

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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](#)

Recognition

Forestwood received some wonderful feedback from a PGCE Student during their visit:-

It was a privilege to observe the teaching and care that the whole team provide for the Young People - it was inspiring. I truly appreciate how generously you and the team shared their time, approaches and insights with me and believe I have come away with a deeper understanding of how to support learners in my upcoming career (even in more mainstream schooling).

What we've been up to

An Inspector Calls

What better way to spend an afternoon than taking in some culture at the theatre?

Well, that's exactly what some of our teachers and young people at the Phoenix School did when they went to see 'An Inspector Calls' at the Lyceum Theatre!

'An Inspector Calls' – which sees the mysterious Inspector Goole interrogate the Birling family about their role in the death of Eva Smith – is a popular set text for GCSE English students so April was the perfect time for them to brush up on their knowledge.

Staff and students alike were impressed by the acting and set design and our GCSE students found it really useful to see the play in action ahead of their all-important exams this May.



The annual **Forestwood Group Marathon** took place again during the London and Manchester Marathon week.

Staff and students worked together to walk a marathon over the course of the day by competing circuits in the Forestwood Community Hub.

Everybody's contribution was included on the score sheet with everyone getting a prize for taking part. The course was measured out by the students and markers placed to ensure that each lap was of a set length so that the 26.2 miles could be completed using full laps. The final few laps were run by the school sport instructor Ash from Edstart. Lots of maths, lots of energy, lots of fun.... Maybe we will add a time trail next year?

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On April 16th, Ant from Always an Alternative, an organisation that spreads awareness around reducing crime, returned to Phoenix School to give a talk on knife crime.

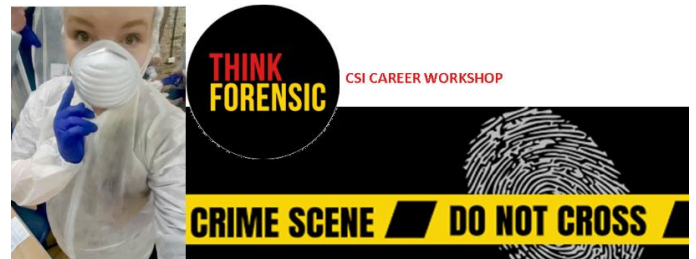
Ant gave us an update on how the organisation has evolved since his last visit, sharing the initiatives it now provides and the new locations of their amnesty bins. He then went on to teach students about the impact of knife crime on individuals, families and communities.

As always, students enjoyed his lively workshop and were keen to be involved in all discussions.



Forestwood School students are **working with the visiting community artists**, Ciara and Charlotte, to improve the family garden space and foyer for visitors to the hospital. The garden walls are in the

process of being decorated using design stencils that have been prepared in the classrooms. The entrance area is being uplifted with an affirmation wall of slogans that have been provided by the staff and the young people. We are not going to give it all away at this stage, but here's a sneak preview of what's to come.....



Pupils at Forestwood School had to solve a crime committed in school last week with the team from **"Think Forensic"**

A laptop had been stolen from the classroom and the criminal had left a range of incriminating evidence that would need to be examined. The experienced CSI team led the students through the processes involved which included lifting fingerprints, casting footprints, photographing the scene, gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses and communicating via radios to keep the team informed of any updates.

The evidence revealed the culprit to be John the Maths teacher but it turned out that the whole incident had just been a big misunderstanding. Phew!

