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60th Anniversary – Diamond Celebration

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or attended 'The BIG Reunion' on Friday. We were delighted to welcome so many former staff and students back to Fairfax. #wearefairfax

Fairfax PTA

Thank you to the PTA for hosting the recent Cheese and Wine Welcome for New Parents. Please email pta@fairfax.bham.sch.uk for more information.

Attendance Matters

Well done to students who have had a brilliant start to the year. Attendance improves achievement! Please support Fairfax in maintaining this high level. #attendancematters

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

A reminder notice: could parents/carers please be mindful of local residents when parking, and ensure residents' driveways are not blocked.

School Shakespeare Festival 2018

A reminder notice: 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.

Uniform Update

A reminder notice: 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)

PE Lessons – Winter Months

A reminder notice: with the colder months ahead we kindly remind parents that students are permitted to wear the following to keep them warm during PE lessons:

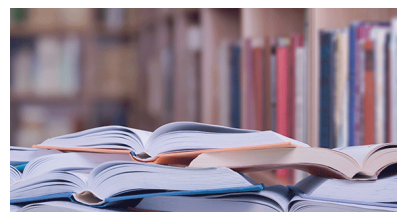
- Girls are allowed to wear black base layers underneath their PE skort and House polo shirt along with their black Fairfax fleece.
- Boys are allowed to wear long sleeved black base layer underneath their PE tops, and base layer black shorts under their shorts. Alongside this, the new boys' mid layer is available at Clive Mark.

A Career in Teaching

Are you interested in training to teach? Do you know someone who is interested in a career in teaching? It might interest you to know that Fairfax is going to be the lead Birmingham school for the OAKS SCITT in 2020, an Outstanding Initial Teacher Education provider, which is expanding due to its increasing success. Applications go through the UCAS website. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Library Books

Last year, Fairfax Library issued over 4000 books to students, which is great news! Reading is an essential part of Fairfax life and our students are keen to borrow and read all the latest releases. Research has shown that reading for pleasure has a massive impact on both academic success and well-being and the best way to encourage our children to read more widely and often is to offer them choice. As children's publishing moves at a phenomenal rate, it can be very expensive to try to keep up with requests from students for new titles. To help with this, we are introducing a 'sponsor a book' scheme for the library.



If you would be interested in sponsoring a book for the library, please contact Mrs Jones (library@fairfax.bham.sch.uk) to receive details of a book on our wish list. A bookplate recognising your contribution will be placed into the book you sponsor for future borrowers to see.

YEAR 7

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Year 7 Information Evening on Tuesday, 1 October. A PDF of the slides used in the presentation has been added to the Parent Information area on the academy website.

A reminder notice: the Redpoint visits are scheduled for w/b 21 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.

A reminder 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: 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.

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 shortly.

A reminder 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.

A reminder 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: 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.

A reminder 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.

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A reminder notice: the Year 11 Prom will now be held at Lea Marston Hotel on Thursday, 25 June 2020, not Aston Wood Golf Club.

YEAR 11

Students who are doing one of the Duke of Edinburgh's awards and have not yet completed or received their awards, please log on to eDofE to check the following (logging on via mobiles is the best way to access it):

- Does your evidence show start and end dates which last a full 3, 6 or 12 calendar months, e.g. 1st Jan to 1st April (3 full calendar months)?
- Is your volunteering done for a non-profit making company?
- Is one of your pieces of evidence marked as an assessor's report? (Your assessor must not be a family member).
- Have you completed all parts of the expedition section? (Training confirmation, practice expedition information, qualifying expedition information). Locations always have to be a postcode.
- Please see Miss Clarke if you have any questions.

A reminder notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Friday, 18 October and Year 12 students will be participating in 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.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: 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/>

A reminder notice: 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.

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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).

A reminder 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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