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Sinceritas Laboris Book

Mrs Bunn was very pleased to meet with students, pictured above, who Mrs Rose, Head of Year 7 recently nominated. These students have consistently demonstrated the academy motto "Sinceritas Laboris". Their names have been added to our Sinceritas Laboris Book.

Farewell and welcome to new staff

We would like to wish Mr Dettmer, who leaves Fairfax at Easter, all the very best and thank him for his commitment to Fairfax. We would also like to wish Miss Melody, who has commenced her maternity leave, all the very best. We welcome back Mrs Lam from maternity leave, and very much welcome Miss Weldon and Mr McCall, new members of staff joining the Humanities Faculty in the Summer Term.

Parent Carer Calendar – Summer Term

An updated copy of our parent/carer calendar is attached for the Summer Term. A reminder that the Academy is closed on Friday, 3 May for a Staff Training Day, and on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May 2019.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term

An updated copy of our extra-curricular clubs is attached for the Summer Term. Please note Athletics takes place in Summer Term 2.

60th Anniversary Event – Tree Planting

On Friday, 10 May 2019, Andrew Mitchell MP will be planting a commemorative tree at Fairfax as part of the Academy's 60th anniversary celebration.

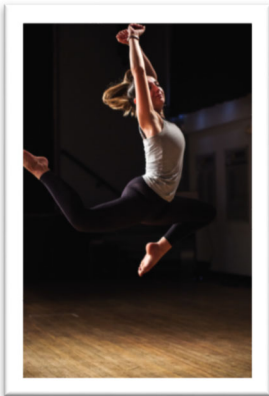


Ramadan

We will shortly be in the season of Ramadan and are aware that some of our students will be observing the Fast. Please can parents/carers kindly let school know if your child is fasting, so that we can support as appropriate.

Reminder of the SHARP System

Fairfax operate a confidential, anonymous if required, reporting system called SHARP. Students can report a concern, a worry, or something that they have witnessed without having to speak directly to someone. This can be accessed via our web site under useful links. This is monitored daily by Mrs Mulhern.



Dance Evening 2019

Thank you to all our dancers, parents/carers and staff who supported the Dance Evening on Wednesday, 3 April 2019.
#makingfairfaxproud

Student Medication

Where ever possible parents/carers are kindly requested to administer medication at home prior to the start of the school day. Where a student requires medication during the school day, parents/carers are required to complete a green 'Request for Administration of Medication Form' and hand it into reception



together with the required medication, which must be in the original packaging, before the start of the day. Green forms can be found on the Academy website. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Fairfax Bridge Building Competition

Congratulations to all our competitors in this year's competition, which focussed on the type of work civil engineers undertake in order to design and build bridges. Thank you to WSP Global for working with Fairfax to offer such an excellent engineering challenge.

- Y7-8 Winners - Ethan Millwood and Jack Croft
 - Highly Commended - James Sanford
 - Highly Commended - Sophie Vale
- Y9-11 Winners - Ashley Dukes and Jenson Fung



PE Lessons – Cold Weather Kit Reminder

A reminder notice: as the weather is still very changeable students should bring in the following kit to ensure they are warm in lessons:

- Girls are advised to bring plain black tracksuit bottoms and black fleeces, as well as their normal PE kits to lessons. Plain (black or white) base layers are also permitted as an extra layer.
- Boys are advised to bring black or white plain base layers to wear underneath, as well as their normal PE kits to lessons. Plain black fleeces are also permitted in cold weather.

PE Lessons – Kit Reminder

A reminder notice: shin pads and mouth guards are a compulsory item of PE kit for rugby, hockey and football.

Uniform – Girls' Skirts and Trousers

A reminder notice: girls are expected to wear the Fairfax skirt or Fairfax trouser as part of their uniform. There will be a new option of a junior skirt for younger girls, and a new option of a second trouser design for September 2019. A Clive Mark '15% off' flyer, for the school uniform season, will be distributed next term.

Strikes Football Academy – Summer Term 1

A reminder notice: Summer Term 1 places are now available for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. A letter has been emailed to parents/carers with further information. Please email clubs@fairfax.bham.sch.uk with any queries.

Message from Ofqual regarding Summer 2019 exams

The 2019 exam timetable has been extended to include a contingency day on 26 June 2019. This allows flexibility in the event that a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. We hope that the contingency day will not be needed, but students should not make plans ahead of time, which will prevent them being available throughout the exam timetable, up to and including 26 June 2019, just in case any of their exams need to be rearranged. Once a student has completed all his/her exams there is no need to remain available, but any plans made before then are made at their own risk.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: the Junior Mathematics Challenge will take place on Tuesday 30, April 2019. Year 7 MF1 and MX1 students will be sitting the challenge; any other students who are interested are asked to see Mrs Windridge.

