November 2026 Foxwood Academy Newsletter

Foxwood 14-19 Phase

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We all have settled back in after our half term break- we hope you all had fun.

Creative Trip



Before half-term, those 14-19 students following who have chosen the Creative option had the opportunity to visit the Theatre Royal to watch ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***.

The trip linked to our dance and movement topic, as the play uses exciting physical theatre, creative movement and interesting staging to tell the story. The young people really enjoyed the performance and gained new ideas and inspiration for their own dance and movement work.





Speech and Language Therapy



Many of our students have work with the NHS Speech and Language Service or have previously done so. The Service is keen to explore ways to support parents/carers via Foxwood's Coffee Mornings. They'd be grateful if you could let them know about specific areas of support you would like. Please do so by clicking on this link. It will only take a couple of minutes.

Speech and language support areas.

After Foxwood



Students in the Phase are have careers interviews every year. This process has started for our older students. Students and parents/carers will receive a report which will be sent home. We will also review this report in school and use it during your young person's EHCP review.

The EHCP review process has started for all of our Y13 students and some of our younger students who plan to leave us at the end of this academic year. Parents and students will be making applications to college and professionals from the local authority SEND teams will be liaising with colleges to see if they are a good match for students.

You'll be aware that colleges will be having open days which are advertised on their websites. Parents and carers can visit these with their young people. We are hoping to organise some visits for our older students.

We are aware that Portland College are advertising some virtual open days and opportunities to visit [Visit Us - Portland College, Portland Charity]

This is a link to bookings for Landmarks College Open days [Landmarks Specialist College - Open Days 2026/27]

Nottingham College have a number of sites and courses. The new SEND Gateway is at their Basford site. This is a link to the open days [Open Events | Nottingham College]

Other colleges some of our students may be interested in include Sense College in Loughborough [Find out more about the college | Sense], Work Connections also near Loughborough [Home - Work Connections] and Broomfield Hall which is part of Derby College [DCG Campus & Course Locations - Broomfield Hall - DCG]

More information on colleges and other providers who offer different activities will be available at our Transition Event which will take place on **11th February 2027** at the Academy. Further details will follow and all parents/carers of students in the Phase are welcome to come along.

Attendance



Attendance Matters at Foxwood Academy

Good attendance helps our students learn, develop friendships, build independence and make the most of their time at school.

We are pleased that attendance at Foxwood continues to be strong and above the national average for special schools. Thank you to our families for your continued support!

Our Attendance at a Glance:

- **Foxwood Academy 94.8%**
- National School Average 94.7%
- Our School Target **95%**

Our aim is for every student to achieve **95% attendance or above**. Attendance below **90%** is classed as *Persistent Absence* by the Department for Education - 90% is almost 4 weeks off.

We recognise that some students face additional challenges with attendance. Where concerns arise, we will work with families to understand barriers and provide appropriate support.

Reporting Absence and Appointments

- **Illness:** Please telephone the Academy each morning your child is absent. If we haven't heard from you, our office team will follow up as part of our safeguarding procedures.
- **Medical appointments:** Please arrange these outside school hours where possible. If an appointment must take place during the school day, please provide confirmation to the school office in advance and where possible return your child after this.

We're Here to Help

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or need additional support, please speak to their tutor team or contact:

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Every school day is an opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. Thank you for your continued support

Dates for your Diary



13th November: Children in Need day

20th November: 14-19 Social Event 6.30-8.30pm

11th December: Carol Singing Day

16th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

18th December: Christmas Dinner

11th February: 14-19 Transition Evening

27th -30th April: London Residential

Thank you for your continued support

