11:00am – 2:00pm	Foxford Family Funday
Monday, 13 May – Friday, 21 June			Summer Exam Season
Friday	17 May		Year 13 study leave begins
Monday, 27 May - Friday 31 May			School closed for half term holiday
Wednesday	05 June	PM	Mary Poppins Matinee performance
Wednesday	05 June	6:00pm	Mary Poppins Evening performance
Thursday	06 June	PM	Mary Poppins Matinee performance
Thursday	06 June	6:00pm	Mary Poppins Evening performance
Thursday	13 June	All day	Progress Review Day – Years 7, 8 , 9, 10 and 12
Wednesday	19 June	All day	Learning Enrichment Day
Thursday	27 June	6:30pm	Year 11 prom
Monday	01 July	All day	Inset Day – school closed
Wednesday	03 July	All day	New intake day
Wednesday	03 July	6:00pm	New intake meeting for parents/carers
Wednesday, 03 July – Friday, 05 July			Year 11 into Post 16 induction
Thursday	04 July	6:00pm	Celebration Evening
Monday, 08 July – Thursday, 11 July			Year 12 visit to Aberystwyth University
Thursday, 11 July to Monday, 22 July			Foxford go to Kampala 2019
Friday	12 July	7:00pm	Year 13 prom
Wednesday	17 July	All day	Sports Day (weather permitting)