

# INTHEKNOW

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## Tell Someone!

Please be reminded of our 'tell someone' campaign.

Students are encouraged to identify, and write the names on their student card, of two 'trusted adults' in school they can tell if:

- They witness hurtful behaviour or are subjected to hurtful behaviour
- They witness someone behaving in an unsafe way
- They are worried about someone who appears to be in an unhealthy relationship

We thank parents/carers for their support in discussing this with their children. Students can write two names on their new student card.

## 2020-21 House Athletics Championship

Unfortunately, the current restrictions, and delay in the government road map, means that we are unable to host our annual House Athletics Championship event at Wyndley again this year. If the restrictions are lifted sooner than now expected, it will still leave insufficient time to arrange an event, and we are sorry for any disappointment that this may cause. We thank you for your understanding. Students will have the opportunity to support their House and participate in House Cricket and House Rounders during their normal PE lessons.

## Uniform Standards

A reminder notice that Fairfax is committed to encouraging students to be the best they can be. We are ambitious for our students and are encouraging them to maintain the highest standards, as this will prepare them for life beyond school, in which there will be rules, routines, and policies. We have high expectations of our students in all aspects of school life and we want them to be proud of their school and of their achievements.

It is important to us that students wear the correct uniform with pride. We have always had high standards at Fairfax, which is often cited as a reason for parents choosing Fairfax for their children. We want to maintain those high standards and are asking for your support with this.

**We would kindly remind parents/carers to continue to check their child's uniform daily to ensure that full school uniform is worn, and that 'not permitted' items are not worn or brought to school.**

### Attendance Matters

Well done to all our students with a fantastic attendance record so far during Summer Term 2. Please be reminded that attendance improves achievement! Please support Fairfax in maintaining a high level of attendance throughout the remainder of the summer term.

### 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.

### 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.

### Covid-19 – When to take a PCR Test

Should your child display symptoms of Covid-19 they must self-isolate immediately and an appointment needs to be made for them to take a PCR test. Please be reminded that home test kits are not suitable for testing students with symptoms.

### Parent/Carer Calendar

Please find attached an updated copy of the parent/carers calendar for Summer Term 2.

YEAR 7


A reminder notice: Year 7 students now leave school at the later staggered time of 14:40. Arrival time remains as 08:30 via Gate 3 on Fairfax Road.

A reminder notice: the Year 7 'End of Year Assessment' Window is Monday, 21 June – Friday, 2 July 2021. Assessments will be held during lessons and students should check Show My Homework and/or speak to teachers to ascertain when they will be assessed.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: Year 8 students now arrive at the new time of 08:30, entering via Gate 1 on Reddicap Heath Road. Students continue to leave school at the staggered time of 14:40 each day.

A reminder notice: the Year 8 'End of Year Assessment' Window is Monday, 21 June – Friday, 2 July 2021. Assessments will be held during lessons and students should check Show My Homework and/or speak to teachers to ascertain when they will be assessed.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Fairfax Academy we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality are the key to success. A missed school day is a lost opportunity to learn. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve higher grades than students who do not have regular attendance.

### ABSENCE

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year and the Government advise that students' attendance should be at least 95%. However, **95% attendance equates to 10 missed days of school**; a massive **50 lessons!** Research has shown that students missing 20 days of school performed a whole grade lower in their exams than similar ability students with good attendance.

### PUNCTUALITY

Poor punctuality can have a significant impact on learning time. Across a school year, being **5 minutes late per day results in a loss of 3 days learning per year**. Being **15 minutes** late every day will result in **10 lost days**.

Our school day starts at 8.35am and students should be through the school gate at this time. Students that are late into school will be issued with sanctions in line with our academy Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

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### APPOINTMENTS

Wherever possible appointments should be made out of school time. We understand that at times appointments in the school day are unavoidable. Please provide evidence of the appointment in advance, so that we can amend our school records, and advise the school who will be collecting your child during the school day.

### ATTENDANCE

At Fairfax Academy we are committed to challenging poor attendance. In cases where a student begins to develop a pattern of absence, the academy will advise the parents/carers that we require an improvement in attendance.

When attendance fails to improve, the school reluctantly takes the line that legal action has to be considered, and the Court Section in Birmingham becomes involved. So far this academic year, seven cases have been heard, and either a fixed penalty has been issued, or a court appearance has been determined as an appropriate course of action.

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**95% ATTENDANCE**  
= 10 missed days = 50 lessons!

**5 MINUTES LATE PER DAY**  
= 3 lost days learning per year

**AVOID BOOKING**  
holidays in term time

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: Year 9 students now leave school at the later staggered time of 14:40. Arrival time remains as 08:30 via Gate 3 on Fairfax Road.

A reminder notice: the Year 9 'End of Year Assessment' Window is Monday, 21 June – Friday, 2 July 2021. Assessments will be held during lessons and students should check Show My Homework and/or speak to teachers to ascertain when they will be assessed.

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: Year 9 students now arrive at the new time of 08:40, entering via Gate 3 on Fairfax Road. Year 9 students also now leave school at the later staggered time of 14:50 each day.

A reminder notice: the Year 9 'End of Year Assessment' Window is Monday, 21 June – Friday, 2 July 2021. Assessments will be held during lessons and students should check Show My Homework and/or speak to teachers to ascertain when they will be assessed.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: Year 10 students now arrive at the new time of 08:40, entering via Gate 1 on Reddicap Heath Road. Year 10 students attend a tutor time session from 08:40-08:55 each day.

An advance notice: further to the letter sent on Friday, 11 June, Year 10 DofE Bronze Actual/Silver Practice students, will now have received a more detailed letter outlining changes to the expedition, due to restrictions caused by the delay in the government roadmap. If you have any queries, please contact reception by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.uk). Please can we kindly request that students who wish to continue to DofE Silver, pay the registration fee via ParentPay by Friday, 25 June 2021.

A reminder notice: the Year 10 'End of Year Assessment' Window is Monday, 21 June – Friday, 2 July 2021. Core Assessments will be held in the Sports Hall and/or Diamond Suite. All other assessments will be held during lessons and students should check Show My Homework and/or speak to teachers to ascertain when they will be assessed. Student timetables were issued on Friday, 11 June for core subject exams.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: Year 11 students are now following an alternative timetable until Friday, 25 June 2021.

An advance notice: further to the letter sent on Friday, 11 June, Year 11 DofE Bronze Actual/Silver Practice students, will now have received a more detailed letter outlining changes to the expedition, due to restrictions caused by the delay in the government roadmap. If you have any queries, please contact reception by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: Year 12 students now arrive at the new time of 08:40, entering via Gate 2 on Fairfax Road. Year 12 students attend a tutor time session from 08:40-08:55 each day.

A reminder notice: from May half term, Year 12 students have had supervised study periods reinstated on their timetables. These sessions form part of the annual planned hours that includes their subject lessons and are compulsory for the students to attend. The workrooms are supervised, and Mrs Meakin and Mrs McGuire are there to support students and ensure that there is a positive learning environment. Students are permitted to visit The Refectory during their allocated times of the day during that session, but are expected to return to continue their study. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school in time for the 08:40 registration and that they remain on school site during the day.

An advance notice: further to the letter sent on Friday, 11 June, Year 12 DofE Practice students, will now have received a confirmation letter stating that their expedition will take place in 2022, due to restrictions caused by the delay in the government roadmap. If you have any queries, please contact reception by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

YEAR 13

There are no Year 13 notices.