

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

Another busy week started off on Monday with the first student disco of the year. Our students love a disco, and it's a great opportunity for our students to socialise and get to know each other more. I have mentioned before but creating a community within Foxes, that extends beyond the walls of the house our students are living in, is absolutely key in creating an inclusive setting where our students can thrive.

Notably this week we had the Covid vaccination team in and I want to say a huge thank you to our Reynards team for organising. Kerry Knapman, our Registered Manager for Reynards gives a further update later on in this week's newsletter.

We always find following the summer holiday it takes a week or so for the hotel business to pick up again and it was lovely to see it busy with our first function of the term. On Wednesday the Probus Club attended in force with a group of 26. It was a great introduction back for many of our students and we are looking forward to hosting many more functions in the coming weeks. Our Christmas bookings are filling up already!

Have a great weekend!

*Mark Costello*

PRINCIPAL, AURORA FOXES

## NOTABLE VISITS/ACTIVITIES

We had a visit from the Covid vaccination team on Wednesday. Reynards, the therapy team and supporting staff were all there to support our students and we are all incredibly proud of the bravery shown by all, with a total of 120 vaccines administered throughout the day to both students and staff.

There were a few sore arms on Thursday when Reynards did their early morning medication and personal care routines, but one student summed up perfectly when he said, "my arm is sore, but I have done it to protect my friends and my nan because covid is horrible and I don't want them or me getting sick".

Kerry Knapman, Registered Manager - Reynard Care & Support Agency

## GOLDEN MOMENTS OF THE WEEK

We're excited to let you know that our newsletter will now have a special section highlighting a variety of amazing golden moments from the past week. We've handpicked a few that we think you'll love...



We witnessed a lovely moment this week when 2nd year student Jake volunteered to help 3rd year students with their mock interviews. Jake was really keen to support Athena with her interview skills and even wrote feedback for our tutors!



Whilst working an evening shift at Foxes Hotel, 3rd year student Cameron saw an elderly gentlemen at reception with all his luggage. Cameron used his initiative and good customer service skills to go over and introduce himself and offer to carry the guest's luggage to his room for him. The gentlemen was so appreciative that he tipped Cameron £5! Well done Cameron.

Something that has been really noticeable this week is how much more confident the first year students are. Sean is a perfect example of this, he came into his Work Ready, Life Ready session with his head up, speaking much louder and participating in tasks more willingly. It's great to see how much personal progress has been made in such a short space of time.

Due to her hard work in her Employability Skills sessions, Charley has now been moved up a level and is very proud of herself. Well done Charley!



Our final golden moment was when first year student Fin was on time for his Functional Skills sessions because he remembered that if he was on time they could play snakes and ladders. We were then told by the LSP picking him up that 'all Fin was talking about last night was Functional Skills because it's his favourite day!'

## CUISINE TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD

Foxes Lodge and Burrow have revisited their 'Cuisine Travels Around the World' this week with a visit to Spain! The menu this week was a gazpacho soup to start, a chicken and chorizo paella for the main and arroz con leche and palmeritas for dessert!

Our students started by buying the ingredients from the supermarket, cooking the main meal and the dessert.

We then looked at a PowerPoint with lots of interesting facts and information about Spain. The students found out that Spanish people like simple food, they like to have their siesta in the afternoon and are mad about football. A few of our students tried to dance a little of flamenco too.

We will look forward to updating you on where we travel to next!



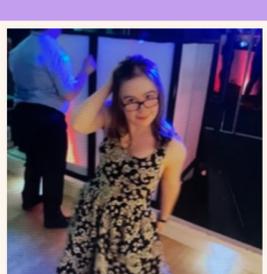
## FOXES LODGE AND BURROW

At Foxes Lodge and Burrow this week in addition to our 'Culinary Travels Around the World' we have also visited local zoo Tropiquaria for a fun day out and a picnic - supervised by a peacock!



## FOXES EARTH

Another week of fantastic hard work from the students in Foxes Earth meant that we spent our PDHW day bowling, which all of the students absolutely loved! We then had our first Foxy Disco on Monday evening! It's safe to say that everyone enjoyed the disco very much and also enjoyed mixing with students from other houses and year groups.



## FOXES LOFT

This week Foxes Loft celebrated Charley's birthday with a trip to the Jubilee Cafe's Crazy Golf!

