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Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of this half term approaches I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been lovely to see students' smiling faces without face coverings in recent weeks.

### **Year 13 Leavers**

This week we say farewell to our Year 13 students. They have demonstrated incredible resilience throughout the last 14 months and we are very proud of them. Whilst we can not celebrate the same way we would usually do, we are very much looking forward to sharing this rite of passage with them.

### **Year 11 Arrangements**

Year 11 will be beginning their alternative timetable after half-term to prepare them for their next steps in education and training. A separate letter will be sent regarding Year 11 arrangements. We have been so impressed with how well Year 11 have worked since returning from lockdown and look forward to celebrating with them later in June.

### **Uniform**

Should you have any Fairfax uniform you no longer need and would be willing to donate to the Academy, we would be most grateful if you could deliver it, freshly laundered, to Reception. We particularly need skirts, blazers, ties and trousers.

### **Covid Measures**

Whilst restrictions have now eased in some areas, with the exception of face coverings and trips, government guidance remains the same for schools. However, we are keen to take steps towards a 'more normal' experience within the measures, and Year 13 leaving enables us to make the changes overleaf to tutor time, staggering and Year 12 after half-term.

Whilst we very much hope to be able to make further adjustments at the end of June/start of July, we will not make a decision on this until further information is shared on Roadmap Stage 4.

Week beginning 7 June 2021				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 3</li> <li>Start time: 08:30</li> <li>Break time: 09:55-10:15</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 09:55</li> <li>Lunch time: 12:15-12:50</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 12:15</li> <li>New finish time: 14:40</li> <li>Separate Boys' PE and Girls' PE Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 1</li> <li>New start time: 08:30</li> <li>Break time: 09:55-10:15</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 10:05</li> <li>Lunch time: 12:15-12:50</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 12:25</li> <li>Finish time: 14:40</li> <li>Separate Boys' PE and Girls' PE Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 3</li> <li>New start time: 08:40</li> <li>New break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 11:05</li> <li>New lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 13:25</li> <li>New finish time: 14:50</li> <li>Same day detentions move to Refocus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 1</li> <li>New start time: 08:40 and Tutor Time re-introduced</li> <li>Break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 10:55</li> <li>Lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li>Access to The Refectory 13:15</li> <li>Finish time: 14:50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 2</li> <li>New start time: 08:40 and Tutor Time re-introduced</li> <li>Break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li>Lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li>New finish time: 14:50</li> <li>Access to The Refectory is staggered during P1-P4</li> <li>Same day detentions resume</li> </ul>
Week beginning 14 June 2021				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students move to specialist classrooms for Art, Drama, Music and DT</li> <li>Students move to laboratories for some Science lessons</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work detentions resume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work detentions resume</li> </ul>

## Covid Tests

As restrictions begin to ease, it is essential that as many students as possible continue to take lateral flow tests twice weekly. These tests minimize the chance of bubbles needing to self-isolate and enable our students to have as normal an educational experience as possible.

It is important that results of the tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. This can be done at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

You should also share your child's test result with the school via this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HnypklpiskmKnVw6Paae-8Gu393UTepOv-LLJKAefxUMUfFM05SWFdTMTdGUUpPUVNER1pTTjEwTi4u>

If a LFD test at home is positive, you should isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible. Please note LFD tests should only be used when asymptomatic. PCR tests must be booked when displaying Covid symptoms.

### **Staff Leaving**

We say farewell to the following staff this half-term:

- Mrs Holyhead            Modern Foreign Language Teacher
- Mr Meegan             Ground Keeper
- Mrs O'Donnell        Teaching Assistant

We thank them for all their hard and commitment to Fairfax Academy.

### **Welcome**

We welcome Mr Dewhurst, our new Medical Advisor, replacing Mrs Clark who has recently taken on the role of Sixth Form Academic and Well-being Mentor.

### **Knife Arch**

As part of our joint safeguarding procedures, West Midlands Police visited the Academy again last week and spoke to a range of Year 8, 9 and 10 students about county lines. More information about county lines can be found at:

<https://cscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/4206.1-County-lines-leaflet-final-web.pdf>

In my letter dated 23 April 2021 I outlined the equipment that students should bring to school. Students that bring prohibited items into school will be sanctioned in line with the Academy Behaviour and Discipline Policy and if necessary the police will be informed.

### **Sports**

Well done to all the students in Year 7 and 8 that have begun cricket and rounders training. We are so pleased to be able to re-introduce our sports clubs and cannot wait to see our students competing again.

We are tentatively making plans for House Athletics Day and will share more information about this in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



**MRS D J BUNN**  
**Head of Academy**