

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

As you may have seen on the news, our local area recently experienced severe flooding. While the images may have been concerning, I am pleased to inform you that none of our college properties were affected. Our students, with their incredible resilience, have weathered the storm and continue to shine amidst challenging times.

This past week has been filled with remarkable moments of growth and personal development for our young adults. It's been great to witness their enthusiasm and engagement in various activities with our students embracing opportunities to explore their passions and connect with others.

Some of the activities that students have been part of this week include ballroom dancing, Pilates and multi sports at our community leisure centre.

Another activity to highlight is the Foxes Makaton Choir, where our students come together to learn and perform songs using this unique form of sign language. This inclusive and expressive activity not only encourages communication skills but also celebrates the diversity of our student body.

We are all proud of our students for embracing these personal development opportunities with enthusiasm, determination and most importantly, a sense of fun!

Also, this week has seen the start of many external work experience placements for primarily our third years. The feedback we have received from employers has been overwhelmingly positive with our students all having made a strong first impression with their skills and attitudes.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mark Costello

PRINCIPAL, AURORA FOXES



THE RETURN OF WALKING CLUB!

This week saw the return of our walking club which was very well attended. We managed to avoid the rain and had a glorious walk over North Hill. As always, the students showed great character and resilience, supporting each other when needed up the steeper climbs and displaying all the values we have come to expect at Aurora Foxes. The main topic of conversation was food - and Harry Potter. Walking club will continue until half term and then return in the spring. Well done everyone and thank you.



Happy walkers!

AN UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION TEAM

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In Health and Wellbeing this week the students have been working hard and learning about all the different chopping boards, what food groups should be used on them and how cross contamination can transfer from one board to another.

They have also been learning about kitchen safety from carrying, washing and drying sharp knives safely to locating warning boards and why they are used.

The students have also planned, prepared and cooked their own choice of healthy balanced meals which have included chicken pie, mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables, home-made burgers with sweet potato wedges with herbs and rainbow salad, mushroom risotto and a firm favourite cottage pie.

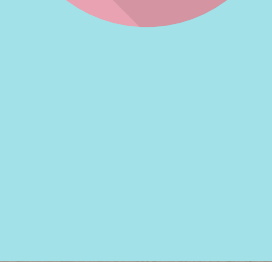


LIFE SKILLS

In life skills the first year students have settled in very positively and are making great progress with their baselining booklets. We have been so impressed with their will to learn and the skills they are already showing with cleaning routines, following their tick lists and safety in the community. We cannot wait to see how far they are all going to come!

In EMP the third years working on entry 2 have been working on understanding formal and informal clothes and how to dress for appropriate occasions and personal hygiene. Freya was very excited to wear her dress and badge on her birthday last week which she said was a special occasion so she dressed for this appropriately.

The entry 3 students have been working on interview skills and Rebecca enjoyed researching jobs in a bakery in her local area and reading the job descriptions to see if her skills matched.



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Students have been working through a range of activities to complete baselining and to settle in to the new term. They've all demonstrated superb adaptability getting used to new groups, new tutors and new environments. Well done everyone!

Students have spent time talking about their likes, dislikes and their future aspirations. They've learnt about how Functional Skills can support them to become 'work ready, life ready' and have REALLY enjoyed applying a range of maths skills to plan a party.



GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

This week we witnessed 1st year student Sadie supporting 2nd year student Michael to research the cost of items on his party food shopping list, as his phone wouldn't work. This was a huge step for the both of them with regards to social skills and confidence, especially as it was only their 2nd Functional Skills lesson together.



HOUSE UPDATE: FOXES EARTH

The first 2 weeks of Foxes life have gone very fast. Everyone is settling in well, learning new routines and skills and making lovely new friendships within the house. All the students trialled different clubs and confidently made their choices of which activities they would like to take part in. We visited the local cinema and played crazy golf on the sea front which was great fun.



HOUSE UPDATE: FOXES LODGE AND BURROW

Students from Foxes Lodge and Burrow are getting used to being in a new house with new friends and they have started to make plans for their PDHW activities. This week some of our students wanted to go and taste the food that friends from other Foxes houses have been preparing at their work experience at Williton Pavilion. They practised their travel training by taking the bus to Williton and enjoyed some delicious cottage pie and vanilla sponge for lunch. They are definitely ging back for more delicious food soon!



HOUSE UPDATE: FOXES LOFT

Last weekend the Loft students took a trip to Hollywood Bowl to celebrate Freya's birthday with a game of bowling and a meal in the diner. A fantastic time was had by all!

