

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## September 2025

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Phoenix School (Sheffield), and Forestwood (Bury) are DfE registered special schools, providing education for young people admitted to their co-located hospital services.

Our schools are regulated by OFSTED you can read their last inspection via the websites.

[Forestwood School](#)

[Phoenix School](#)

#### New staff

This month we welcome 3 new staff to Phoenix School.

- Janet has joined us as Education Officer
- Claire is a Teaching Assistant and
- Becky is our new Maths teacher

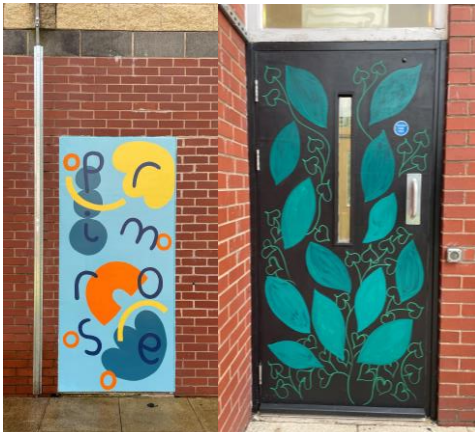
In addition, we welcome Kira as our new English Teacher at Forestwood School.

We hope you all enjoy your new roles and settle into these quickly.

## What we've been up to

Ciara is an artist and teacher in Forestwood School, who has been working with us for just over a year. **She has been combining her role in education with her work as a freelance artist, using creativity to transform the hospital into a more welcoming, uplifting space.**

Ciara leads collaborative mural projects with young people and support staff, using workshops to gather ideas, develop designs, and produce artwork that influences the final murals. These sessions also support learning in art lessons, giving young people a sense of ownership and pride in seeing their work come to life on the walls.



Working alongside fellow freelance artist Charlotte, Ciara recently completed their biggest piece to date — a vibrant mural in the outdoor area of the Family Room. The pair are now planning an equally striking piece for the Treetops social area.



Through this work, Ciara has built strong relationships across the hospital, getting to know many different teams and becoming part of the wider hospital community. Her murals, often inspired by natural themes, help soften the clinical environment and create a more positive atmosphere for patients, families, and staff alike.

Following a similar theme, at **Phoenix** some of our young people have been getting creative, helping to brighten up the walls in school and on the wards.



Using old cuts of wallpaper, our options teacher Carys, has been working with the pupils to create collages to decorate the school corridor, as well as the family room on Pegasus ward.



We're delighted to announce that **Forestwood School has been awarded an accreditation from the National Autistic Society (NAS).**



The Autism Accreditation is an autism-specific quality assurance programme for those providing services to autistic people. The internationally recognised award is a way for organisations to show they offer excellent support to those with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

You can read all about it [here](#)

At the start of the academic year **Yvette, our HLTA at Phoenix School has been working in the kitchen with the young people, creating a variety of dishes - some savoury, some sweet!**



The opportunity to use the kitchen is proving very popular with our students, helping them to build good relationships with the education team.

This has also been a very good way of helping those pupils who struggle to access formal education engage with school: it has even led to some pupils staying in school completing lessons in English, maths and science that they may not have engaged with otherwise.



We will continue to build on this as we progress through the term.