

# INTHEKNOW

Thursday, 21 July 2022

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## **GRATITUDE WEEK**

Thank you for the overwhelming number of gratitude and kindness nominations received for students and staff at Fairfax this academic year, during our focus weeks.

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#wearefairfax

#bekind

## **Term Dates 2022-23**

Please be reminded of Fairfax's term dates for 2022-23.

### **Autumn Term 2022**

*(Training Day Monday, 5 September 2022)*

*(Training Day Tuesday, 6 September 2022)*

- Term Starts: Wednesday, 7 September 2022  
*(Training Day Monday, 3 October 2022)*
- Half Term: Monday, 24 October 2022 to Friday, 28 October 2022
- Term Ends: Friday, 16 December 2022

### **Spring Term 2023**

*(Training Day Tuesday, 3 January 2023)*

- Term Starts: Wednesday, 4 January 2023
- Half Term: Monday, 20 February 2023 to Friday, 24 February 2023
- Term Ends: Friday, 31 March 2023

### **Summer Term 2023**

- Term Starts: Monday, 17 April 2023  
*(Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May 2023)*
- Half Term: Monday 29, May 2023 to Friday, 2 June 2023
- Term Ends: Friday, 21 July 2023  
*(Training Day Monday, 24 July 2023)*  
*(Training Day Tuesday, 25 July 2023)*



### **Farewell to staff**

We would very much like to thank Mrs Harrison for her 32 years of commitment and service to Fairfax as a member of The Refectory Catering Team, and we wish her all the very best in her forthcoming retirement.

We say farewell too to Mrs Bunn today, our Academy Principal, and thank her for her invaluable leadership of Fairfax over 8 years; we very much wish her every success in her new post within the FMAT.

We thank and wish Mr Larkin, Mr Harwood, Mr Steeden, Mr Hill, Miss Reid, Mrs Kasirye, Mrs Lal, Miss Mir, Miss Barrow and Mrs Hill the very best as they also leave us today.

We thank all our staff for their commitment to Fairfax.

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## School Photographs

An advance notice: Year 7, 10 and 12 individual school photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 7 September 2022.

## Milestone Ladder – Merits

Please be reminded that due to ongoing technical difficulties, the merging of our previous and new rewards systems was significantly delayed during the Spring and Summer terms. However, we are pleased to share with you that all students who are owed milestone rewards have now received recognition for their achievements. This week, over 2000 individual rewards have been awarded in special assemblies and tutor time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Well done everyone! #makingfairfaxproud

## Statutory Relationships and Sex Education

In September 2021, the government introduced a new statutory relationships and sex education curriculum. The details about this can be found at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). It was made compulsory for all schools to deliver this from September 2021.

As part of this curriculum reform, Fairfax revised their Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy, and we have since reviewed this policy. The updated policy can be found in the 'Our Academy' section of our website.

If you wish to provide any feedback regarding the policy, please do so via the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nqH32wZAYf>.

## Uniform Standards

A reminder notice that Fairfax is committed to encouraging students to be the best they can be. We are ambitious for our students and are encouraging them to maintain the highest standards, as this will prepare them for life beyond school, in which there will be rules, routines, and policies. We have high expectations of our students in all aspects of school life and we want them to be proud of their school and of their achievements.

It is important to us that students wear the correct uniform with pride. We have always had high standards at Fairfax, which is often cited as a reason for parents choosing Fairfax for their children. We want to maintain those high standards and are asking for your support with this.

We would kindly remind parents/carers to purchase any new uniform according to our uniform standards for September 2022, and to continue to check their child's uniform daily to ensure that full school uniform is worn, and that 'not permitted' items are not worn or brought to school.

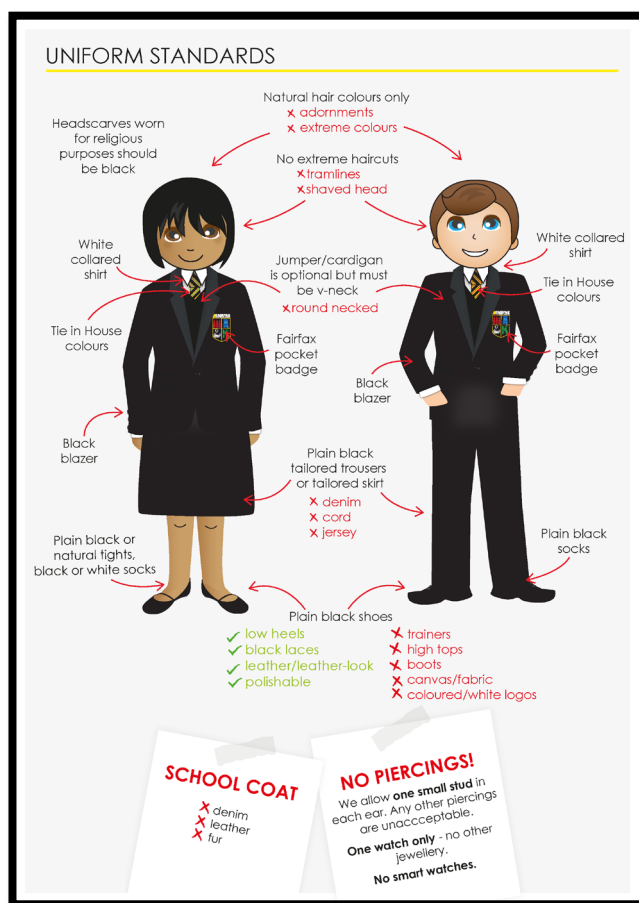
Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform in September; particularly:

- Tailored trousers and/or skirts
- Jumpers must be V-necked and plain black
- Correct school tie, according to House and key stage
- Polishable black shoes
  - **please refer to the recent letters from incoming Principal, Mr Sean Castle, regarding shoes**
- No visible facial piercings (clear studs must be worn instead)
- Only one ear stud in each ear
- No painted/false nails

Please also find attached a copy of the uniform list for reference.

