

Weekly Parent Update

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Today, we welcome more parents and prospective students at our hotel, to experience all aspects of Aurora Foxes; perhaps you remember your first visit? We have planned that parents and students will end the day, aware of the magic that is Aurora Foxes and fully prepared to decide if Minehead is the right destination for them next year.

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Kevin Parker

Foxes Interim Principal | [The Aurora Group](#)

AN UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION TEAM

The team have worked hard to upgrade the displays on the Education corridor of Fields, so that they are more student-focused and interactive. A great deal of work has also been carried out to ensure students are optimizing their time to gain the highest possible qualifications. The result is that our NVQ work has a real sense of purpose as we move through the critical spring term.

REYNARD CARE & SUPPORT AGENCY

This week we are delighted to announce a change to the Reynards leadership team. Kerry Knapman, previously Deputy Care Manager, is now the Registered Manager for Reynard's Care & Support Agency. A big congratulations on her successful appointment to this post, which entailed an extensive interview with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Should you have any queries regarding your son or daughters health needs please do not hesitate to contact Kerry on details below:

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Susie Palmer is now the Nominated Individual for Reynard's Care & Support Agency; the role of the Nominated Individual is to supervise the way that the regulated activity (personal care) is managed. Susie also remains Head of Care for Foxes.

GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

Our 'Golden Moment' of this week has to be the feedback we received from our Chef Tutors that spent their training days at Hilton Hotel in Birmingham last week.

"Hilton made us feel so welcome and helped us in so many ways."

"An absolutely great demonstration of hospitality throughout our whole visit. We all got so much from it."

"It was great to see ex-students still working there, six years after they left Aurora Foxes."

UPCOMING NOTABLE VISITS/ACTIVITIES

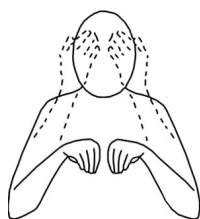
In the week ahead, all houses will be implementing their own initiative to remind students of the value of accessing stories for pleasure, including reading. I know that each house has developed a unique solution to the task set, and over the next few days, I am looking forward to attend the outcome of each project. I am sure I will have lots to share in next week's newsletter.

COMMUNITY/PARTNERSHIPS

I feel compelled use this newsletter to capture the wonderful community spirit that enables our students to have regular work experience at Williton. A grant to reduce isolation for Williton residents has been used to provide meals once a week in their impressive community hall. The responsibility for providing those meals has been delegated to the Aurora Foxes students, who all carry out their duties wonderfully. In fact, they have done such a good job that Williton have requested they offer catering twice a week from now on.

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

'To learn'



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*Thanks for
reading!*