



# INTHEKNOW

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## **ARKS – The Fairfax Way**

### **#wearefairfax**

Fairfax strongly believes in our key values of Ambition, Respect, Kindness and Safety – this is **The Fairfax Way**. We are proud of Fairfax's standards and expectations. This term we will be focusing on positive relationships through conversations, interactions, lessons and assemblies. Highlights of this work will be shared via our social media channels.

## **Remembrance Day 2022**

A reminder notice: there will be a whole school remembrance event on Friday, 11 November 2022. If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, such as Cadets or Scouts, and wishes to wear their uniform for this event, please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for the attention of Mrs Mace.

## **Children In Need 2022 – Friday, 18 November 2022**

An advance notice: there will be a fundraising day on Monday, 21 November for Children In Need. Students will be able to donate £1 to wear an England shirt, or equivalent, for the first World Cup match. This must be worn with normal school trousers/skirt and shoes.

## **Attendance Matters**

Well done to our students whose attendance has been high. A reminder that attendance should be 97% at least. Attendance improves achievement! Excellent attendance will be rewarded! Please support Fairfax in maintaining a high level. Please contact the Academy before 08:30 each day of absence.

## **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.

### **Fairfax PFTA**

An advance notice: the next PTA meeting is on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 18:00. Please email [ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.



### **MY CHILD AT SCHOOL Parent App**

A reminder notice: the new parent app, 'My Child At School', has now been launched. Please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) if you are having any difficulties accessing the app.

You can also contact your child's Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year via email.

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Head of Year 8	Ms Ahmed-Lockley	<a href="mailto:s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Rainbow	<a href="mailto:r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 9	Mrs Colbourne	<a href="mailto:j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 10	Miss Dowell	<a href="mailto:m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Clark	<a href="mailto:g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
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Assistant Head of Year	Mrs Barker	<a href="mailto:c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Miss Gardner	<a href="mailto:j.gardner@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">j.gardner@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
SEND CO	Mrs Corbett	<a href="mailto:k.corbett@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">k.corbett@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
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### **Anti-bullying Policy**

A reminder notice: Fairfax does not tolerate any form of bullying, and will act to support anyone in our community who experiences bullying; the 'bully' will also receive intervention support. Please tell someone if you or someone you know is experiencing bullying. Parents/carers can find a copy of our updated policy on our website: [Policies and Procedures – Fairfax Academy](#) for further detail. Please contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year using the email addresses above, if you have any concerns.



### **The Eisteddfod – Myths and Legends**

Thank you to all our students who entered the programme cover competition. The winners will be announced next week.

A reminder notice: The Eisteddfod performance evenings are on:

Wednesday, 14 December* (Stratford and Warwick)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances
Thursday, 15 December (Coventry and Kenilworth)	18:00 Displays	18:30 Performances

Tickets are priced at £6.50 and are available for parents/carers to purchase from 18:00 on Friday, 2 December on ParentPay. The Eisteddfod is a very popular event and so tickets are limited to 2 per family to help ensure that as many people as possible are able to see the event.

**\*Please be advised that in the event of a possible World Cup Semi-Final football match, featuring England, on Wednesday, 14 December, the performance evening for Stratford and Warwick will take place on Tuesday, 13 December. This will be confirmed on Wednesday, 30 November.**

### **Uniform Notice**

Parents/carers are kindly reminded that students are responsible for keeping their own personal belongings safe, and Fairfax would discourage students from wearing or using expensive branded coats or bags.

### **Aerosols Reminder**

A reminder notice: aerosols are NOT permitted in school. Students should not bring in aerosols to use in PE and instead, if they require additional deodorant or anti-perspirant during the school day, a roll on can be used. There are a number of students in school with asthma, whose triggers are aerosols, and the use of aerosols can and will lead to a severe asthma attack. Any aerosols used/found in school will be confiscated and taken to student support. A confiscated aerosol will need to be picked up by the student at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Wet and Cold Weather**

A reminder notice: during wet and cold weather, we would ask that you equip your child with a waterproof coat and/or umbrella in order to ensure they are able to have a break outside. We know that being in the fresh air benefits well-being. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year.

### **PE Lessons – Winter Months**

A reminder notice: with the colder months ahead, we kindly remind parents that students are permitted to wear the following to keep them warm during PE lessons:

- Girls are allowed to wear black base layers under their House polo shirt, along with the optional mid layer
  - 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, an optional mid layer is permitted.

### **PE Lessons – Footwear**

Please be reminded that school shoes are not to be worn as PE trainers within PE lessons. Outdoor trainers should be worn in line with the Academy's Uniform Policy. Consequences will be issued to students who do not comply.

### **PRIDE Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend our next PRIDE Meeting on Wednesday, 10 November 2022 15:00-16:00 in A24. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Mrs Lam or Mrs Williams.

### **School Council Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend our next School Council Meeting on Thursday, 17 November 2022 15:00-16:00 in the Library. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Ms Lowell or Mrs Williams.

### **Equalities Group Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend the next Equalities Group Meeting on Tuesday, 22 November 2022 15:00-16:00 in the Library. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Miss Gardner or Mrs Williams.

### **Extra-Curricular – Rugby Training**

Further to the extra-curricular overview shared in September, please be advised that there are some changes to rugby training evenings:

Year 7	Thursday and Friday	(Mr Williams)
Year 8	Wednesday	(Mr Williams)
Year 9	Thursday	(Mr Hetherington)
Year 10	No training this term	
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Tuesday	(Mr Williams)

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: Year 7 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A Mathematics notice: Year 7 will receive MyMaths letter w/b Monday, 7 November, and work has already been set which your child is encouraged to complete. In addition, we encourage students to own their own calculator. To support this, we have a limited stock of calculators available via ParentPay, at a special rate.

A Humanities notice: new blazer colours for Humanities activities are now available to students, please collect an application form from Miss Lawley (G4) or speak to your Humanities teacher for more information.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: from January 2023 **ALL** students in **ALL** year groups are expected to wear shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

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YEAR 10

A reminder notice: from January 2023 **ALL** students in **ALL** year groups are expected to wear shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A Business notice: GCSE Business revision guides are now available to purchase on ParentPay at the discounted rate of £2.70 each.

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YEAR 11

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A reminder notice: Year 11 Mock Examinations will take place between Monday, 7 November and Friday, 18 November 2022. An overview timetable is available on the school website under 'Examination Information'. Students are reminded to ensure that they bring a black pen and pencil to each exam. Calculators and Mathematics equipment will be provided. Water bottles must be clear with labels removed and not feature any patterns or writing. Students have received an individual timetable with times and locations of each exam next week.

A reminder notice: our annual Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 18:00-20:00. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening. Doors open at 17:45. The Principal Talks are at 18:00 and 18:45 in the Hall. The online application form on our website opens on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.

An advance notice: Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 30 November, 15:45 -18:45 and will take place 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 will be sent w/b 21 November 2022. Bookings open on Monday, 28 November at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about Parents' Evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

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YEAR 12

A reminder notice: Unifrog logins for Year 12 have been emailed, and all students need to ensure they log on.

A reminder notice: due to the announcement by UCAS that their Discovery Exhibitions that are held at Birmingham NEC have moved to Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 17 June 2023, we have moved the week of work experience to the Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 June 2023, so that we will be able to organise for students to attend the exhibition. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and if your child has already organised their work placement, please ask them to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team.

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A reminder notice: students should ensure that their UCAS application includes their three current subjects. Predicted grades are being requested from subject teachers and students should discuss their grades with their subject teachers.

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