

# INTHEKNOW

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## Art Exhibition

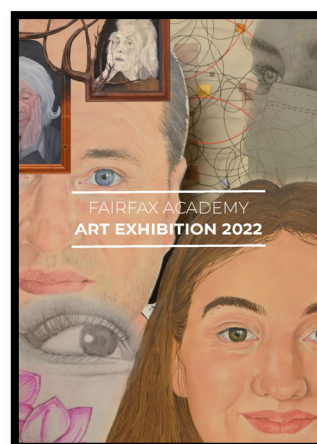
An advance notice: the Year 11 and Year 13 Art Exhibition will take place on Friday, 24 June at 16:00 in the school hall. We look forward to presenting the outstanding examination art pieces designed and created by our students. Please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

## Fairfax PTA

A reminder notice: the next PTA meeting is on Monday, 13 June 2022 at 18:00. Please email [ff-pta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-pta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

## Parent/Carer Calendar

Please find attached an updated copy of the parent/carers calendar for Summer Term 2



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## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. In previous academic years, 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.

### 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.

<b>95% ATTENDANCE</b> = 10 missed days = 50 lessons!	<b>5 MINUTES LATE PER DAY</b> = 3 lost days' learning per year	<b>AVOID BOOKING</b> holidays in term time
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## 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.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: Year 7 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 20 June and Thursday, 30 June in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

An advance notice: The GL Assessment Progress Test in English will take place on Friday, 1 July and in Mathematics on Friday, 8 July. An individual timetable will be issued in tutor time next week.

A revision information notice: All students have received a Mathematics topics list, and revision information and past papers are on Show My Homework. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with their Mathematics teacher. Revision books are available to purchase through ParentPay, the deadline for orders is Friday, 17 June 2022.

A reminder notice: Numeracy Colours – students are reminded to complete the form along with their entries to receive a badge. Students are asked to speak to their Mathematics teacher if they are not sure what they need to do to achieve their Numeracy Colours.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Year 8 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 20 June and Thursday, 30 June in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

An advance notice: The GL Assessment Progress Test in English will take place on Tuesday, 5 July and in Mathematics on Monday, 11 July. An individual timetable will be issued in tutor time next week.

A revision information notice: All students have received a Mathematics topics list, and revision information and past papers are on Show My Homework. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with their Mathematics teacher. Revision books are available to purchase through ParentPay, the deadline for orders is Friday, 17 June 2022.

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YEAR 9

An advance notice: Year 9 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 20 June and Thursday, 30 June in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

An advance notice: the GL Assessment Progress Test in English will take place on Monday, 4 July and in Mathematics on Wednesday, 6 July. An individual timetable will be issued in tutor time next week.

A revision information notice: All students have received a Mathematics topics list, and revision information and past papers are on Show My Homework. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with their Mathematics teacher. Revision books are available to purchase through ParentPay, the deadline for orders is Friday, 17 June 2022.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Year 10 Mock Examinations will take place between Monday, 20 June and Thursday, 30 June. Students will receive individual timetables with times and locations in tutor time next week. The timetable overview is available on the school website under Examinations Information.

A revision information notice: All students have received a Mathematics topics list, and revision information and past papers are on Show My Homework. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with their Mathematics teacher. Revision books are available to purchase through ParentPay, the deadline for orders is Friday, 17 June 2022.

YEAR 11

Important examination notice: please note that the GCSE Business and the Creative iMedia exam on Monday, 13 June and the GCSE Dance and Hospitality & Catering exams on Tuesday, 21 June begin at **1:00pm** (not 1:30pm). Please check your individual timetables carefully and arrive in good time for your exam.

An advanced notice: please be aware that subject teachers will be running online A Level/BTEC Level 3 taster sessions for students who have applied to Fairfax's Sixth Form on Monday, 27 June. These sessions will be on Teams and will be recorded so that students who are unable to attend the 'live' sessions can watch them at a time suitable to them. The sessions will introduce further detail about the topics studied in each subject at A Level/BTEC Level 3 and give guidance to students about some independent work they can be completing over the summer to prepare for their A Level/BTEC Level 3 studies. Further details will be sent home next week.

A reminder notice: we are looking forward to saying farewell in our leavers' assembly on Thursday, 23 June. Please use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/q7MCjfWwHf> to vote for each award category. Please note you will only be able to vote once! All votes must be made by Friday, 17 June at the very latest. Students who would like any photos of the year group displayed in our leavers' assembly, must have permission from everyone in the image, and then email photos to: [Y11photos@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:Y11photos@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A reminder notice: Year 11 Prom will take place at the Tamworth SnowDome on Tuesday, 28 June 2022. The evening will begin at 7:00pm and end at 10:00pm with students expected to leave the venue promptly at 10:00pm. It promises to be an excellent evening, and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of an era. Letters will be sent out soon, with payment information and further details.

An advance notice: If your child is considering taking A Level Mathematics next year we do have some introduction to A Level books available on ParentPay; however, ParentPay will close on Friday, 17 June 2022.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 25 August. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: it is Year 12 Work Experience Week from Monday, 13 June until Friday, 17 June 2022. Work experience commences for the majority of Year 12 students next week. We ask that if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend the placement, it is important that you notify the employer and us on the day of the absence. You should contact the Sixth Form on 0121 378 1288 and leave us a message by 08:15 on the day of absence. Students who do not have a placement are expected to be in school and will undertake independent study with sixth form staff in the workroom. Virtual work experience has also been arranged for the students, to give them a taste of the workplace.

A reminder notice: the Year 12 Geography Field Visit is from Monday, 20 June until Wednesday, 22 June 2022. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.

A reminder notice: the Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition is from Thursday, 1 July until Tuesday, 5 July 2022. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.

YEAR 13

Important exam notice: Please note that the A-Level Mathematics exam on 21 June begins at **1:00pm** (not 1:30pm). Please check your individual timetables carefully and arrive in good time for your exam.

A reminder notice: Year 13 Prom – the Leavers' Ball is at the Moxhull Hall on Tuesday, 28 June at 7:30pm and is by ticket only. It promises to be an excellent occasion. The function will end at 10:00pm and students must leave the venue by 10:30 pm at the latest.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 18 August. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.