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and Year 7 students will be participating in Business & Computing, and Creativity & Design activities. House Table Tennis, Basketball and Netball will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: Year 8 confirmation of options allocations will be sent to parents/carers today. Please email options@fairfax.bham.sch.uk with any queries or concerns.

An advance notice: the Junior Mathematics Challenge will take place on Tuesday 30, April 2019. Year 8 MF1 and MX1 students will be sitting the challenge; any other students who are interested are asked to see Mrs Windridge.

A reminder notice: all Year 8 girls have attended an assembly about the HPV vaccination. Your daughter has been given a consent form to fill in. Please complete the form and return it to the Student Support Centre, place in the box provided, by Thursday, 2 May 2019. Please note that your form needs to be returned, even if you do not wish your daughter to have the vaccination.

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and the majority of Year 8 students will be participating in the matinee 'Madagascar The Musical' Theatre Visit to the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. In addition, some students will participate in Science activities. House Table Tennis will also take place in the morning and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and Year 9 students will be participating in a Young Shakespeare Company presentation and English activities. House Table Tennis, Badminton, Netball and Football will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and Year 10 students will be participating in Mathematics and CEIAG activities. House Table Tennis, Badminton and Football will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: the Year 10 GCSE Drama Mock Practical Examination Performance for Group 1 is on Wednesday, 15 May, and for Group 2 Thursday, 16 May at 15:30 in the Drama Studio, with the Actual Practical Examinations taking place on Wednesday, 22 May and Thursday, 23 May 2019. Audiences are permitted at the Mock Practical Examination Performances.

An advance notice: the Year 10 Mock Examination Results will be issued on Friday, 17 May 2019.

YEAR 11

An advance notice: GCSE MFL Speaking Examinations will take place w/b Monday, 29 April, w/b Monday, 6 May and w/b Monday, 12 May 2019. Individual examination times have been allocated and information is available from the MFL Faculty.

An advance notice: the GCSE Art Examination will take place on Tuesday, 30 April and Wednesday, 1 May 2019, and the GCSE PE Moderation Day will take place on Wednesday, 1 May 2019.

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and the majority of Year 11 students will be participating in MFL and Humanities activities. In addition, students will attend a Careers session. Senior House Netball will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: the Summer Examination Series commences on Monday, 13 May 2019. Individual student examination timetables will be issued next term.

An advance notice: the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Friday, 24 May 2019. We wish all of our students the very best in their forthcoming GCSE examinations.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: we ask all students who drive to school to be considerate when driving and parking in the local area. We do receive complaints from our neighbours about different vehicles, and we wish to remind students that they risk being reported to the police if it is deemed a traffic offence.

A reminder notice: the Year 12 End of Year Examinations will take place Monday, 29 April – Thursday 2 May 2019, and students will be on study leave for this period. Students are welcome to use the workrooms during their study leave for silent study only. Students should be in full school uniform and will be expected to follow all instructions given by the Examinations Officers and Invigilators.

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and Year 12 students will be participating in government and parliament activities, and will attend a Careers session. Senior House Netball will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House. In addition, Year 12 Mathematics students will attend a revision workshop, run by the Advanced Support Maths Programme.

An advance notice: Year 12 Parent Information Evening II is on Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 18:00 in the Hall.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: we ask all students who drive to school to be considerate when driving and parking in the local area. We do receive complaints from our neighbours about different vehicles, and we wish to remind students that they risk being reported to the police if it is deemed a traffic offence.

An advance notice: the GCE Art Examination will take place on Tuesday, 7 May, Thursday, 9 May and Friday, 10 May 2019.

An advance notice: the GCE Dance Examination will take place on Thursday, 9 May 2019.

An advance notice: GCE PE Moderation will take place on Thursday, 9 May 2019.

An advance notice: Enrichment Day 5 is on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and Year 13 students will have the opportunity to revise and plan their own private study. Senior House Netball will also take place on this day and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: the Summer Examination Series commences on Monday, 13 May 2019. Individual student examination timetables will be issued next term.

An advance notice: Year 13 commence their study leave on Friday, 17 May 2019 with an assembly in the hall, followed by the customary BBQ in the Sixth Form Social Area. We wish our Year 13 students every success in their forthcoming examinations and in their future career, further education and/or training.