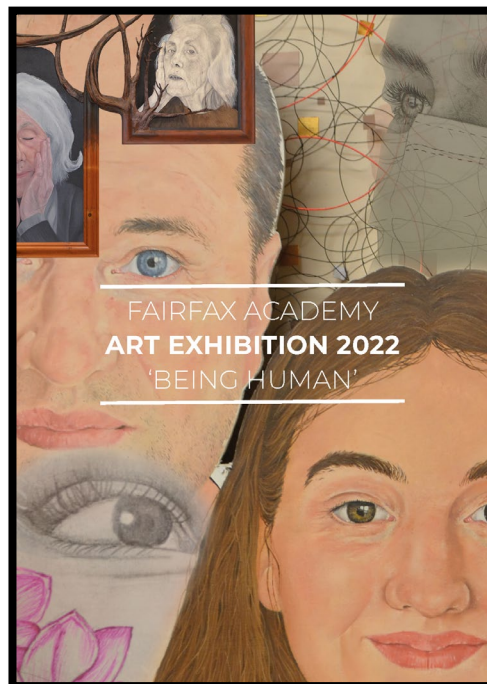


# INTHEKNOW

Friday, 10 December 2021

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## **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.

Due to limited numbers permitted to attend, we kindly ask all our visitors to book in advance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk), and to follow government guidance regarding face coverings and hygiene measures.

Date: Thursday, 6 January 2022

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

New Location: Hall, Fairfax Academy

## **Parking Notice**

A kindly reminder to parents/carers to please refrain from parking dangerously and blocking roads/driveways when dropping off their children outside school. Please be considerate of other drivers and local residents.

## **Gratitude Week**

An advance note: w/b 13 December 2021 is Gratitude Week. Parents/carers who would like to thank a member of staff, please complete the gratitude form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Tu6m2v96B0> which closes at 15:00 on Thursday, 16 December 2021.



### **Non-Uniform Day – MIND**

An advance notice: there will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 17 December to fundraise for MIND. Students will be able to donate £1 to wear their own clothes. A separate email to parents/carers will be sent w/b 13 December with a link to a Parentpay page for donations.



### **Term Dates Update** **Spring Term 2022**

Spring Term I      Wednesday, 5 January – Friday, 18 February 2022  
Half-term            Monday, 21 February – Friday, 25 February 2022  
Spring Term II     Tuesday, 29 February – Friday, 8 April 2022

Training Days: Tuesday, 4 January 2022 and Monday, 28 February 2022

An advance notice that students return at staggered times in January, due to the lateral flow testing process:

- Term Starts: Wednesday, 5 January 2022 for
  - Y7 (staggered through registration, Period 1 and 2 and remaining in school)
  - Y11 (staggered through break, Period 3 and 4 and remaining in school)
  - Y13 (staggered through lunch and Period 5 and returning home)
- Term Starts: Thursday, 6 January 2022 for
  - Y8 (staggered through registration, Period 1 and 2 and remaining in school)
  - Y10 (staggered through break, Period 3 and 4 and remaining in school)
  - Y12 (staggered through lunch and Period 5 and returning home)
- Term Starts: Friday, 7 January 2022 for Y9
  - Y9 (staggered through registration, Period 1 and 2 and remaining in school)

Individual timings for arrival will be emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

### **Lateral Flow Test Kits**

A reminder that Covid-19 lateral flow test kits for home testing can be collected by students from either Student Support or Reception. Sixth Form students can collect testing kits from Mrs McGuire in the Sixth Form Centre.



### **Farewell and Welcome to New Staff**

Fairfax would very much wish to thank Mrs Mulhern, for over 25 years of service to Fairfax, and wish her all the very best in her forthcoming retirement.

We would also like to send Mrs Stringer our very best wishes as she retires after over 16 years at Fairfax.

We very much look forward to welcoming new staff joining us in January:

- Mrs J Mace (Assistant Headteacher)

#### **2021-22 Heads of Year Information:**

Head of Year 7	Mrs Rose
Head of Year 8	Mrs Colbourne
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Rainbow
Head of Year 9	Miss Dowell
Head of Year 10	Mr Ravenscroft
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Clark
Head of Year 11	Ms Ahmed-Lockley
Assistant Head of Year	Mrs Barker
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Miss Gardner
SENDCO	Mrs Corbett

#### **2021-22 Heads of House Information:**

Coventry Head of House	Miss Blake
Assistant Head of House	Mr Thompson
Kenilworth Head of House	Mrs Hunter-Stott
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Sharratt
Stratford Head of House	Mr Porter
Assistant Head of House	Miss Sutton
Warwick Head of House	Mr Carty
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Day

### **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.

### **Strikes Football Academy – Spring Term 1**

A reminder notice: Spring Term 1 places are now available for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. A letter has been emailed to parents/carers with further information.

