



# INTHEKNOW

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## KINDNESS COUNTS

Next week, Fairfax will be running our 'kindness counts' campaign.

We will be setting our students challenges throughout the week to encourage them to display kindness around the Academy and at home.

We hope you will join us in promoting kindness from Monday!

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Challenge yourself to complete 1 Act a day

<b>Kindness Counts Week</b> <b>05-09 JULY</b>	<b>ACT 1</b> Say only positive things all day	<b>ACT 1</b> Make someone laugh
	<b>ACT 2</b> Write a 'thank you' note	<b>ACT 2</b> Donate something to charity
<b>ACT 1</b> Pick up some litter	<b>ACT 1</b> Pay three people a compliment	<b>ACT 1</b> Hold the door open for someone
<b>ACT 2</b> Tell someone why they make your life better	<b>ACT 2</b> Help your parent/carer at home	<b>ACT 2</b> Ask someone how they are and listen carefully to their response

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“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” *Desmond Tutu*

AMBITION. RESPECT. KIND. SAFE

People will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but they will never forget  
how you made them feel.

*Maya Angelou*

# Kindness counts

**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

If you know that somebody always displays our value of **Kindness**, post their name in the student support post box!

## 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.

## **Term Dates 2021-22**

A reminder notice: please be advised of Fairfax's **revised** term dates for 2021-22.

### **Autumn Term 2021**

(\* Training Day Thursday, 2 September 2021)

(\* Training Day Friday, 3 September 2021)

- Term Starts: Monday, 6 September 2021 for Y7, Y11 and Y12
- Term Starts: **Tuesday, 7 September 2021 for Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y13**  
(\* Training Day Friday, 1 October 2021)
- Half Term: Monday, 25 October 2021 to Friday, 29 October 2021
- Term Ends: Friday, 17 December 2021

### **Spring Term 2022**

(\* Training Day Tuesday, 4 January 2022)

- Term Starts: Wednesday, 5 January 2022
- Half Term: Monday, 21 February 2022 to Friday, 25 February 2022  
(\* Training Day Monday, 28 February 2022)
- Term Ends: Friday, 8 April 2022

### **Summer Term 2022**

- Term Starts: Monday, 25 April 2022  
(Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 2022)
- Half Term: Monday 30, May 2022 to Friday, 3 June 2022
- Term Ends: Thursday, 21 July 2022

\*Training Days

## **Diversity Week**

Fairfax is a fully inclusive school and as such we want all our students to feel part of our school. As a school, we believe as Maya Angelou said "that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength. Know this: Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible".

At Fairfax we have an Equalities Group who work together to ensure that all students are fully represented within our school community and they work together to look at ways of celebrating diversity. The Equalities Group take a positive solution focused approach to tackle things important to them and us, for example they have worked with the Humanities and English faculties, to review curriculum, and have brought about change. One action agreed by the group was that they wanted a separate PRIDE Group.

To celebrate the start of this group we are focussing our Diversity Week around the impact LGBTQ+ individuals have had within subject areas. Over the week our students will have specially designed lessons where they will learn about the contributions to Science, Literature and other subjects by LGBTQ+ individuals, whilst also reflecting on the importance of both acceptance and tolerance. As George Takei said "we should live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity".



If your child would like to get involved please encourage them to speak to either Mrs Williams, Miss Gardner, Mrs Buckley, Miss Lawley, Ms Ahmed, Mrs Lam or Mrs Birch.

## **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.

## **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 purchase any new uniform according to our uniform standards for September 2021, and 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.

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform in September. Particularly:

- Tailored Fairfax trousers
- Tailored Fairfax skirt
- Jumpers must be V-necked and plain, or with the Fairfax logo
- Correct school tie, according to House and key stage
- Polishable black shoes (must not be canvas or trainers)
- No visible facial piercings (clear studs must be worn instead)
- Only one ear stud in each ear
- No painted/false nails

YEAR 7

There are no Year 7 notices.

YEAR 8

There are no Year 8 notices.

YEAR 9

There are no Year 9 notices.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: students taking part in DofE on Monday, 11 July and Tuesday, 12 July 2021 will still need to bring a tent and cooking equipment both days; this can be carried between two participants. Students can use their own tent, but the Academy does have a small number of tents that students can borrow for the duration of the expedition. Students can arrange to borrow a tent with their group leader. Students will also need to bring a rucksack and food and drink, including cooking equipment and a meal to cook during camp craft on the Monday. Students should wear leisure clothing suitable for walking, comfortable footwear (walking boots are not necessary) and waterproofs or sun hat/sunscreen as the weather dictates.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 11 Parent Information Evening at 18:00 on Tuesday, 7 September 2021.

YEAR 11

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An advance notice: Year 11 Results Day for GCSE and Level 2 vocational qualifications will take place on **Thursday, 12 August 2021, between 08:30 and 09:30**. Further information including staggered arrival times will follow shortly. If a student is unable to attend results day in person and wishes to send a nominated family member/friend to collect their results, they must bring a short note with them signed by the student stating that they have their permission to collect on their behalf. Please note that we are not allowed to release results to anyone else without written permission. If you will be away during results day, please contact [FFA-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:FFA-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) to make us aware as soon as possible.

YEAR 12

We are pleased to announce our new Senior Prefect Team. Congratulations to Yekta Esfandiari and Sam Aucott, who are our new Head Boy and Girl. Well done also to Daniel Jones, Senior Deputy Head Boy, Amelia Brady, Senior Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head students Devlin Lakins, Alistair Stokes, Rhea Lalli, Annabelle Roberts, Lois Orton, and Milly O'Sullivan.

A reminder notice: Year 12 students should now be in the position of having a completed draft of their personal statement and, for those who are applying for university, the applications should have been started. Students who have not started their UCAS application need to do so before the end of term. Drafts of the personal statement should be sent to Ms Gray or Miss Gardner to allow sufficient time to give feedback to help with student applications.

A reminder notice: regarding punctuality. All Year 12 students are expected to attend registration promptly at 08.40. This time is important for sharing information with the students and all should be on time. Students who leave the school site at lunchtime should return before the start of period 5 to ensure a prompt start to the lesson.

YEAR 13

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An advance notice: Year 13 Results Day for A Level and Level 3 vocational qualifications will take place on **Tuesday, 10 August 2021, between 08:30 and 09:30**. Further information including staggered arrival times will follow shortly. If a student is unable to attend results day in person and wishes to send a nominated family member/friend to collect their results, they must bring a short note with them signed by the student stating that they have their permission to collect on their behalf. Please note that we are not allowed to release results to anyone else without written permission. If you will be away during results day, please contact [FFA-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:FFA-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) to make us aware as soon as possible.