

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello!

I hope everyone has and continues to stay safe with the rather harsh weather. Despite local school and college closures impacting staffing on Tuesday we remained relatively unaffected. As no bus services were running unfortunately our external WeX didn't take place on Tuesday however these students got the opportunity to attend the hotel and pick up some additional learning there.

The students themselves absolutely loved the snow (see pictures!) and have been stretched and challenged with National Careers Week. Employability skills are fully embedded into our curriculum, so it's been great seeing and hearing our students recognize that this week and talk about their futures.

I also want to thank you all for your incredible generosity in supporting our event for World Down Syndrome Day. World Down Syndrome Day is an inclusive day for everyone and is a chance for us all to celebrate and support people with Down Syndrome and people with other learning disabilities. Have a happy, and safe, weekend

Mark Costello | Principal



AN UPDATE FROM EDUCATION

This week in education the students have celebrated National Careers Week. Every department focused on different aspects of students' future aspirations and our pathways to becoming work ready, life ready!

Our first and second year students met with Matthew from the National Careers Service and received excellent feedback:

'Since meeting the students in the autumn term, I am seeing an increase in Foxes students thinking for themselves. They are talking about their futures and aspirations, they are asking more relevant questions and are showing a greater understanding of how the learning and practising of their soft skills will help them to gain a paid job. There is an increase in their confidence.'

I was very impressed to overhear one student when his appointment with Matthew ended as they said, 'Thank you, it is my future and it is important, it is about me.'

AN UPDATE FROM REYNARD CARE

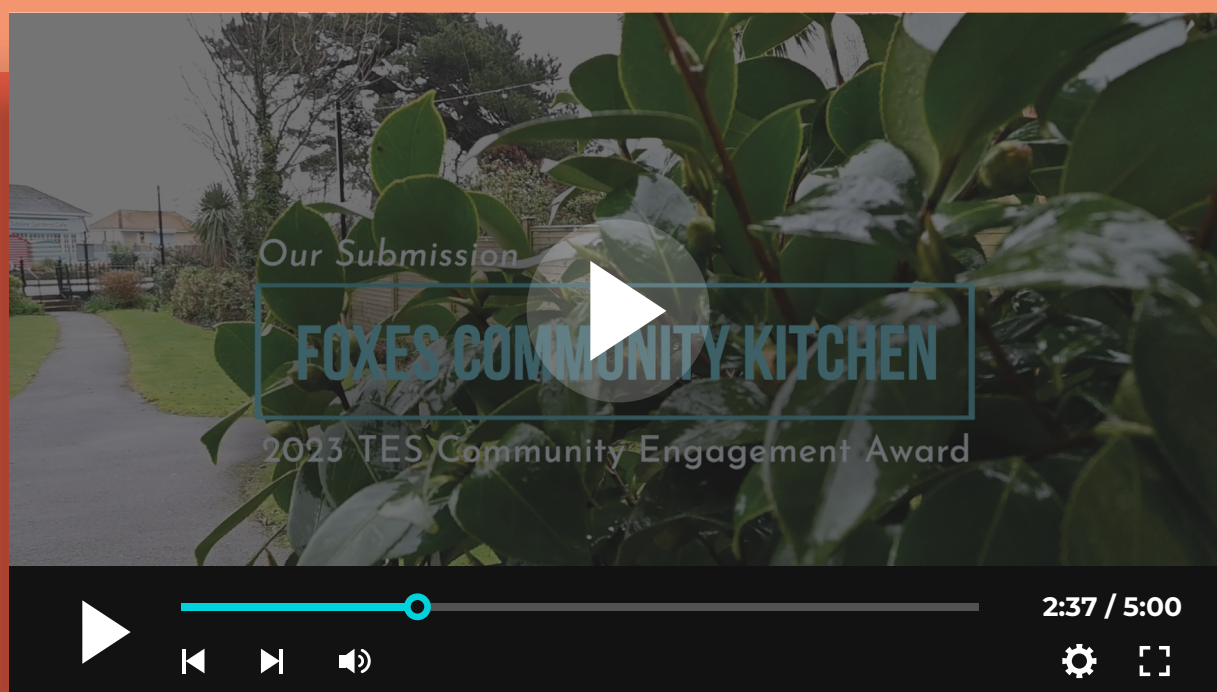
Great news! We have a new team member joining us this week. Adriana has worked at Aurora Foxes for over 4 years as an LSP and has now decided to join the Reynard team. Adriana has worked in the care sector for many years and will be a great asset to the Reynard Care team, she is looking forward to working with all the students and learning all the aspects of her new role.

ADRIANA SEMONKOVA



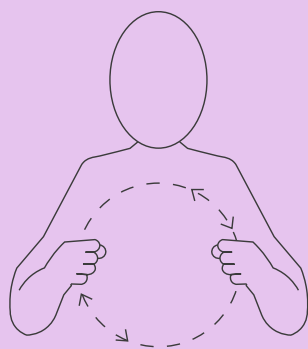
GOLDEN MOMENTS OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday we went out to Williton to make a short film to go alongside our entry to the TES awards for Community Engagement. This was a day full of golden moments and we were overwhelmed with positive comments from the customers who were full of praise for the work our staff and students do every week at Williton. We then witnessed a particularly wonderful moment when, after the students had served meals and were clearing away, Beth got into a conversation with one of the customers called June. After a discussion about favourite songs, it transpired that Beth and June both loved 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. Beth then sang this to June (who had a tear in her eye) and who said it had made her day. Well done to Beth and to all our fantastic students and staff for making the Williton work experience such a positive and meaningful experience for everyone. Our video entry can be found below:



MAKATON

SIGN OF THE WEEK:



FOXES

WORD OF THE WEEK:

