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Early Closure for Students at 13:15 on Friday, 27 September 2019

Please be reminded of an early closure for students on Friday, 27 September 2019 at 13:15 in order to prepare for the Academy's 60th anniversary celebration event later that day.

PTA New Parent Welcome

A reminder notice: there is a new parent PTA Cheese & Wine evening on Tuesday, 1 October at 19:00 in The Refectory. All new parents/carers welcome.

Open Evening

Thank you to all students who helped at our annual Open Evening this week. We have received an overwhelming number of positive comments from parents/carers and children. #makingfairfaxproud

Opening Time

A reminder notice: the academy is open to students at 08:00 and not before due to there being no supervision available. Students are advised to plan their journey to school to arrive no earlier than 08:00. Students are allowed on site at 08:00 but must remain in The Refectory until 08:25.

Attendance Matters

Well done to our students for a brilliant start to the year! Attendance improves achievement! Currently our attendance is over 97% Please support Fairfax in maintaining this high level. Please find attached an Attendance Matters information sheet.

Attendance CSAWS

Please be reminded that CSAWS (Central School Attendance and Welfare Service) may conduct a home visit to any family whose child has not attended school and no valid reason has been provided.

Term Time Holiday Requests

A reminder notice: parents/carers are kindly reminded that Fairfax Academy cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Please be advised doing so may result in penalty charges.

Parking – Fairfax Road

Could parents/carers please be mindful of local residents when parking, and ensure residents' driveways are not blocked.

2019-20 Parent/Carer Calendar/Educational Visits Overview

Please find attached an updated parent/carers calendar and an Educational Visits overview for your information.

TSST Teacher Subject Specialism Training

Fairfax Academy is a TSST centre for Mathematics and Physics. Please find attached an information sheet.

Uniform Update

Fairfax is pleased to inform parents/carers that, in addition to Clive Mark (<https://www.clivemark.co.uk/clive-mark-boldmere>), Crested Schoolwear will also be stocking the Fairfax uniform range. Crested Schoolwear is located on Erdington High Street.

Address: **Trutex Erdington**, 71 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6SA

Tel: 0121 350 8444 Website: www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk



Fairfax blazers, cardigans and jumpers are also available from www.myclothing.com (formerly the Tesco Uniform Embroidery Service)

Standards Reminder

Nails A reminder notice: nails should be unpolished or French manicure and should be of a short length. Nails should not be painted or have extensions.

Hair A reminder notice: extreme haircuts, including tramlines in haircuts or eyebrows, are not permitted. Any hair accessories or adornments must be black.

Piercings A reminder notice: we allow one small stud in each ear. Any other piercings are unacceptable and will have to be removed.

Nose Studs A reminder notice: nose studs are not allowed and must be removed for school.

School Shakespeare Festival 2019

This year's School Shakespeare Festival performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' will take place on Tuesday, 5 November at the The Old Rep. Tickets are available from the box office 0121 359 9444.

The Red Box

Fairfax would like to thank parents/carers for their support of The Red Box Project. Students are asked to see Mrs Clark if they require sanitary products. Further donations of sanitary products would be most welcome; please leave items at Reception for the attention of Mrs Williams or Mrs Clark.

YEAR 7

Please be advised that Year 7 students will be taking a Literacy test on Monday, 23 September and English and Maths Baseline Progress tests on Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25 September. These tests are used to help Fairfax Academy assess your child's current progress to help us support them effectively. Students cannot revise for these tests and no preparation is needed. We will simply be asking them to try their best.

A reminder notice: the Year 7 Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday, 1 October at 18:00 in the hall.

A reminder notice: following the Year 7 Parent Information Evening, there is a new parent PTA evening on Tuesday, 1 October at 19:00 in The Refectory. Please join us, email pta@fairfax.bham.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.

An advance notice: the Redpoint visits are scheduled for w/b 22 October.

- Coventry House – Monday, 21 October
- Kenilworth House – Tuesday, 22 October
- Stratford House – Wednesday, 23 October
- Warwick House – Thursday, 24 October

Students are required to bring a packed lunch, wear trainers, casual trousers (not jeans) and a warm top. Please note students' clothes may get dusty/dirty. Students are reminded to meet in the Upper Refectory on the day of their House visit. Students not going on the visit will be in normal lessons.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 7 students will be participating in Humanities and MFL activities. House Table Tennis, Badminton, Spelling Bee, Chess 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 8

A reminder notice: students invited by Mr Ravenscroft to attend the reward trip to Drayton Manor on Friday, 18 October must meet today's payment deadline (Friday, 20 September 2019).

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 8 students will be participating in English activities. In addition, some students will be on their reward trip with Mr Ravenscroft and Mr Rainbow.

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: students invited by Mr Gullis to attend the reward trip to Harry Potter World on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 will receive the letter and information next week.

An advance notice: the Year 9 Drama Visit to the Hippodrome in Birmingham, to watch Blood Brothers is on Tuesday, 8 October. Students must be at school at 17:30.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 9 students will be participating in Science activities. In addition, some History students will be visiting the WW1 Battlefields in Ypres.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: students invited by Mrs Colbourne to attend the reward trip to the SnowDome on Thursday, 28 November must meet the payment deadline of Friday, 27 September 2019.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 10 students will be participating in Mathematics activities. House Rugby, Hockey and Spelling Bee 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 11

A reminder notice: students invited by Miss Dowell to attend the reward trip to Rush on Friday, 18 October must meet today's payment deadline (Friday, 20 September 2019).

An advance notice: the Year 11 Drama Visit to the Hippodrome in Birmingham, to watch Blood Brothers is on Tuesday, 8 October. Students must be at school at 17:30.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 11 students will be participating in option subject activities. In addition, some students will be on their reward trip with Miss Dowell and Mrs Barker. House Chess and Spelling Bee 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: change of venue - the Year 11 Prom will be held at Lea Marston Hotel on 25 June 2020 not Aston Wood.

YEAR 12

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Year 12 Information Evening on Tuesday, 10 September. A PDF of the slides used in the presentation has been added to the Parent Information area on the academy website.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 12 students will be participating CEIAG activities. In addition, some Year 12 students will be on a Geography field trip. House Chess and Spelling Bee 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.

At Fairfax, we offer the 16-19 bursary and if you think you qualify for the bursary, please download the attached documents and return to the sixth form by the deadline date of 18 October 2019.
<http://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form/financial-support/>

Please be advised that any Y13 student who withdraws from the BTEC qualifications will be charged the registration fee plus any exam fees. For Y12, the deadline date for withdrawal without incurring a charge is 31 January 2020.

A reminder notice: Year 13 students who are on private study in period 5 are permitted to sign out for home study and leave the school site from lunchtime (13:15).

An advance notice: Year 13 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 9 October, 16:30 -19.00. Please be reminded that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent on Monday, 30 September. If you have any concerns or queries about Parents' Evening please email parentevening@fairfax.bham.sch.uk.

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