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Friday, 11 February 2022

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PTA Curry & Quiz

The PTA are hosting a Curry & Quiz evening on Thursday, 3 March 2022. Your support of this fundraising event would be welcomed. Tickets cost £7.50 per person, or £40 for a team of 6. Tickets are available on ParentPay. Please email ff-PTA@fairfax.fmat.co.uk with any queries.

Gardening Club Update

Since the successful launch of the Gardening Club in November, there are now established members who attend regularly on Tuesdays after school and on Thursdays lunch-time.

During the Autumn term, the students visited and explored the wooded area, and toured the landscaped garden around the school site. Students have participated in several activities:

- how to grow plants from cuttings
- learning about different types of plants (and designing their own imaginary plant for fun)
- planting up plants from cuttings, using pots and compost

The group have also designed a garden club logo, poster ad badge to officially launch and promote the club around the school.

The students are now preparing for the Spring and Summer outdoor planting seasons, and are currently putting together a Spring and Summer activities calendar.

We have cleared out the Gardening Club shed and taken stock of existing tools. We

have a shortage of certain important tools such as trowels and secateurs. We would very much welcome any donations of plants, certain garden tools, compost and gardening books. Please email ff-clubs@fairfax.fmat.co.uk if you can help.

If you are interested in joining the Gardening Club, please see Mr McCall (A22) or Mrs Samuels (A12).

COVID-19 Immunisations

An advance notice: please be advised that the second COVID-19 vaccinations are calendared for Tuesday, 1 March and Wednesday, 2 March 2022. Please can your child return his/her consent form to Student Support or Reception by Wednesday, 16 February 2022.



Who to Contact at the Academy with a Concern

Please be advised of the following points of contact:

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Head of Year:

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Year 11

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Assistant Head of Sixth Form:

Miss Gardner

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Gratitude Week

An advance note: w/b 14 February 2022 is Gratitude Week. Parents/carers who would like to thank a member of staff, please complete the gratitude form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/NGvWGx74ac> which closes at 18:00 on Thursday, 17 January 2022.

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.

Summer 2022 Examinations - Y11 and Y13

A reminder notice: please be advised that timetable overviews for the Summer 2022 examinations (Y11 and Y13) are available on the school website.

PE Lessons – Winter Months

A reminder notice: with the colder months now here, we kindly remind parents/carers that students are advised to wear the following to keep them warm during PE lessons:

- Girls are allowed to wear black base layers underneath their PE skort 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.

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 - Week Beginning 28 February 2022

Please be advised that CSAWS and school staff will be visiting the homes of those children who are absent, and whose parents have not informed us as to why this is, during the week of 28 February 2022. **During this focus week, first call home will not take place, but home visits will be conducted instead.**

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.

Contacting Reception

A reminder notice: thank you to parents/carers who have raised concerns about contacting reception. Please be advised that our telephone system has limited lines and there are times when the high volume of calls exceeds capacity.

Therefore, we kindly request that for non-urgent enquiries, please email post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk – this email address is monitored regularly, and voicemails are monitored every half an hour. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Local Community – Litter Dropping

A reminder notice: students are reminded to be respectful of their local community and environment and not drop litter either inside or outside the Academy. The Academy has received complaints from local residence with regard to litter dropping.

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 7 students will be participating in English and MFL activities. Year 7 House Rugby and Hockey 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.

A reminder 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.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 8 students in school will be participating in Mathematics activities, and attend a LGBTQ+ Mental Well-Being Performance.

A reminder 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.

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 9 students will be participating in Business & Computing, and Creativity & Design activities. Students will also attend a LGBTQ+ Mental Well-Being Performance during the day.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 10 students will be participating in Science activities and Inclusion PSHE sessions, and attend a Careers Event. Year 10 House Rugby, Hockey and Football 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.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 11 students will be participating in Philosophy & Ethics activities and 'Disrespect Nobody' PSHE sessions, and attend Careers Event. Senior House Chess, Spelling Bee, Table Tennis and Badminton 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.

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Mock GCSE Drama performances have been rescheduled to Wednesday, 16 February (Mr Sheppard's group) and Thursday, 17 February 2022 (Mrs Hunter-Stott's group), without an external audience. The Year 11 GCSE Drama examination performances have therefore also been moved to Thursday, 3 March and Friday, 4 March 2022.

An advance notice: the Year 11 Mock Examination Period commences on Monday, 7 March 2022. All information is available on our website. Students will receive a personalised timetable w/b 14 February 2022.

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Prom date and venue has now been confirmed as Tuesday, 28 June 2022, 19:00-22:00 at the SnowDome.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 12 students will be participating in CEIAG activities and attend a Careers Event. In addition, A level Mathematics students will be invited to a masterclass during the day. Senior House Chess, Spelling Bee, Table Tennis and Badminton 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.

A reminder notice: Y12 Work Experience 11-17 June 2022 – students have now received a login for the SIPS Education's business database to search for possible placements and should be actively seeking their work placement for June. Consent forms need to be in by Tuesday, 1 March 2022, and the work placement form is due by Thursday, 31 March. All queries should be directed to WEX@fairfax.fmat.co.uk, and students can speak with Mrs McGuire in the Sixth Form Centre.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: our second Enrichment Day is on Tuesday, 15 February and Year 13 students will be participating in CEIAG activities and attend a Careers Event. In addition, A level Mathematics students will be invited to a masterclass during the day. Senior House Chess, Spelling Bee, Table Tennis and Badminton 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.

A reminder notice: the Year 13 Prom date and venue has now been confirmed as Tuesday, 28 June 2022, 19:30-22:30 at Moxhull Hall.