

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

This week we were reminded of the old adage 'it's a small world'. Speaking to an old friend, we were intrigued and delighted to discover that their daughter attended Foxes some years ago and this led on to a discussion of her experience here - and her journey to independence. We will be sharing this with you in the coming weeks and we hope her story serves as an inspiration to both our current students and their parents.

For this week, we wanted to thank all parents for their patience and support in the delay surrounding the autumn term reports. As previously communicated, more time was needed to ensure these were a true reflection of our students' progress and achievements and we hope you share our view that these new style reports are a huge improvement. On this, we would really appreciate you filling out the short questionnaire which went out to you on Wednesday. Please feel free to share your comments and suggestion on the final box and we will consider these carefully.

Finally, you may be aware of this week's national news story about industrial action by teaching staff and we would just like to reassure you that this will not affect Aurora Foxes. The industrial action is currently only for public sector employees and we are therefore planning for all our sites to be open as usual.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

Kevin Parker *Interim Principal*  
Mark Costello *Principal Designate*



## AN UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION TEAM

Some students this week have had the opportunity to complete mock interviews with Sodexo. They have shown great maturity and confidence when explaining their job skills and how they deal with health and safety, both in the work experience at Foxes Hotel and the experience they are gaining externally. We are so proud of how hard the students have worked on this and Sodexo were very impressed, saying there were lots of students they would happily employ based on their mock interviews. We look forward to welcoming Sodexo back in the summer term to work with our first and second years too. Thank you, Sodexo, for your time, our tutors for preparing our students so well and our house staff who have supported students in their preparation.

## MEET THE REYNARD CARE TEAM

KERRY KNAPMAN

*"Hello my name is Kerry, I have had the pleasure of supporting Foxes students with the Reynard care and support agency for 5 and a half years, over the last two years my job role was Deputy manager and in January I became registered manager.*

*Over the last few years there have been some changes to team members, and although you may know our names, as a parent myself I think it's always nice to put a face to a name, for this reason, each week we will be introducing a member of the Reynard team..."*



## GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

This week we heard a story about one of our students who grew particularly anxious in the lead up to her mock interview. Many of us have experienced this before, and it is no mean feat! Upon reminding her of all of the hard work and preparation she had undergone, she decided to take the plunge and give it her best shot. On finishing the interview, she proudly proclaimed 'I could do that again!'.

## COMMUNITY/PARTNERSHIPS

We are very lucky at Foxes to have grown several partnerships over the years, for the benefit of our students. Not only did Sodexo visit to complete mock interviews this week, but we also had the pleasure of welcoming Esther Brittan, HR Operations Manager for Hilton. Esther's visit to Foxes brought us together to strategize about how we can grow the partnership further. It was wonderful to hear how Hilton cherish our partnership and about the value it adds for them as a company. The term she used, which we love, is that 'it enriches our culture at Hilton'.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

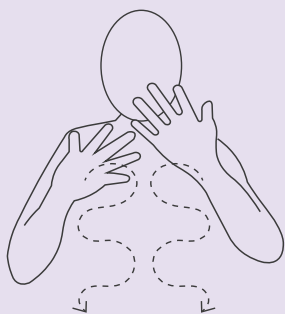
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### MAKATON

#### SIGN OF THE WEEK: SNOW

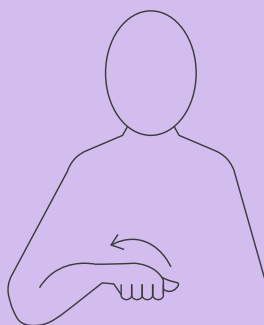
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### FOXES

#### WORD OF THE WEEK: NEXT

Directions: see below



### FOXES

#### PHRASE OF THE WEEK: I CAN

Directions: Follow the movements below