Please contact Mr Larkin, or email [FF-Clubs@fairfax.bham.sch.uk](mailto:FF-Clubs@fairfax.bham.sch.uk) with any queries.

### **PRIDE Group Update**

Our PRIDE Group meets every two weeks. During the Autumn Term we have had an introduction to Pride, and have discussed mental health awareness, LGBTQ+ representation in art and literature, 'coming out' stories, intersectionality and an end of year LGBTQ+ 'in the media' quiz. The group will next meet on Thursday, 20 January 2022 in C13 after school. Then again on Thursday, 3 February and Thursday, 17 February. If you want to find out more, please come along or speak to Ms Ahmed-Lockley in A11 or Mrs Lam in C13.

### **Equalities Group Update**

Our Equalities Group meets every two weeks, and during the Autumn Term we celebrated our diversity in school and organised a variety of activities for our students to get involved with. Our Equalities group delivered an assembly which showcased the rich, diverse culture Britain has had from over 2000 years ago. We ran a competition which asked students to create art work that looked into the history of a black person they felt had contributed to society. The entries were certainly celebratory with over 100 entries ranging over 300 years! Our aim this autumn was to show how British history is black history and we are proud to be a diverse school. Our group looks forward to the New Year where we will be celebrating disabilities and fundraising. The group will next meet on Thursday, 13 January 2022 in C7 after school. Then again on Thursday, 27 January 2022 and Thursday, 10 February 2022. If you want to find out more, please come along or speak to Miss Gardner in C7, Mrs Buckley in G5 or Mrs Williams.

### **Student Council Update**

Our Student Council meets every half term in the Library. In our recent meeting on Thursday, 25 November, a group of dedicated and enthusiastic Fairfax students met for the Autumn Term 2 Student Council meeting. Congratulations to Daniel Jones in Year 13 who was appointed Chair of the Student Council, and Gabriella Isley in Year 9 who was appointed Vice Chair. A range of topics were discussed including the praise system, PE kits, and suggestions for new extra-curricular activities. All suggestions raised will be discussed by our representatives at a recent meeting with Mrs Bunn – watch this space! If you want to find out more, please come along or speak to Mrs Birch in F5. There is also a suggestions box in the Library which the Student Council review at each meeting.

### **PTA**

There is a PTA meeting on Monday, 10 January 2022. All welcome. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [ff-pta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-pta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

### **PTA Eisteddfod Raffle**

Please support our PTA Eisteddfod Raffle during the coming week. Please visit ParentPay w/b 13 December 2021 to buy raffle tickets, which cost £1; this closes at 15:00 on Thursday, 16 December 2021. Winners will be drawn by our Eisteddfod Judges on the evening of Thursday, 16 December 2021. Winners will be notified on Friday morning, and prizes will be available for collection on Friday, 17 December 2021 from Reception.

There are 12 prizes in total, including 2 M&S Food Collections (donated by the Kitchen Mechanic), 2 Retro Sweet Hampers, 2 £20 Cineworld Vouchers and a selection of Prosecco, Wine and Chocolates. (Some of which has been kindly donated by Tesco Express Whitehouse Common).

YEAR 7

An advance notice: Year 7 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 23 March 2022, 15:45 -18:45. Please be advised that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent to parents/carers w/b Monday, 14 March 2022. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Year 8 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 15:45 -18:45. Please be advised that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent to parents/carers w/b Monday, 28 February 2022. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

An advance notice: Celebration Evening 2022 is on the new date of Wednesday, 6 April 2022. Awardee confirmation letters have been sent and seats will be reserved on the evening for all who have confirmed their attendance.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: Celebration Evening 2022 is on the new date of Wednesday, 6 April 2022. Awardee confirmation letters have been sent and seats will be reserved on the evening for all who have confirmed their attendance.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 19 January 2022, 15:45 -18:45. 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 to parents/carers w/b Monday, 10 January 2022. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

An advance notice: Celebration Evening 2022 is on the new date of Wednesday, 6 April 2022. Awardee confirmation letters have been sent and seats will be reserved on the evening for all who have confirmed their attendance.

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: students who study Creative iMedia and Hospitality and Catering will be sitting an external exam in these subjects on Monday, 10 January 2022 (Creative iMedia 14:00–15:15) and Wednesday, 12 January 2022 (Hospitality and Catering 14:00–15:30). Please note that these exams start at 14:00 and so will run over the end of the school day.

An advance notice: Celebration Evening 2022 is on the new date of Wednesday, 6 April 2022. Awardee confirmation letters have been sent and seats will be reserved on the evening for all who have confirmed their attendance.

