



INTHEKNOW

Friday, 9 October 2020

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ARKS Celebration

Congratulations to the students pictured above, who have received 12 merits: 3 for Ambition, 3 for Respect, 3 for Kindness and 3 for Safety. We are pleased to present these students with their first blazer badge ARKS and a certificate of achievement. Well done!
#makingfairfaxproud

Attendance Matters

A reminder that attendance improves achievement! Please support Fairfax in maintaining a high level of attendance.

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.

Wet and Cold Weather

A reminder notice: as students are bubbled, and spend much of their time in the same classroom, we are keen to ensure that students are able to get outside and get some fresh air at break and lunchtime.

During wet and cold weather, we would ask that you **equip your child with a waterproof coat and/or umbrella** in order to ensure they are able to have a break outside. We know that being in the fresh air benefits well-being. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year.

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 skirt 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 boys' mid layer is available at Clive Mark and Crested Schoolwear (Trutex Erdington).

Rewarding Students' Hard Work During Lockdown

Over the last few weeks we have been rewarding students for their hard work during lockdown. We are aware that some students may not have been able to submit work electronically to their teachers. We want to be able to recognise all of our students who continued to work extremely hard during lockdown. If your child has not received a praise letter but completed all the work set during lockdown, we would kindly ask that they bring the work they completed during lockdown into school. This work should be brought to reception so that it can be passed onto your child's teachers from last year for checking.

Mathematics Revision Guides/Workbooks

If you ordered a revision guide or workbook during lockdown and have still not received it, can you please see your Maths teacher. All items are in stock.

Parking – Fairfax Road

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

Water Fountain Use

A reminder notice: students are only allowed to use water fountains to replenish their personal water bottles. No other use is allowed. Students must wash or sanitize their hands before using a water fountain.

YEAR 7

Thank you to all the parents/carers who watched our Year 7 'Virtual' Information Evening. Please be reminded that the link expires after two weeks. If you have any queries please contact your child's assistant head of year Mr Rainbow.

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

A reminder notice: the Year 7 nasal flu vaccinations will take place on Monday, 12 October 2020. Your child should have received a consent card. Please can this be completed, whether or not you wish your child to be vaccinated and returned to the box in Reception.

YEAR 8

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

YEAR 9

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

An advance notice: please be advised that the Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual) due to take place on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 has been re-scheduled to week beginning Monday, 9 November 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, parents will receive a link to a presentation from the Head of Academy.

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.

An advance notice: students in Year 10 wishing to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award this year, will shortly receive a letter explaining the procedures for registration and completion.

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.

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For the attention of DofE students:

If you have uploaded evidence to eDofE during lockdown or over the summer for awards you have already been entered for, please could you check your accounts for messages from Miss Clarke, because some students need to make a couple of alterations.

Please remember that your assessor can now be a family member, but that **you must still show start and end dates which total a full 3, 6 or 12 calendar months**. Each section needs an assessor's report (this can contain the date evidence). If you have not yet uploaded evidence, please remember that in order to progress onto the expedition section next year (at either your current level, or the level above), you will need to have completed the other 3 sections of the Award (volunteering, physical and skill) – completing the 3 sections of the Award will give you a certificate of achievement.

Please see Miss Clarke or Mr Hobbs with any queries.

We have had reports that students are not socially distancing in the community during lunchtimes; could you please remind your child of the importance of this.

An advance notice: w/b Monday, 19 October 2020 will be dedicated to careers advice and guidance for Year 12 via Show My Homework. Sessions and resources will be available each day for students to access during their private study/home study periods, exploring the world of work and university, to support their next steps.

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.

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A reminder notice: at Fairfax. We are committed to closing the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and those from more affluent backgrounds, and ensuring that every young person has the to participate in and benefit from a place in 16-19 education and training. If you qualify for opportunity the bursary, please download the attached documents that you will find on this link and return them to: <http://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form/financial-support/>

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Students wishing to apply to UCAS must ensure that they start their application on <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>. If you have any questions regarding how to set up your application please speak to Ms Gray or Miss Gardner in the Sixth Form.

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