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Tuesday, 1 September 2020

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The poster features a yellow background with a brick pattern. At the top, the text 'Be Ambitious. Be Respectful!' is written in a large, bold, black font, curving across the top. Below this, 'Be Kind. Be Safe.' is written in a similar font, also curving. In the center, the word 'ARKS' is written in a large, bold, black font. To the right of the text, there are four sections, each with a title and a list of bullet points:

- Being Ambitious means:**
 - Working hard in lessons and being resilient when faced with challenges
 - Participating in school life and contributing to your House
 - Having good attendance and being punctual
 - Wearing your uniform with pride and representing Fairfax positively
 - Planning for your future and aiming high
- Being Respectful means:**
 - Demonstrating good manners to staff, students and visitors
 - Looking after the school environment and keeping it tidy
 - Responding to staff requests, the first time you are asked
 - Speaking to people with courtesy and respect both in school and the community
 - Being considerate of others' personal space
- Being Kind means:**
 - Accepting people for who they are, regardless of their differences
 - Thinking of others' feelings and being considerate of others' points of view
 - Going above and beyond to help and support others, especially those in need
 - Thinking about the impact your words will have, before speaking
 - Remembering that if you would not say it face-to-face, you should not say it online
- Being Safe means:**
 - Behaving sensibly on school site and in the community
 - Following staff instructions, the first time you are asked
 - Thinking about the risks before doing something
 - Using technology sensibly and being safe online
 - Telling an adult if something is worrying you

Fairfax ARKS

We are very excited to welcome our students back to the Academy for a new term and new academic year. During this week we will be reminding students about the values we think are really important and the skills that students need to be good learners. School will be different, but we are all keen to get back into our routines and back to learning!

Fairfax Examination Results 2020

On Thursday, 13 August 2020, Fairfax students experienced an A Level results day with a difference as they visited the Academy for the first time, since March to collect their results. Similarly, on Thursday, 20 August 2020, Year 11 students entered the Academy for the first time, since March, to collect their GCSE results.

We are all so incredibly proud of the maturity and resilience our students have shown during these unprecedented times. The last month, has no doubt, been a source of anxiety for many young people across the country and we are delighted to see so many of our A Level students securing university places and going on to further education and training, and also our GCSE students securing sixth form places, apprenticeships, and further education and training.

We were deeply disappointed that Year 11 and Year 13 finished their school career in March, but look forward to celebrating with them at a later date, when it is safe to do so. We wish all our students all the best for the future.

Wednesday, 2 September 2020

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 on Wednesday afternoon. A reminder that students should enter school at 13:45, via pedestrian gate 3 on Fairfax Road, wearing their full school uniform. Students should bring their bag with a pencil case. On Thursday, 3 September 2020 Year 7 students will be set up on our cashless dining system, ready for use from Friday, 4 September 2020. Therefore on Thursday, 3 September all Year 7 students will receive

a complimentary 'sandwich' lunch. Parents/carers will need to add 'credit' for students wishing to purchase a sandwich lunch on Friday, 4 September 2020.

Thursday, 3 September 2020

Please be reminded of the staggered start times for students on their return to school:

Year 7	08:30	via Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 8	12:15	via Pedestrian Gate 1 (Reddicap Heath Road)
Year 9	13:50	via Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 10	09:55	via Pedestrian Gate 1 (Reddicap Heath Road)
Year 11	08:55	via Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 12	11:15	via Pedestrian Gate 2 (Fairfax Road)
Year 13	13:50	via Pedestrian Gate 2 (Fairfax Road)

2020-21 Autumn Term - Opening Times from Friday, 4 September 2020

A reminder that all students have been assigned staggered start and end times. Students will not be able to enter the site before their entrance time and as such should plan their journey accordingly. Students will not be able to use an alternative entrance or exit.