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**SUBJECTS WE OFFER:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Applied Science (BTEC)</li> <li>Art</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Business</li> <li>Business (BTEC)</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Dance</li> <li>D&amp;T: Product Design</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>English Language</li> <li>English Literature</li> <li>Food Science and Nutrition (Level 3 Diploma)</li> <li>French</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Mathematics</li> <li>Geography</li> <li>German</li> <li>Health &amp; Social Care (BTEC)</li> <li>History</li> <li>Information Technology (BTEC)</li> <li>Law</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Philosophy &amp; Ethics</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>Psychology</li> <li>Sociology</li> <li>Sport (BTEC)</li> </ul>
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**THIS LED TO STUDENTS STUDYING:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounting and Finance</li> <li>BA (Hons) Drama and Musical Theatre</li> <li>Biological Sciences</li> <li>Biomedical Sciences</li> <li>Business</li> <li>Business and Marketing</li> <li>Business Management (Computer Hardware and Software Engineering)</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>Counselling Psychology</li> <li>Criminology</li> <li>Dance and Movement Studies and Education Studies</li> <li>Education Studies and Early Years</li> <li>Education Studies and Sports</li> <li>Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering</li> <li>English Language with English Literature</li> <li>Events Management</li> <li>Film Studies and Media</li> <li>Financial Economics</li> <li>History</li> <li>HND Biomedical Science</li> <li>Illustration</li> <li>Interior Design</li> <li>Journalism</li> <li>Law</li> <li>Law and Criminal Justice</li> <li>Logistics and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>Mathematics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>Media (with pathways)</li> <li>Media and Communication</li> <li>Mental Health Nursing</li> <li>Nursing</li> <li>Physics with Astrophysics</li> <li>Primary Education</li> <li>Psychology</li> <li>Social Care and Health Studies</li> <li>Sociology and Criminology and Criminal Justice</li> <li>Specialist Hair and Media Make-up</li> <li>Speech and Language Therapy</li> <li>Sport and Exercise Psychology</li> <li>Sports Journalism</li> <li>Tourism Management</li> </ul>
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**OR CAREERS IN:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Baratt Homes Quantity Surveying</li> <li>Boots Chemists</li> <li>Business Administration at Birmingham Children's Hospital</li> <li>Business and Administration with Autigo Services Ltd, Sutton Coldfield</li> <li>Business and Administration with the Civil Service Law Courts</li> <li>Cappgemini UK, Aston</li> <li>Chef - Jamie Oliver's Restaurant, Birmingham</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental Nursing</li> <li>Digital Marketing Apprenticeship, 3AAA at Custard Factory</li> <li>Care Worker</li> <li>Financial Services at Wesleyan, Birmingham</li> <li>Intersave</li> <li>KPMG Auditing</li> <li>Kuehne &amp; Nagel Freight &amp; Logistics, Erdington</li> <li>Weapon Systems Operator in RAF</li> </ul>
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"There is consistent practise in teaching, learning and assessment in Sixth form... Students fully support and value this way of learning." OFSTED 2019

At Fairfax Sixth Form we strive to meet our Academy motto: "Sinceritas Laboris: there is dignity in hard work" in every aspect of Academy life and the life beyond. We aim to **challenge and support** our students, in equal measure, to achieve the very best academic success and to ensure they take advantage of all the Academy has to offer in preparation for their future successes.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with Sixth Form please email:

[FFA-SIXTHFORM-OPTIONS@FAIRFAX.FMAT.CO.UK](mailto:FFA-SIXTHFORM-OPTIONS@FAIRFAX.FMAT.CO.UK)

Please see our online Sixth Form Prospectus for subject specific information

[WWW.FAIRFAX.BHAM.SCH.UK/ACADEMY-LIFE/SIXTH-FORM](http://WWW.FAIRFAX.BHAM.SCH.UK/ACADEMY-LIFE/SIXTH-FORM)

**APPLY ONLINE**

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

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: students taking external BTEC exams in January 2022 will receive an individual timetable for these exams during the last week of term. All information is available on our website.

An advance notice: Year 12 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 2 February 2022, 16:30 -19:30. 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 to parents/carers w/b Monday, 24 January 2022. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

An advance notice: Celebration Evening 2022 is on the new date of Wednesday, 6 April 2022. Awardee confirmation letters have been sent and seats will be reserved on the evening for all who have confirmed their attendance.

An advance notice: from the Spring Term 2022, the sixth form team will be using the students' school email account to notify them of key messages. All students have an email account through the school, and they should endeavour to log on through their Office 365, the link to which can be found at the bottom of the school's website page under 'external links'.

A reminder notice: please be advised that if your child wishes to visit a university open day during school time, they should collect a form from the Sixth Form Workroom to complete and be signed by you to give permission, in advance. We limit this to three visits in an academic term as most open days are at the weekends and they should avoid missing lessons wherever possible.

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An advance notice: the Year 13 Mock Examination Period commences on Monday, 10 January 2022. Students will receive a personalised timetable during the last week of term. Students taking external BTEC exams in January 2022 will also receive a separate timetable for these exams. All information is available on our website.

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