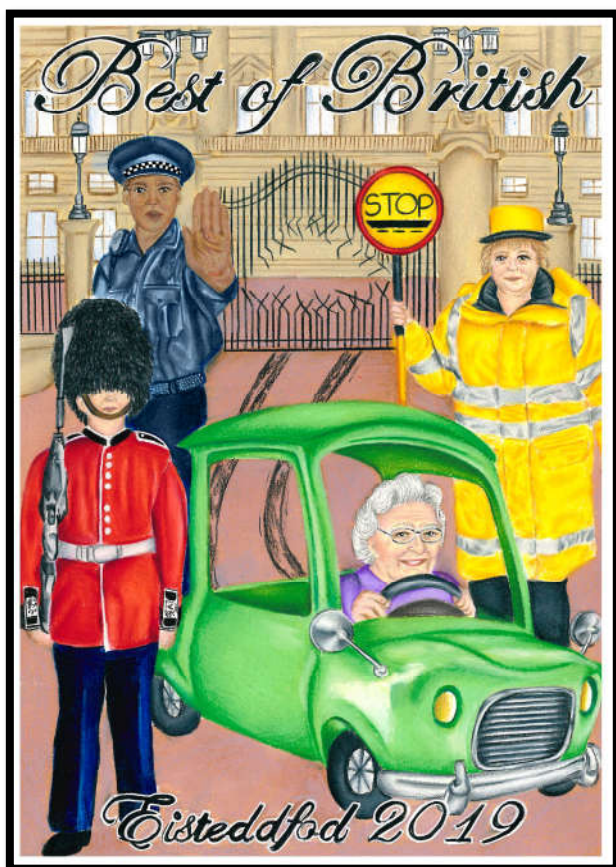


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Winning Programme Design by Amy Bradnock



Winning Tickets Design by Charlotte King

The Eisteddfod 2019 Best of British

Thank you to all our students who entered the programme cover and ticket design competition. Congratulations to Amy Bradnock (Y12) and Charlotte King (Y10) for our winning designs.

These designs and those of runners up Katherine Richey (Y12) and Louis Canning (Y9) will be used in the production of programmes and tickets this term.

A reminder notice: 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



Tickets are priced at £6.50 and are available for parents/carers to purchase from 18:00 on Friday, 6 December on ParentPay. The Eisteddfod is a very popular event and so tickets are limited to 3 per family to help ensure that as many people as possible are able to see the event.

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.

Children In Need 2019

Thank you to all parents/carers, students and staff for supporting Children In Need. Fairfax raised a grand total of £1300.00 on Friday, 15 November.



PTA - AGM

A PTA AGM meeting will be held on Monday, 2 December. All welcome. Please confirm your attendance by emailing pta@fairfax.bham.sch.uk.

Attendance Matters

Parents/carers are reminded that attendance is directly linked to success at school. Please read the attached flyer on why attendance matters. #attendancematters

Uniform Notice

Parents/carers are kindly reminded that students are responsible for keeping their own personal belongings safe, and Fairfax would discourage students from wearing or using expensive branded coats or bags.

Standards Reminder

Punctuality A reminder notice: punctuality is a very important aspect of life. This is a key focus for Fairfax Academy as we prepare our students for the world of work, where there will be high expectations of attendance and punctuality. Registration begins at 08:35, and so we advise students to be in school no later than 08:30. Students who arrive later than 08:35 can expect to receive a same day after school detention for 45 minutes.

Eyelashes A reminder notice: false eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not permitted.

Hair A reminder notice: natural hair colours only. 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 must be removed for school.

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

Aerosols Reminder

A reminder notice: aerosols are NOT permitted in school. Students should not bring in aerosols to use in PE and instead, if they require additional deodorant or anti-perspirant during the school day, a roll on can be used. There are a number of students in school with asthma, whose triggers are aerosols, and the use of aerosols can and will lead to a severe asthma attack. Any aerosols used/found in school will be confiscated and taken to student support. A confiscated aerosol will need to be picked up by the student at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Internet Safety – National Online Safety

Please be reminded that advice and guidance for parents/carers about online safety can be found on the national online safety website (www.nationalonlinesafety.com). Please see the attached flyer 'What parents need to know about sadfishing'.

Equalities Group

Fairfax Academy's Equalities Group would be most grateful for donations of any non-perishable items of food for donation to the Sutton Coldfield Food Bank. Please see the attached flyer.

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.

A reminder 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) on Wednesday, 27 November has been postponed due to a FMAT curriculum review. Further information will follow in due course.

A reminder 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.

Advance notice: on Monday, 20 January 2020 the school nurse vaccination team will be coming into school to administer the HPV vaccination. Both male and female students in Year 8 are eligible to have the vaccination. Your son /daughter will have received a consent form from their tutor. Please complete and return the form to Student Support in the box provided, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

YEAR 9

A reminder 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.

An advance notice: a change of date to the HPV vaccination. Year 9 girls will be receiving their second HPV vaccination on Wednesday, 22 January 2020.

YEAR 10

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: 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.

Y11 ICT Exam notice: please note that the Y11 ICT Exam on Wednesday, 8 January 2020 will start at 13:50 and will finish at approximately 15:15. Students will receive a timetable for this exam just before the Christmas break.

A reminder notice: the 2020 Sixth Form Online Application Form is now live on our Academy website. The deadline for applications is Friday, 7 February 2020. Please visit <http://options.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/>.

YEAR 12

A reminder 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.

An advance notice: GCSE and A Level exam certificates from the Summer 2019 series will be available for collection from the start of December. Current Y12/Y13 students can collect their certificates from the Sixth Form centre and former students can collect theirs from Reception. Please encourage any older children who have not collected their certificates from the past few years to email exams@fairfax.bham.sch.uk within the next month to check if we still have them. We are only required to keep certificates for 12 months and have a large number of uncollected certificates. Please note that they are very expensive to replace.

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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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.

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