

**FOXWOOD
ACADEMY**



September 2025 Foxwood Academy Newsletter

Foxwood 14-19 Phase

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Welcome Back



We hope all the Foxwood students, their families and carers had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It is great to welcome back our students from last year and to welcome new students into the 14-19 phase from KS3 and from other education settings.

We have a number of staff new to the phase, some from different phases at Foxwood and some new to the school. In Discovery we welcome Claire and Anna, in Enterprise Dave and Marnie and in Endeavour we welcome two Jesses.

The staffing in classes is as follows:

Atlantis: Tom Fewtrell, Karen Hicklin and Justus

Enterprise: Dave Conlon, Paige Fitzsimmons and Marnie Snell

Endeavour: Abigail Hodgetts, Lucy Korneluk, Anji Bonser, Emma Gazeley, Jess Williams and Jess Redfern

Challenger: Andy Craze and Tracey Woods

Discovery: Claire Arnold and Anna Douglas

Columbia: Sindy Blake

Please get in touch with your young person's class team if you need to or want to.

Accreditations and Exams



Congratulations to all our learners who achieved qualifications last academic year.

Many students achieved OCR Life and Living Awards. Others achieved WJEC qualifications in Maths and English and AQA qualifications in Science and PE. GCSEs were sat and passed in English, Maths and Science. Our students on the employability pathway gained Kings Trust awards.

We are very proud of all the students' efforts and are pleased their achievements have been rewarded.

After Foxwood



On the morning of 8th October we will be having a coffee morning for parents/carers of students who will leave us at the end of this academic year. Parents/carers will be able to talk to staff from the local authority about how the transition process will work. This is a very useful event and enables parents/carers to ask questions specific to them and their young person.

We will be sending a letter to parents/carers of Y12 and Y13 students about a referral to Nottinghamshire County Council's Transitions Team who provide planning, advice and support services for young people who live within the county council boundaries. The team works with young people and their families to help them to be as independent as possible. This may involve community support, support into employment, helping with safety and risks and giving support to carers. Most of our leavers move from Foxwood to a college placement 3 days per week so this team offers supports finding meaningful activities for young people on the other weekdays. This might include sporting and outdoor activities, creative and art activities, volunteering and working opportunities. If you live within Nottinghamshire County Council's boundary please return the reply slip if you would like a referral made for your young person. For those who do not live within Nottinghamshire County Council's boundary I will liaise with the relevant local authority to find out what support they offer.

After Christmas we will have a further event when representatives of colleges and other provision will be available to speak to parents.

Colleges

Some of the local colleges are now advertising and taking bookings for their own open days/evenings on their websites. As well as booking for open events the websites are useful for information about courses, entry requirements and students support.

At present these are some of the events we are aware of.

Landmarks College, Nottingham: 2nd October 2025

[Landmarks Specialist College - Open Days 2025/26](#)

Landmarks has a number of sites but the one many of our students go to is in the City Centre. At this site they offer Independence and Employability courses. Booking required

Nottingham College

[Open Events | Nottingham College](#)

Basford Hall Campus: 15th October and 12th November 2025

[Basford | Nottingham College](#)

Basford Hall offers courses including construction, other trades and has a new dedicated centre (The Gateway) for students with additional needs.

City Hub: 14th October and 13th November 2024

[City Hub | Nottingham College](#)

The City Hub offers courses including catering and media.

Adam's Building: 8th October and 11th November

[Adams Building | Nottingham College](#)

This campus offers art courses as well as hair and beauty courses.

Broomfield Hall, Derby College: 12th November 2025

[Broomfield Hall Open Evening - 12/11/2025 - DCG](#)

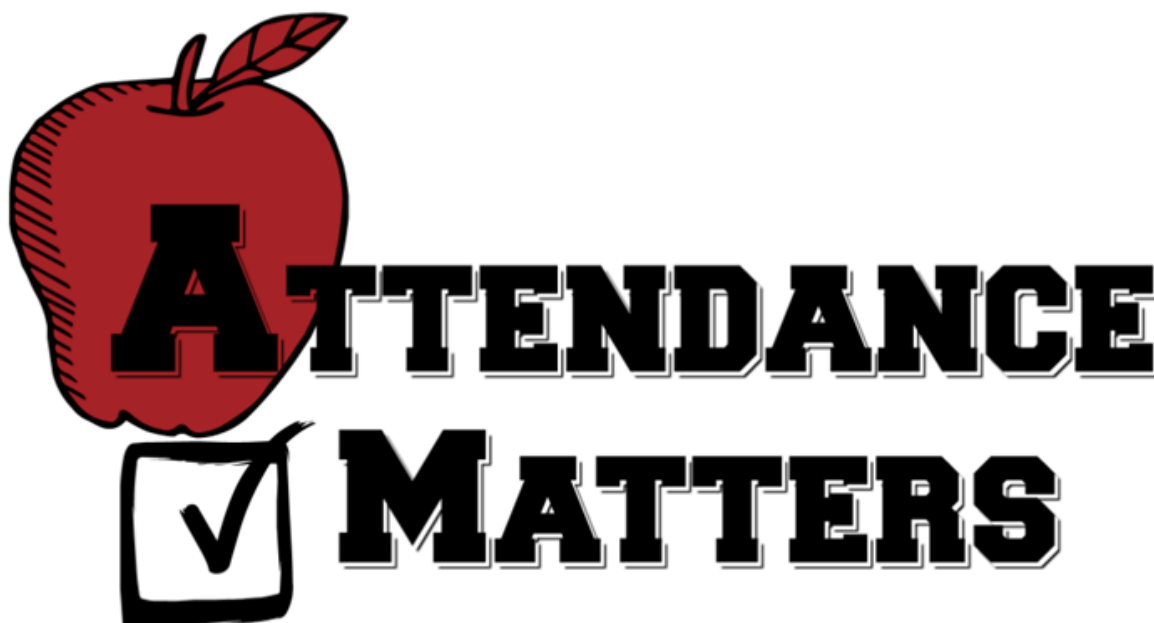
Broomfield offers courses include sport, public services and land-based courses. Booking is required.

Portland College, Mansfield: will be offering virtual tours and follow-up visits.

[Visit Us - Portland College, Portland Charity](#)

Portland is a specialist college offering a wide variety of courses, catering for individual needs.

Attendance



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



24th September: Meet the Tutor event

6th October: INSET day

8th October: Leavers' parents/carers coffee morning

7th November: Prom for our older students and leavers from 2025 and 2024



As always thank you for your continued support.

Susan.