Year Group	Start Time	End Time	Entrance/Exit Gate
Year 7	08:30	14:30	Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 8	08:45	14:40	Pedestrian Gate 1 (Reddicap Heath Road)
Year 9	08:45	14:40	Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 10	08:55	14:50	Pedestrian Gate 1 (Reddicap Heath Road)
Year 11	08:55	14:50	Pedestrian Gate 3 (Fairfax Road)
Year 12	Dependent on lesson times/private study		Pedestrian Gate 2 (Fairfax Road)
Year 13	Dependent on lesson times/private study		Pedestrian Gate 2 (Fairfax Road)

2020-21 Heads of Year Information:

Head of Year 7	Mrs Rose
Head of Year 8	Miss Dowell
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Rainbow
Head of Year 9	Mr Ravenscroft
Head of Year 10	Ms Ahmed
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Clark
Acting Head of Year 11	Ms Bradley
Assistant Head of Year	Mrs Barker

2020-21 Heads of House Information:

Coventry Head of House	Miss Blake
Assistant Head of House	Mr Thompson
Kenilworth Head of House	Mrs Hunter-Stott
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Sharratt
Stratford Head of House	Mr Porter
Assistant Head of House	Miss Sutton
Warwick Head of House	Mrs Riddet-Smith
Assistant Head of House	Mr Carty

2020-21 Learning Support Information:

SENCO	Mrs K Corbett
Assistant SENCO	Mrs D Stringer

2020-21 Standards Reminders

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. Students who arrive later than their designated start time can expect to receive a same day after school detention.

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.

School Photographs

Year 7, 10 and 12 school photographs will be taken on Friday, 4 September.

Open Evening 2020

Please be advised that our annual Open Evening scheduled on Tuesday, 15 September is likely to be a virtual event due to Covid-19.

Parent/Carer Calendar

Please see the attached calendar updated for 2020-21.

Face Coverings

The government guidance on face coverings has changed and now states:

'The government is not recommending universal use of face coverings in all schools. Schools that teach children in years 7 and above and which are not under specific local restriction measures will have the discretion to require face coverings for pupils, staff and visitors in areas outside the classroom where social distancing cannot easily be maintained, such as corridors and communal areas and it has been deemed appropriate in those circumstances.

Based on current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting in place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. Face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided.'

Fairfax has put measures in place to ensure that mixing in communal areas is minimal, and as such face coverings will only become compulsory in the event of local lock down. However, if you wish your child to wear a face covering in communal areas, for example because they have an underlying health condition, then this should be communicated to your child's head of year in the first instance.

If your child wears a face covering either on the way to school or in communal areas, they must adhere to the safe usage inline with guidance. This requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.

Children must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must dispose of temporary face coverings in a 'black bag' waste bin (not recycling bin) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.

If your child is using a reusable face covering, please ensure that they also have a resealable plastic bag with them to ensure safe storage.

YEAR 7

An information evening notice: the Year 7 Parent Information Evening scheduled for Tuesday, 29 September will be a virtual event due to Covid-19.

A reminder notice: that students in Year 7 will mix only with their class bubble once on school site.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: that students in Year 8 will mix only with their class bubble once on school site.

An advance notice: on Wednesday, 30 September and Thursday, 1 October 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 bring home a consent form for you to complete and return to Reception in the box provided, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: that students in Year 9 will mix only with their class bubble once on school site.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: that students in Year 10 will have core lessons in a set bubble, but will also attend options subjects. This is essential to ensure students can continue to study their curriculum. Year 10 will have a mixed breaktime and lunchtime with other Year 10 students.

YEAR 11

An information evening notice: the Year 11 Parent Information Evening scheduled for Thursday, 3 September 2020 will be a virtual event due to Covid-19.

A reminder notice: that students in Year 11 will have core lessons in a set bubble, but will also attend options subjects. This is essential to ensure students can continue to study their curriculum. Year 11 will have a mixed breaktime and lunchtime with other Year 11 students.

YEAR 12

An information evening notice: the Year 12 Parent Information Evening scheduled for Tuesday, 8 September 2020 will be a virtual event due to Covid-19.

A reminder notice: Year 12 should only attend school for their timetabled lessons, which will include some in-year group mixing. Year 12 should arrive onsite for their first lesson of the day and leave site following their final lesson of the day. The Year 12 Induction will take place on Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 11:15 and 12:15.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: Year 13 should only attend school for their timetabled lessons, which will include some in-year group mixing. Year 13 should arrive onsite for their first lesson of the day and leave site following their final lesson of the day. The Year 13 Induction will take place on Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 13:50.