

# INTHEKNOW

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## **Remembrance Day 2021**

Thank you to students, staff, youth organisations, members of the RAF Veterans Association, the Royal Welch, the British Caribbean Veterans Association, the WRAF Women's Royal Air Force, and the British Legion, who commemorated Remembrance Day 2021 with a poem reading, 'The Last Post' and a 2-minute silence yesterday. We were delighted to welcome 100 year old WW2 Veteran Joan to our veterans group, who said she was particularly impressed with the respect for the occasion shown by the students. #makingfairfax proud Well done and thank you also to our Year 7 students who contributed to the poppy waterfall display.

## **Children In Need 2021**

A reminder notice: there will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 19 November to fundraise for Children In Need. Students will be able to donate £1 to wear their own clothes.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4824>



## **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**

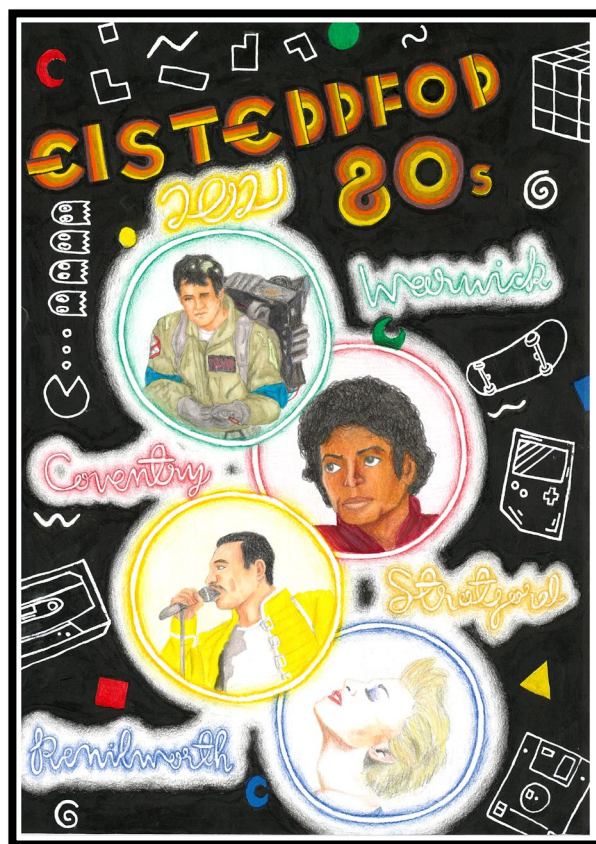
A reminder notice: parents/carers are kindly reminded that Fairfax Academy cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Please be advised doing so may result in penalty charges.

### The Eisteddfod 1980s

Thank you to all our students who entered the programme cover and ticket design competition. Congratulations to Katy Ball (Y13) for our winning design, and runner up Liberty Knowles (Y11). These designs will be used in the production of programmes and tickets this term.



Katy Ball – Winning Entry



Liberty Knowles – Runner Up

A reminder notice: The Eisteddfod performance evenings are on:

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

Tickets are priced at £6.50 and are available for parents/carers to purchase from 18:00 on Friday, 3 December on ParentPay. The Eisteddfod is a very popular event and so tickets are limited to 2 per family to help ensure that as many people as possible are able to see the event.

### SIMS Parent App

A reminder to all parents/carers to check emails for a link to access our new parent SIMS App, which we will be using from now on to keep parents/carers updated about students' life at school. Please contact Miss Clarke with any queries.

### Uniform Notice

Parents/carers are kindly reminded that students are responsible for keeping their own personal belongings safe, and Fairfax would discourage students from wearing or using expensive branded coats or bags.

### Aerosols Reminder

A reminder notice: aerosols are NOT permitted in school. Students should not bring in aerosols to use in PE and instead, if they require additional deodorant or anti-perspirant during the school day, a roll on can be used. There are a number of students in school with asthma, whose triggers are aerosols, and the use of aerosols can and will lead to a severe asthma attack. Any aerosols used/found in school will be confiscated and taken to student support. A confiscated aerosol will need to be picked up by the student at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.



## YEAR 7

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 7 students in school will be participating in Business & Computing and Creativity & Design activities. Year 7 House Football, House Chess and House Spelling Bee will also take place on this day, and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: on Tuesday, 30 November and Wednesday, 1 December the school nurse vaccination team will be coming into school to administer the flu immunisations (nasal spray). Your child will receive a consent form from their tutor. Please complete and return the form to Student Support in the box provided, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

## YEAR 8

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 8 students in school will be participating in Humanities activities. Year 8 House Rugby, House Hockey, House Chess and House Spelling Bee will also take place on this day, and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

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## YEAR 9

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 9 students in school will be participating in English and MFL activities. Year 9 House Rugby, House Hockey, House Chess and House Spelling Bee will also take place on this day, and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: on Tuesday, 30 November and Wednesday, 1 December the school nurse vaccination team will be coming into school to administer the flu immunisations (nasal spray). Your child will receive a consent form from their tutor. Please complete and return the form to Student Support in the box provided, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

A reminder 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](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

## YEAR 10

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 10 students in school will be participating in Mathematics activities and PSHE focussing on Relationships and Knife Crime. Year 10 House Chess and House Spelling Bee will also take place on this day, and students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: on Tuesday, 30 November and Wednesday, 1 December the school nurse vaccination team will be coming into school to administer the flu immunisations (nasal spray). Your child will receive a consent form from their tutor. Please complete and return the form to Student Support in the box provided, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

## YEAR 11

A reminder notice: the 2022 Sixth Form Online Application Form is now live on our Academy website. The deadline for applications is Friday, 4 February 2022. Please visit [www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form](http://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form).

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 11 students in school will be participating in Science activities and PSHE focussing on Relationships. In addition, a number of students will be on the rewards visit to Tamworth with Ms Ahmed-Lockley. Students going on the visit are permitted to wear their own clothes, and they will depart after their Period 1 Careers Assembly.

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Mock Examination Period commences on Friday, 19 November. Students should have received a personalised timetable. All information is available on our website.

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An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 12 students in school will be participating in CEIAG activities.

A reminder notice: the Academy's Attendance Policy applies to sixth form students and attendance is monitored on a half-termly basis. We ask that all absences are reported to the sixth form on the morning of the absence.

An advance notice: our first Enrichment Day is on Thursday, 18 November and Year 13 students in school will be participating in CEIAG activities.

A reminder notice: the Academy's Attendance Policy applies to sixth form students and attendance is monitored on a half-termly basis. We ask that all absences are reported to the sixth form on the morning of the absence.

UCAS notice: all UCAS applicants must review their applications to ensure that the following are entered:

- A Level subjects – end date of August 2022

The deadline for the release of the UCAS applications by the school is Friday, 10 December at 15:00 and all applications need to have been completed, and paid for, prior to that date.

Any student who requires support with their personal statement, should book an appointment with Ms Gray or Miss Gardner through Mrs Meakin in the Sixth Form Workroom.



## 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.

### 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.

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



Please keep in mind the cost to your child's education should they miss school. Please do not book holidays in term time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

### 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.

### 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.

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

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

**AVOID BOOKING**  
holidays in term time