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Shakespeare
SCHOOLS FESTIVAL
AUDITIONS

Room: C10 Drama Studio
Thursday, 4 November 2021 | 2:50pm
Auditions open to Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 only

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS
"I to the world am like a drop of water
That in the ocean seeks another drop,
Who, falling there to find his fellow forth -
Unseen, inquisitive - confounds himself."
(Antipholus of Syracuse, Act 1 Scene 2)

School Shakespeare Festival 2022

An advance notice: Fairfax's School Shakespeare Festival performance this year will be 'A Comedy Of Errors' in January. Auditions for students in Years 7-10 are on Thursday, 4 November 2021 after school in C10.

Parent/Carer Calendar – Autumn Term II

An updated copy of our parent/carer calendar is attached for Autumn Term II.

Extra-curricular Clubs – Autumn Term II

An updated copy of our extra-curricular clubs is attached for Autumn Term II.

Attendance Matters

Well done to our students whose attendance has been high. A reminder that attendance should be 97%. Attendance improves achievement! Please support Fairfax in maintaining a high level.

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.

Term Time Holiday Requests

A reminder notice: parents/carers are kindly reminded that Fairfax Academy cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Please be advised doing so may result in penalty charges.

Black History Month 2021

Thank you to all staff and students have been working to produce events to celebrate Black History Month 2021. Assemblies celebrating the impact black people have made to our society today took place last week.

A reminder notice: please enter the House Competition to celebrate Black People from History. Students are asked to produce a piece of research about a black person who has made a difference to their lives today, and present it in an interesting way. Entries should be emailed to ff-equality@fairfax.fmat.co.uk by the end of Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

Fairfax PTA

An advance notice: the next PTA meeting is on Monday, 8 November 2021 at 18:00. Please email ff-pta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

Remembrance Day 2021

An advance notice: there will be a whole school remembrance event on Thursday, 11 November 2021. If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, such as Cadets or Scouts, and wishes to wear their uniform for this event, please email post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk for the attention of Mr Larkin.

Children In Need 2021

An advance notice: there will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 12 November to fundraise for Children In Need. Students will be able to pay £1 to wear their own clothes.

Period Poverty

We believe at Fairfax that no girl should be in period poverty. We have a large range of free sanitary towels and tampons that girls are welcome to. They are kept in Student Support and we give them out to students discreetly. Please can you kindly remind your child where to get sanitary towels and tampons from if they need them. If there are any particular needs that school are not aware of, please can you contact Mrs Williams.

In addition to this, we have a small supply of knickers. We are however running low on these. If you are in a position where you are able to purchase a pack of black knickers that we can give to our girls as they need them, please can you send them to Mrs Williams.

THE EISTEDDFOD 1980s

During tutor time this week, information about the individual entries competitions has been shared. A copy of the slides is attached for your information.

The Eisteddfod performance evenings are on:

Wednesday, 15 December (Warwick and Coventry)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances
Thursday, 16 December (Kenilworth and Stratford)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances

Further Information about ticket sales will be sent next half term.

The Eisteddfod Zone commences w/b 1 November. Please email ff-theeisteddfod@fairfax.fmat.co.uk with any queries or concerns about the rehearsal schedule. House rehearsal schedules are attached for your information.

Wet and Cold Weather

A reminder notice: 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.
 - N.B. the black base layers should be a long sleeved top and base layer leggings (no fashion leggings permitted).
- Boys are allowed to wear a 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.

PE Lessons – Footwear

Please be reminded that school shoes are not to be worn as PE trainers within PE lessons. Outdoor trainers should be worn in line with the Academy's Uniform Policy. Consequences will be issued to students who do not comply.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: Fairfax's School Shakespeare Festival performance this year will be 'A Comedy Of Errors' at the MAC in January. Auditions for students in Years 7-Y10 are on Thursday, 4 November 2021 after school in C10.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 7 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 7 students will be available to order on ParentPay soon.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Fairfax's School Shakespeare Festival performance this year will be 'A Comedy Of Errors' at the MAC in January. Auditions for students in Years 7-Y10 are on Thursday, 4 November 2021 after school in C10.

A reminder notice: Year 8 students who received zero consequences during Year 7 will be invited by Mrs Colbourne to attend a reward trip in the Spring Term. Further information will follow.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 8 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 8 students are available to order on ParentPay.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: Fairfax's School Shakespeare Festival performance this year will be 'A Comedy Of Errors' at the MAC in January. Auditions for students in Years 7-Y10 are on Thursday, 4 November 2021 after school in C10.

A reminder notice: Year 9 students who received zero consequences during Year 8 will be invited by Miss Dowell to attend a reward trip in the Spring Term. Further information will follow.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 9 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 9 students are available to order on ParentPay.

An advance notice: Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 1 December, 15:45 -18:45 and will take place in the Hall and the Gym. Please be reminded that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent w/b 22 November 2021. Bookings open on Monday, 29 November at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Fairfax's School Shakespeare Festival performance this year will be 'A Comedy Of Errors' at the MAC in January. Auditions for students in Years 7-Y10 are on Thursday, 4 November 2021 after school in C10.

A reminder notice: Year 10 students who received zero consequences during Year 9 will be invited by Mr Ravenscroft to attend a reward trip in the Summer Term. Further information will follow.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 10 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 10 students are available to order on ParentPay.

YEAR 11

An advance notice: Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 3 November, 15:45 -18:45 and will take place in the Hall and the Gym. Please be reminded that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments has been sent w/b 18 October 2021. Bookings open on Monday, 1 November at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

An advance notice: our annual Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday, 9 November 2021 18:00-20:00. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening. Doors open at 17:45. Head of Academy Talks 18:00 and 18:45 in the Hall. The online application form on our website opens on Wednesday, 10 November 2021.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 11 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 11 students are available to order on ParentPay. Year 11 students have also been given their pinpoint papers, which highlight topics for improvement which Maths staff will support in class. Additionally, Year 11 students have been set 'a question a day' on Show My Homework; topics checklists are also on Show My Homework. Students have been given past papers which are also available on our website. Details about revision sessions have previously been emailed, but if you would like your child to attend please contact the school. Please be advised that additional revision sessions for Year 11 students will be taking place in the Spring Term.

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**FAIRFAX SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING**

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2021

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APPLICATIONS
OPEN

“...There is consistent practice in teaching, learning and assessment in the sixth form, with a cycle of **teaching, assessing, evaluation** with suggestions for improvement'. Students fully support and value this way of learning. OFSTED 2019



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YEAR 12

A reminder notice: Private Study in period 5 can be used as 'Home Study'. Students who have Private Study in period 5 will be permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime provided that they sign out in the Sixth Form prior to leaving.

A reminder notice: to support their studies, Year 12 Mathematics students have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 12 students are available to order on ParentPay.

A reminder notice: students must sign out at lunchtime if they are leaving the school site. This should be done via the iPad using student passes, or physically signing out in the book.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: Private Study in period 5 can be used as 'Home Study'. Students who have Private Study in period 5 will be permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime provided that they sign out in the Sixth Form prior to leaving.

A reminder notice: UCAS Personal statements should be given to Ms Gray or Miss Gardner for checking and can be given to the Sixth Form supervisors to be passed on.

A reminder notice: to support their studies, Year 13 Mathematics students have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 12 students are available to order on ParentPay. Year 13 Mathematics students also have revision sessions; details of these have been previously emailed.

A reminder notice: students must sign out at lunchtime if they are leaving the school site. This should be done via the iPad using student passes, or physically signing out in the book.