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The Eisteddfod Myths and Legends

Congratulations to Warwick House, winners of The Eisteddfod Myths and Legends 2022! Thank you to all the staff and students who worked incredibly hard last term. It was overwhelming to see the excellent displays of creative individual entries and outstanding performances on the stage. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Term Dates Reminder

Spring Term 2023

Spring Term 1 Wednesday, 4 January – Friday, 17 February 2023
Half-term Monday, 20 February – Friday, 24 February 2023
Spring Term 2 Monday, 28 February – Friday, 31 March 2023

Farewell and welcome to new staff

We wish Mr Davie, Mrs Essex, Miss Faruque, Mrs Meakin, Dr Quigley, Mrs Revell and Mr Hussain, who left Fairfax at Christmas, all the very best and thank them for their commitment to Fairfax.

We welcome the following new staff who have joined us this January:

- Miss Bolton (Teacher of Science)
- Ms Cheng (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Donaghy (Teacher of Food)
- Miss Gannaway (Cover Supervisor)
- Mr Hill (Subject Leader for Physics)
- Mr Johns (Minibus Driver/Attendance Support)
- Mrs Parveen (Teacher of English)

Summer 2023 Exam Timetable

A reminder notice: the examination timetable overview for Summer 2023 is now available on the school website under Our Academy>Examination Information. Please note that the exam boards have confirmed two contingency afternoons on Thursday, 8 June and Thursday, 15 June as well as a full contingency day on Wednesday, 28 June 2023. All students must remain available on these dates in the event that an exam has to be rescheduled.

Heads of House Information

Please be advised that you can contact your child's Head of House or Assistant Head of House, via email, with any House participation queries or concerns.

Coventry Head of House	Miss Blake	c.blake@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Temporary Coventry Assistant Head of House	Miss Kalsi	n.kalsi@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Kenilworth Head of House	Mrs Hunter-Stott	k.hunterstott@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Temporary Kenilworth Assistant Head of House	Miss Williams	holly.williams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Stratford Head of House	Mr Porter	m.porter@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Stratford Assistant Head of House	Miss Sutton	s.sutton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Warwick Head of House	Mr Carty	t.carty@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Warwick Assistant Head of House	Mrs Day	v.day@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Attendance Matters

Well done to our students whose attendance has been high since September. 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 08:00 each day of absence.

Attendance Office

Please be reminded that you can contact the attendance office and Attendance Manager – Miss J O'Connor via email: ff-attendance@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

Attendance CSAWS

Please be reminded that CSAWS (Central School Attendance and Welfare Service) may conduct a home visit if your child is absent and their attendance is a concern.

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.

Equalities Group Meeting

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend the Equalities Group Meetings each Thursday lunchtime in C7, from Thursday, 12 January 2023. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Miss Gardner or Mrs Williams.

PRIDE Meeting

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend our next PRIDE Meeting on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 15:00 in C18. 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, 26 January 2023 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.

Heads of Year Information

Please be reminded that you can contact your child's Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year via email.

Head of Year 7	Mrs S Rose	s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year 7	Mr R Rainbow	r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Head of Year 8	Ms S Ahmed-Lockley	s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year 8	Mrs C Byfield	c.byfield@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Head of Year 9	Mrs J Colbourne	j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year 9	Mrs L Parry	l.parry@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Head of Year 10	Miss M Dowell	m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year 10	Mr G Clark	g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Temporary Head of Year 11	Mr A Sheppard	a.sheppard@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year 11	Mrs C Barker	c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Directors of Faculty Information

Please be advised that you can contact your child's Director of Faculty, via email, with any curriculum queries or concerns.

Director of Business & Computing Faculty	Mr B Hewitt	b.hewitt@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Director of English & MFL Faculty	Mrs K Ford	k.ford@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Acting Director of Humanities Faculty	Miss R Lawley	r.lawley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Director of Mathematics Faculty	Miss A Ashton	a.ashton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Director of PE & Performance Faculty	Mrs K Palmer	k.palmer@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Director of Science & Technology	Mrs L Jackson	l.jackson@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
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Careers Notice

Unifrog Platform – Helping Students find their Future

A reminder notice: Unifrog is an online platform that Fairfax has invested in which encompasses all post 16 and post 18 option choices. It is impartial and user friendly and helps students to make the best choices for their future.

Fairfax PTFA

An advance notice: the next PTFA meeting is on Monday, 9 January 2023 at 18:00. Please email ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

YEAR 7	A reminder notice: Year 7 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.
YEAR 8	A reminder notice: Year 8 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.
YEAR 9	<p>A reminder notice: Year 9 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.</p> <p>An advance notice: the Year 9 Options Briefing is on Tuesday, 24 January 2023 at 18:00 in the hall.</p> <p>An advance notice: the Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 1 February 2023, 15:45 -18:45. 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 to parents/carers w/b Monday, 23 January 2023. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.</p>
YEAR 10	A reminder notice: Year 10 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.
YEAR 11	<p>A reminder notice: Year 11 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the 2023 Sixth Form Online Application Form is live on our Academy website. The deadline for applications is Friday, 10 February 2023. Please visit www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form.</p> <p>A reminder notice: Year 11 IT (Creative iMedia) students have an official external exam (worth up to 25% of the course) on Monday, 9 January 2023. The exam is on Unit R081 Pre-production skills.</p>

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: Year 12 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A 'Your Futures' notice: to support the year 12 students in their decision making for post 18, we would appreciate it if each student would complete the survey form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/e3a2vJbmUB>. We require this information by Friday, 6 January 2023.

A reminder notice: Year 12 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 18 January 2023, 16:30 -19:30. 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 to parents/carers w/b Monday, 9 January 2023. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: Year 13 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: Year 13 mock examinations will start on Friday, 6 January and run until Friday, 13 January. The timetable overview is now available on the school website under Our Academy>Examination Information. Students will receive an individual timetable with exact timings and locations next week in tutor time. Please ensure that you bring a black pen and pencil with you to all exams. Mathematical equipment and calculators will be provided. As many of these exams have long durations, there is one morning exam session (start time 08:40-09:10) and a second afternoon session which starts at 13:30 (13:00 on one day). This is similar to how exams are structured in the Summer. Students who have an afternoon exam will be excused from Period 4, so that they can have a lunch break before their afternoon exam.

A reminder notice: Year 13 BTEC ICT students have an external exam on Monday, 23 January 2023. The exam is on Unit 1 Information Technology Systems. This unit has the heaviest weighting in the course.

A reminder notice: please be advised that if your child wishes to visit a university open day during school time, they should collect a form from the Sixth Form workroom to complete and be signed by you to give permission, in advance. We limit this to three visits in an academic term as most open days are at the weekends and they should avoid missing lessons wherever possible.