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Further to our 'Respect Matters' Week, we will be reminding students about the values we think are really important and the skills that students need to be responsible young people in our community and good learners:

- Ambition
- Respect
- Kindness
- Safety

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 residents with regard to litter dropping.

Who to Contact at the Academy with a Concern

Please be reminded of the following points of contact:

Year 7

Head of Year:
Mrs Rose
s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Rainbow
r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 8

Head of Year:
Mrs Colbourne
j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Rainbow
r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 9

Head of Year:
Miss Dowell
m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Clark
g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 10

Head of Year:
Mr Ravenscroft
c.ravenscroft@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Clark
g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 11

Head of Year:
Ms Ahmed-Lockley
s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Year:
Mrs Barker
c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form:
Ms Gray
w.gray@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Assistant Head of Sixth Form:
Miss Gardner
j.gardner@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Making A Difference – Ukraine Crisis

It is hard not to have been moved by the scenes in the news over the past 7 days regarding the invasion in Ukraine, and many in our school community want to support the people caught up within this humanitarian crisis. We are so proud of our students and staff who have been working together this week to plan resources in order to:

- sensitively educate our students about what is happening in our world right now, and the importance to ensure information listened to is accurate.
- teach our students that even in the darkest situations in life, there is always hope. That even though we are far away in distance, we are one world and that each of us can make a difference. The humanitarian response so far has seen people from all over the world reaching out to support people that they have never met.

Next week we will be launching this within school with two ways for students and their families to get involved. Fairfax will be working with the Bearded Bros Community Group who are going to take a collection of key items to Ukraine – please see the attached list. If you are unable to donate items and still wish to support, you can donate on our JustGiving page which will be shared next week.

If your child needs any support around the current situation, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor in the first instance, and then their Assistant Head of Year. We are here to support each other.

Students can find more information about how to get involved by speaking to Mrs Williams, Ms Ahmed-Lockley, Miss Williams, Mrs Buckley and Miss Gardner.

#togetherwearestronger

#makingadifference

#makingfairfaxproud

Dance Evening

An advance notice: Fairfax look forward to welcoming dancers and their parents/carers to the Dance Evening on Wednesday, 16 March 2022, from 18:00 in the Hall.

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day 2022

An advance notice: there will be a fundraising day on Friday, 18 March 2022 for Comic Relief. Students will be able to donate £1 to wear their trainers to school and/or a red nose.

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 post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk with any queries.

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.

Punctuality

A reminder notice: punctuality is a very important aspect of life. This is a key focus for Fairfax Academy as we prepare our students for the world of work, where there will be high expectations of attendance and punctuality. Students who arrive later than their designated start time can expect to receive a same day after school detention.



E-Safety

Please see the attached E Safety Parent Carer Resource from Childnet International. More information and online resources can be found at: www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers.

Parent/Carer Calendar – Spring Term 2

Please see the attached updated parent/carers calendar for your information.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term 2

Please see the attached updated extra-curricular clubs for your information.

Careers Information

Please be advised that our careers information, advice and guidance section of our website [Careers information for students and parents/carers – Fairfax Academy](#) provides starting points for both post 16 and post 18 choices with a variety of resources including videos, general advice and the latest copy of the Labour Market Information Guide: MY WAY into the World of Work.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 7 students will be participating in Mathematics and CEIAG activities. Year 7 House Badminton and Table Tennis 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

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 8 students will be participating in Business & Computing and Creativity & Design activities. In addition, some students will be on their 'no consequence' reward trip with Mrs Colbourne.

A reminder notice: Year 8 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 15:45-18:45 in the Hall and 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 this week, and bookings open at 18:00 on Monday, 7 March 2022. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 9 students will be participating in either the DofE Bronze Practice Day Walk or Science activities in school.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: Year 10 HPV/MMR vaccinations will take place on Tuesday, 8 March 2022, for students who have already returned their consent form.

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 10 students will be participating in Humanities activities. In addition, some students will be on their 'no consequence' reward trip with Mr Ravenscroft.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Mock Examination Period commences on Monday, 7 March 2022. All information is available on our website, and students have received a personalised timetable.

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 11 students will be participating in English Speaking Assessments. Senior 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.

A reminder notice: please be reminded that timetable overviews for the Summer 2022 examinations are available on the school website.

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

An information notice: we are delighted to be working with Unifrog, the online careers platform that we will be using to support our students as we begin the move into the 'Futures Zone', this term. Unifrog was launched on our last Enrichment Day, where students were invited to log onto their account to begin using the tools that will assist them. Students who have not yet logged on, need to do so, and this information can be found on Show My Homework. More information about Unifrog and how it will be used can be found at this link: [PowerPoint Presentation \(fairfax.bham.sch.uk\)](https://www.unifrog.com).

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 12 students attend their normal timetabled lessons. Senior 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.

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

An advance notice: our third Enrichment Day is on Friday, 25 March 2022 and Year 13 students attend their normal timetabled lessons. Senior 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.

A reminder notice: please be reminded that timetable overviews for the Summer 2022 examinations are available on the school website.

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.

DONATION LIST

- First Aid Kits
- Dressings
- Compresses
- Plasters
- Bandages
- Wound disinfectants
- Burn gels
- Micropore tape
- Saline solutions
- Nasopharyngeal tubes
- Burn bands
- Thermal Blankets
- Sleeping bags (new or like new)
- Camping mats
- Blankets (new or like new)
- Nappies
- Adult nappies
- Sanitary towels
- Tampons
- Wet wipes
- Torches
- Flasks
- Thermal cups
- Camping stoves (without gas)
- Power banks
- Gloves (new)
- Hats (new)
- Warm socks (new)
- Thermal underwear/tops (new)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap (bars)
- Military ration food
- Ready camping meal pouches
- Tinned foods
- Instant meals
- Baby food
- Coffee
- Tea
- Sugar
- Salt
- Hot chocolate
- Long life milk
- Dried milk/ milk powder
- Energy bars
- High protein snacks or gels