



INTHEKNOW

8 November 2019

www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk



Remembrance Day 2019

Thank you to students, staff, members of the Police Force, RAF Veterans Association, the Caribbean Veterans Association and the British Legion, who commemorated Remembrance Day 2019 with a poem reading, 'The Last Post' and a 2 minute silence today.

School Shakespeare Festival 2019

Congratulations to the cast and staff involved in this year's production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Their creative, physical scenes, powerful monologues and dramatic moments were praised by the organisers.
#makingfairfaxproud

PTA

The next PTA meeting is on Monday, 11 November. All welcome. Please confirm your attendance by emailing pta@fairfax.bham.sch.uk.

Children In Need 2019

A reminder notice: there will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 15 November to fundraise for Children In Need. Students will be able to pay £1 to wear their own clothes.

Whole School Photograph

On Monday, 18 November a whole school photograph will be taken on the school field for the 60th Anniversary of Fairfax School. Information about purchasing copies will be issued shortly. This was postponed on Monday, 9 September due to poor weather conditions.



Staff Training Day – Friday, 29 November

Please be reminded that Friday, 29 November 2019 is a staff training day and school is closed to students.

FMAT Training Days 2019-20

Please be reminded that all Trust schools, including Fairfax Academy, will be closed to students for two additional staff training days this academic year. The dates are Friday, 31 January 2020 and Friday, 3 April 2020. These additional training days will provide an opportunity for teachers to work collaboratively on curriculum development.

Term Dates 2020-2021

A reminder notice: please be advised of Fairfax's term dates for 2020-21.

Autumn Term 2020

- Term Starts: Thursday 3 September 2020
(Training Day Tuesday 1 September 2020)
(Training Day Wednesday 2 September 2020)
- Half Term: Monday 26 October 2019 to Friday 30 October 2020
(Training Day Friday 20 November 2020)
- Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term 2021

- Term Starts: Tuesday 5 January 2021
- Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
- Term Ends: Thursday 1 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

- Term Starts: Monday 19 April 2021
(Training Day Friday 30 April 2021)
(Bank Holiday Monday 3 May 2021)
- Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
- Term Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021
(Training Day Wednesday 21 July 2021)

Internet Safety – Parent Zone Parent Guides

Please be reminded that advice and guidance for parents/carers about video apps such as TikTok, and other platforms and games can be found on the website Parent Zone (www.parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides).

Attendance Reminder – Holidays in Term Time

Please keep in mind the cost to your child's education should they miss school. Please do not book holidays in term time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Lost Property

We have a large number of unnamed items in our lost property store. If your child has mislaid an item can you please ask him/her to report to the Student Support Centre. Please be aware that all unnamed lost property will be donated to a local charity shop if not reclaimed by Friday, 25 October 2019.

The Eisteddfod 2019 Best of British

Thank you to all our students who entered the programme cover and ticket design competition. The deadline is today, Friday, 8 November, and the winners will be announced next week! #makingfairfaxproud

The Eisteddfod performance evenings are on:

Wednesday, 18 December (Kenilworth and Stratford)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances
Thursday, 19 December (Warwick and Coventry)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances

Further Information about ticket sales will be sent next week.

The Eisteddfod Zone commenced this week. Please email theeisteddfod@fairfax.bham.sch.uk with any queries or concerns about the rehearsal schedule. House rehearsal schedules are attached for your information.

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: if you would like to put a cap on the amount your child can spend in the Refectory please contact Reception.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 7 students in school will be participating in Business & Computing and Creativity & Design activities. In addition, many students will be on the School of Rock Theatre visit with Mr Sheppard. Students going on the visit should wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Students can purchase additional snacks at the service station. If students wish to eat sweets in the theatre, they must be in a plastic container so as not to disturb other theatregoers with the rustling.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: the Year 8 Parent Information Briefing (Options) is on Wednesday, 27 November at 18:00-18:30 in the hall.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 8 students in school will be participating in Mathematics activities. Year 8 House Rugby, House Hockey, House Chess and House 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 9

An advance notice: on Thursday, 21 November there will be a Y9-Y13 Ski Trip Andorra 2020 Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 in the hall.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 9 students will be participating in English activities. Year 9 House Rugby, House Hockey, House Basketball, House Table Tennis, House Football, House Chess and House 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 10

An advance notice: on Thursday, 21 November there will be a Y9-Y13 Ski Trip Andorra 2020 Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 in the hall.

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 10 students will be participating in option subject activities, and will have the opportunity to attend a careers event in the Hall. In addition, some students will be on the rewards visit to Tamworth with Mrs Colbourne. Students on the rewards visit should wear warm layered clothing, and gloves for ice-skating, but jeans should not be worn. Students will need to wear trainers as bowling shoes are not being given out. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink with them to have between the ice-skating and bowling activities.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Mock Examination Period continues until Friday, 15 November.

A reminder notice: our annual Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday, 12 November 18:00-20:00. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening. The online application form on our website opens on Wednesday, 13 November.

An advance notice: on Thursday, 21 November there will be a Y9-Y13 Ski Trip Andorra 2020 Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 in the hall.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 11 students will be participating in Science activities, and will have the opportunity to attend a careers event in the Hall and a mock interview. Senior House Basketball 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

An advance notice: on Thursday, 21 November there will be a Y9-Y13 Ski Trip Andorra 2020 Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 in the hall.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 12 students will be participating in CEIAG activities and talks, and will have the opportunity to attend a careers event in the Hall. Senior House Basketball 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: 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: the academy's Attendance Policy applies to sixth form students and attendance is monitored on a half-termly basis. We ask that all absences are reported to the sixth form on the morning of the absence.

An advance notice: on Thursday, 21 November there will be a Y9-Y13 Ski Trip Andorra 2020 Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 in the hall.

An advance notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 28 November and Year 13 students will be participating in CEIAG activities and talks, and will have the opportunity to attend a careers event in the Hall. Senior House Basketball 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.

UCAS notice: all UCAS applicants must review their applications to ensure that the following are entered:

- A Level subjects – end date of August 2020

The deadline for the release of the UCAS applications by the school is Friday, 6 December at 15:00 and all applications need to have been completed, and paid for, prior to that date.

Any student who requires support with their personal statement, should book an appointment with Ms Gray through Mrs Smith in the Sixth Form workroom.

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.

A reminder notice: the academy's Attendance Policy applies to sixth form students and attendance is monitored on a half-termly basis. We ask that all absences are reported to the sixth form on the morning of the absence.