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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the final 5 weeks of the academic year we have been reflecting on what a truly incredible year it has been. This academic year has seen a lot of change at Foxes, and I'm proud to say that our students have adapted incredibly well to this. They have shown resilience and determination in the face of challenges, and this is testament to their character.

Last weeks personal development week was a huge success and this week's newsletter will focus on some of the many activities and events held throughout the college. Our students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities to develop their personal and social skills. We are delighted to see the positive impact this has had on their confidence and self-esteem, though I will admit we have some tired students this week!

With many more events planned between now and the end of term, fingers crossed that the good weather continues.

I hope you have a great weekend!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

Our students have been completing their practice expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards over the last few weeks, with help from Channel Training, in preparation for their qualifier expedition in a few weeks time.

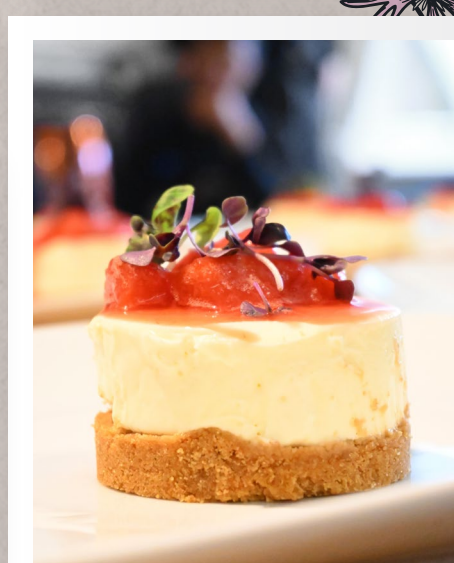
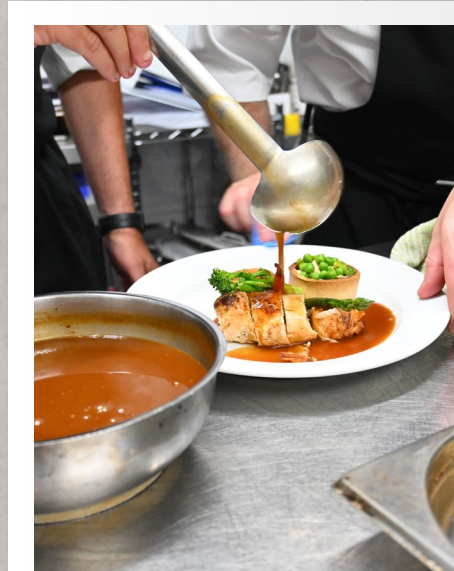
Students have been learning how to use compasses, navigate routes using just a map - no technology whatsoever - and they have learnt how to put up tents and cook on camping stoves. These expeditions have been no mean feat and it has taken real resilience from students (and staff!) to push through when things have gotten tough. We are all so proud of each and every one of them for their determination and perseverance. Well done everyone!



HILTON X FOXES EVENT

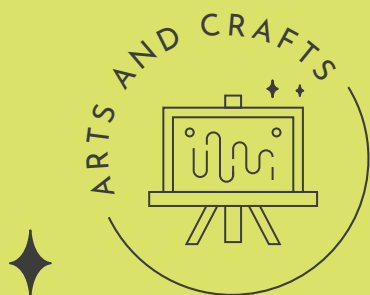
On Friday we hosted a very special event at Foxes to thank all of our wonderful work experience providers for all of their support over the past year with our students. We worked in collaboration with Hilton Hotels to design a menu and build an evening around our fantastic partners.

The students were involved every step of the way, from flower arranging and interviewing the guest chefs to food preparation, making cocktails and food service. The event was an overwhelming success and we are very excited to show you some photos from the day.



PD WEEK ACTIVITIES

PD week brought lots of opportunities for personal development for our students. We had walking clubs, arts and crafts, gardening and group days out.



Students had the opportunity to create some beautiful, unique collages from found objects and items found in nature. The groups went on nature walks to collect their findings, and then made a collage of all the things they found.



Third year students had a fantastic time with their peers and staff members in Blenheim Gardens for their special third-year picnic.



Hive students enjoyed a day out to Ilfracombe using the open top bus. They had lots of fun exploring somewhere they hadn't visited before.

