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Friday, 26 November 2021

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ARKS Celebration

Congratulations to the Year 7 students pictured, who have received 12 merits: 3 for Ambition, 3 for Respect, 3 for Kindness and 3 for Safety. We are pleased to present these students with their first blazer badge ARKS and a certificate of achievement. Well done!
#makingfairfaxproud

Children In Need 2021

Thank you to all parents/carers, students and staff for supporting Children In Need. Fairfax raised a grand total of £1624.50 on Friday, 19 November.



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.

Ventilation in Classrooms

In order to ensure adequate ventilation in classrooms, please be advised that windows will need to remain open during winter months and students should come to school wearing a plain black V-neck jumper and wear appropriate under layers as they will not be allowed to wear their coats. Hoodies and slogan jumpers remain prohibited items and will be confiscated.

The Eisteddfod 1980s

A reminder notice: 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

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.

In addition, a new PTA pre-order of refreshments option will also be available on ParentPay.

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.

Art Exhibition

We are pleased to invite you to our art exhibition 'Being Human', showcasing work from our talented Year 13 and Year 11 students from 2020/21.

Date: Thursday, 6 January 2022

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Diamond Suite, Fairfax Academy



YEAR 7

An update notice: due to unforeseen circumstances, the flu vaccinations (nasal spray) scheduled for Tuesday, 30 November and Wednesday, 1 December have been postponed. Further information to follow.

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YEAR 9

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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 has been sent to parents/carers. Bookings open on Monday, 29 November at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening or you have not received your pin/login please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 10

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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.

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At Fairfax Sixth Form we recognise the importance of a Post 16 experience that includes more than qualifications.

Join us to experience our unique provision which includes OPPORTUNITIES to:

<p>LEAD</p> <p>MOTIVATE</p> <p>PARTICIPATE</p> <p>COLLABORATE</p> <p>COMPETE</p> <p>PERFORM</p> <p>THRIVE</p>	<p>as a member of our senior team</p> <p>as one of our House Captains</p> <p>In our annual Eisteddfod Creative Arts Festival</p> <p>through our World Challenge and Discover Adventure expeditions</p> <p>in House sports and events</p> <p>through our musical and performing arts provision</p> <p>by joining the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme through direct gold entry</p>
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JOIN OUR SIXTH FORM

FOR OPPORTUNITIES THAT

GO BEYOND QUALIFICATIONS

ARE YOU INTERESTED? FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY AT WWW.FAIRFAX.BHAM.SCH.UK

All applications should be completed online via the school website by **Friday, 4 February 2022.**

PLEASE SEE OUR ONLINE SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS FOR SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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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.

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AVOID BOOKING

holidays in term time