## Fairfax PTA

An advance notice: the next PTA meeting is on Monday, 19 September 2022 at 18:00. Please email [ffpta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ffpta@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.



YEAR 6

An advance notice: Year 7 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 08:30, and should proceed to the Hall on arrival.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 7 Parent Information Evening at 18:00 on Monday, 4 October 2022 in the Hall. This will also be an opportunity to meet your child's House Tutor.

An advance notice: there will be a PTA Welcome for new parents at 19:00 on Monday, 4 October 2022 in the Hall, following on from the information evening.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: the Mathematics Faculty have set a small amount of 'summer holiday work' on MyMaths. This is optional, but we encourage students to complete the work, as it will help their new Mathematics teacher support them next year.

An advance notice: Year 8 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 11:25, and should proceed to their tutor room on arrival.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: the Mathematics Faculty have set a small amount of 'summer holiday work' on MyMaths. This is optional, but we encourage students to complete the work, as it will help their new Mathematics teacher support them next year.

An advance notice: Year 9 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 11:25, and should proceed to their tutor room on arrival.

An advance notice: Year 9 House Hockey and House Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 28 September 2022. Students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: the Mathematics Faculty have set a small amount of 'summer holiday work' on MyMaths. This is optional, but we encourage students to complete the work, as it will help their new Mathematics teacher support them next year.

An advance notice: Year 10 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 11:25, and should proceed to their tutor room on arrival.

An advance notice: Year 10 House Hockey and House Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 21 September 2022. Students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 10 Bronze DofE Parent Information Meeting at 17:00 on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 in the Hall.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: please refer to the recent letter from Mr Johnson regarding 'summer homework' in preparation for Year 11.

An advance notice: the Mathematics Faculty have set a small amount of 'summer holiday work' on MyMaths. This is optional, but we encourage students to complete the work, as it will help their new Mathematics teacher support them next year.

An advance notice from the Science & Technology Faculty:

- there will be a baseline test when students return in September. The details are on Show My Homework and the test will be based on the Y10 topics.
- Miss Brooks-Henderson has uploaded NEA (coursework/controlled assessment) support resources to Show My Homework. Students should make sure they are up to date as this will allow much more lesson time for exam preparation in Year 11.
- Child Development students need to complete their summer homework task on RO19 LO2 Room 2 Equipment for the nursery. Students have paper copies of resources as well as electronic copies on Show My Homework to support their work. The completed work will need to be submitted to their teacher on their return to school in September.

An advance notice: Year 11 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 11:25, and should proceed to their tutor room on arrival.

## YEAR 11

An advance notice: there will be a Year 11 Silver DofE Parent Information Meeting at 17:30 on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 in the Gym.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 11 Parent Information Evening at 18:00 on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 in the Hall.

An advance notice: Senior House Hockey and House Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 14 September 2022. Students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: Year 12 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 08:30, and should proceed to the Diamond Suite on arrival.

A reminder notice: Year 11 Results Day for GCSE and Level 2 vocational qualifications will take place on **Thursday, 25 August 2022, between 08:30 and 09:30**. If a student is unable to attend results day in person and wishes to send a nominated family member/friend to collect their results, they must bring a short note with them signed by the student stating that they have their permission to collect on their behalf. Please note that we are not allowed to release results to anyone else without written permission. If you will be away during results day, please contact [FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) to make us aware as soon as possible.

An advance notice: Senior House Hockey and House Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 14 September 2022. Students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 12 Gold DofE Parent Information Meeting at 18:00 on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 in the Gym.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 12 Parent Information Evening at 18:30 on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 in the Hall.

## YEAR 12

A reminder notice: all Year 12 students who wish to make a UCAS application, must ensure that their application is on the system and all sections with the exception of the personal statement and university choices are completed.

A reminder notice: all Year 12 Mathematics students have received personalised feedback from the end of year exam and milestones, with specific topics students need to work on. In addition, the Mathematics Faculty have set a small amount of 'summer holiday work' on MyMaths. This is optional, but we encourage students to complete the work, as it will help their new Mathematics teacher support them next year.

An advance notice: Year 13 will start school on Wednesday, 7 September at 11:25, and should proceed to their tutor room on arrival.

An advance notice: Senior House Hockey and House Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 14 September 2022. Students who want to represent their House should see their Head of House or Assistant Head of House.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 13 Gold DofE Parent Information Meeting at 17:00 on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 in the Gym.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 13 Parent Information Evening at 17:30 on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 in the Hall.

## YEAR 13

A reminder notice: Year 13 Results Day for A Level and Level 3 vocational qualifications will take place on **Thursday, 18 August 2022, between 08:30 and 09:30**. If a student is unable to attend results day in person and wishes to send a nominated family member/friend to collect their results, they must bring a short note with them signed by the student stating that they have their permission to collect on their behalf. Please note that we are not allowed to release results to anyone else without written permission. If you will be away during results day, please contact [FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) to make us aware as soon as possible.