

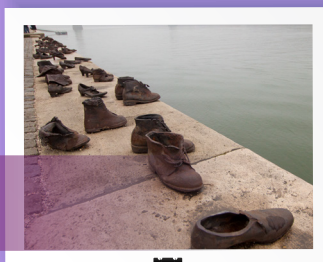
## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are mindful as we are writing this, that today is Holocaust Memorial Day. This is an important subject for all of us, but also presents some challenges in supporting our students to engage with the subject matter without being troubled. We have decided the most appropriate way to mark the occasion is to share some of the positive excerpts from Anne Frank's diary next week, with some supporting discussion and guidance.

Following a successful Open Day recently, we are preparing for our next one this Friday 3rd February. We were pleased to see team members from Aurora central services at the last one and we look forward to welcoming Aurora CEO, another Mark Costello, next Friday. Other guests include interested colleges/schools who are looking to support families with their decisions on next steps. If you know parents in your local network whose young person might benefit from a placement at Aurora Foxes, please encourage them to look at our recently refreshed website and social media pages.

Kevin Parker - Foxes Interim Principal  
and Mark Costello - Principal Designate

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**  
27TH JANUARY 2023



## AN UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION TEAM

As promised, you will be receiving the new style of the Termly Reports of Progress before the end of January. As we write, they are being sealed in envelopes ready for a trip to the Post Office. We will also be sending you an opportunity to share your views on the new format, in the form of a very brief feedback 'Form'.

This evening, along with other members of the SLT, we will be attending Foxes Hollow to witness their production to celebrate the love of story and reading for pleasure. Charlie and The Chocolate Factory is a familiar tale and we are sure that the house will put on a Foxes spin, as others have in the past few weeks. We expect the result of these projects will be an emphasis on reading and sharing stories as a regular feature in the houses and leisure time.

## GREAT NEWS FROM REYNARD CARE & SUPPORT

All of the Reynard team have now taken part in a training session provided by Minehead Medical Centre on UTI testing, which means we can now test students should there be any concerns regarding UTI's without the need to wait for a doctor's appointment.

*\*Watch this space next week for our 'Meet The Team' item\**

## GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

Earlier this week, senior staff were stopped in their tracks by a student's comment at the end of one of the progress reports they were proof reading.



"I want to have a husband, get married, have children, and get a job as a waitress in a cafe by the seaside."

Staff are both inspired and driven by student feedback. We feel sure that this student will get all the support and training she needs to achieve many of her goals.

## NOTABLE VISITS/ACTIVITIES

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO](#)

There was much activity at the hotel on Wednesday as a result of the item on the national news regarding the Oscars nomination. James Martin, a Belfast-based actor with Down Syndrome, has been nominated along with his co-stars and crew, for the Best Short Film category, and will attend the ceremony on his birthday! Staff and interested students from across the college volunteered to produce a 'play in a day', which was actually a video. They sent a filmed message of congratulations to James and invited him to attend graduation day. Huge thanks and congratulations go to the students and staff who made this happen so quickly, which was important because we are sure there will be many requests for James' time over the coming weeks. You can see the video on Aurora Foxes website homepage and on our Facebook account. We will let you know if we get a reply.

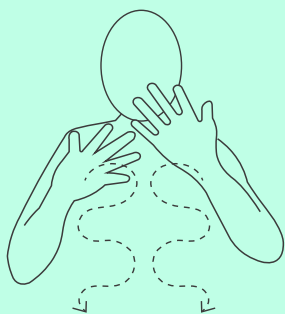
## COMMUNITY/PARTNERSHIPS

A request has been raised for Aurora Foxes to work with The Regal Theatre, as part of its planning for sustainability. We are proud to be a central part of the vibrant Minehead community and we wish to play our part in supporting local arts venues. We will be meeting with The Regal Theatre next week to ascertain if we can contribute to a plan that is mutually beneficial.

### MAKATON

#### SIGN OF THE WEEK: SNOW

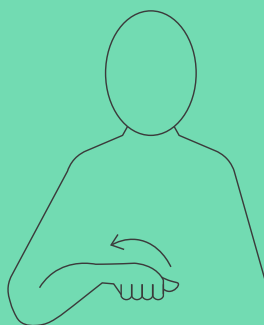
Directions: Make swirling movements with your hands down the front of your body



### FOXES

#### WORD OF THE WEEK: NEXT

Directions: see below



### FOXES

#### PHRASE OF THE WEEK: I CAN

Directions: Follow the movements below

