

# THE FOTHERGILL SOCIETY

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**“That was so interesting... I never *thought* that could have been so interesting. I didn’t know such a thing even *existed!*”**

*The Fothergill Society* is the flagship of Ackworth’s Stretch and Challenge provision for its students, and is devoted to the broadening of knowledge and experiences.

*The Fothergill Society* supports students to maintain a richness of knowledge; to preserve open-mindedness and curiosity; and to inspire students to use skills and knowledge from different disciplines in creative, original and innovative ways.

In line with our Quaker ethos, we believe that all people are talented – there is something of God in everyone – and thus, *The Fothergill Society* is open to all. We aim to enrich, challenge and support all students who want to gain this breadth of perspective.

**And we want your help – you, the parents!**

One aspect of *The Fothergill Society’s* provision is the Platform – a series of hour-long interactive talks led by passionate speakers. Students and staff from prestigious UK universities have already visited and discussed all manner of different subjects, but we want to benefit from the experiences of those in industry and wider professional life.

**Could you deliver a Platform for *The Fothergill Society*?**

If you care passionately about what you do; if you have undertaken a project that would challenge our students; if you have experienced a challenging problem, a difficult question, had an enriching epiphany or even an enriching failure, we would love to understand that more in some way. If you would lead a Platform, our students could learn from that experience, understand the challenges that professionals face in their working lives, attempt to solve those problems with your guidance, and ultimately learn: learn *more*, learn *better*.

There is no limit to the content: everything is worth understanding better, particularly those areas we do not yet understand. We do ask you to be passionate about your topic; we do ask you to pitch it to the full age range of the school; and we do ask you to make it interactive in some way – to make the learning alive, vibrant and experiential.

If you can help and would like to support *The Fothergill Society*, please see Mr Boucher for further information, visit the Society’s website, or email him on [alistar.boucher@ackworthschool.com](mailto:alistar.boucher@ackworthschool.com). Thank you!

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