



FOXWOOD
ACADEMY



November 2025 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.

We are delighted to announce our senior students this year are Daniel Barker from Columbia and Millie Agguter-Turney from Discovery. We are confident they will be excellent role-models and ambassadors.

Employment

A number of our older students are working on an employment curriculum . After significant preparation they are now working on placements both inside and outside the Academy.

These include maintenance at Foxwood, shopping for the cooking group, IT support, sports coaching and community gardening.





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 Marie from ICDS 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 [Portland Events - Portland Charity](#)

This is a link to bookings for Landmarks College Open days [Landmarks Specialist College - Open Days 2025/26](#)

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

Other colleges some of our students may be interested in include Sense College in Loughborough [About Us - 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 2026** at the Academy. Further details will follow and all parents/carers of students in the Phase are welcome to come along.

Celebrations

Diwali

During the last week of the half-term students across the Academy learnt about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights which celebrates the victory of light over darkness. As well as the meaning behind the festival students took part in art and cooking activities.







Foxwood Prom 2025



On Friday 7th November 2025 many students, past and present, as well as staff put on their glad rags to celebrate at Foxwood Prom at The Village Hotel in Chilwell. This was a very stylish event. We all enjoyed the the food, the dancing and the photobooth - what fun!

A big thanks to Sam, our business manager, for organising this event.











Attendance



Attendance Matters



Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their potential. The Department for Education is clear that every day in school matters – even a small amount of absence can have a significant impact on learning, progress, and long-term outcomes.

Regular attendance not only supports your child's academic progress, but also helps them to build friendships, develop social skills, and feel part of the school community. We all want the very best for your child, and ensuring they are in school every day, on time, gives them the best possible chance to succeed.

Attendance at Foxwood continues to be excellent and above the national average. Thank you to you all for sharing the belief that attendance in school is vital. As parents and carers, you have a strong understanding that your child being at school is a priority alongside a legal requirement.

It is essential that children and young people get the most out of their school experience. We aim for students to be at school **95%** of the time. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Department for Education as *Persistent Absence* and is a serious concern. If your child's attendance falls to this level, we will work closely with you to understand any barriers affecting their attendance. Our aim is to provide the right support where needed, so that together we can help your child attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Foxwood has systems in place to pick up attendance concerns quickly. Your child's tutor team monitor attendance closely and as soon as it drops below 97%, staff will identify ways to support where this is required. If attendance continues to decline, you will receive a letter to inform you of this. In certain cases, a support plan will be put in place to support the young person to get them back into school.

We do understand that there are times when children will be absent from school due to illness and other exceptional circumstances. If you are ever in any doubt whether to send them or not, please don't hesitate to get in touch for support. If your child has a medical appointment, please arrange this for later in the day, to avoid missing too much learning time. Hospital appointments might be more challenging to arrange and we do understand this. It is advisable to mention to the GP or hospital that your child's attendance in school is important and this may support getting a later appointment. If your child needs to miss school for a medical appointment, you must send the appointment letter to reception prior to the appointment so we have this for our records and to safeguard our young people.

Non-medical appointments must be made out of school hours.

Holidays in term time are not classed as exceptional circumstances and can lead to fines. There are 175 non-school days each year when children are not required to be in school. Please do minimise disruption to learning by taking holidays in the designated breaks.

If you have any concerns around your child's attendance and feel you need additional support, please do get in touch with the Attendance Lead nikki.glover@foxwood.notts.sch.uk. Any day-to-day enquiries about attendance, please do discuss this with your child's tutor team.

Thank you to you all for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary



14th November: Children in Need day

12th December: Carol Singing Day

17th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

19th December: Christmas Dinner

11th February: 14-19 Transition Evening

Thank you for your continued support

