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Friday, 13 January 2023

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Anti-bullying Policy

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. Please contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year if you have any concerns.

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.

Parking Notice

A kindly reminder to parents/carers to please refrain from parking dangerously and blocking roads/driveways when dropping off their children outside school. Please be considerate of other drivers and local residents.

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.

AMBITION. RESPECT. KINDNESS. SAFETY.

Tell someone!

If someone hurts or upsets you or another person. If someone makes you or another person feel uncomfortable.

If someone you know is behaving in an unsafe way that might put themselves or others at risk of harm.

If you or another person is in a relationship that is not healthy.

You must tell a member of staff or an adult you trust.

We will listen to you.

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Equalities Group Meeting

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend the Equalities Group Meetings each Thursday lunchtime in C7. 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, 8 February 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, 16 February 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.

Fairfax PFTA

An advance notice: there will be a 'Surprise – Prize – Bingo' PFTA event on Thursday, 9 March 2023 from 19:00. Please put this date in your diary, more information will follow in due course. We hope many parents/carers will support this fundraising event for the students at Fairfax.

PTFA Easter Raffle

An advance notice: there will be a PTFA Easter Raffle w/b 27 March 2023. Prize donations for prizes are welcomed, please email ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk for details.

Parent/Carer Calendar

Please find attached an updated copy of the parent/carers calendar for the Spring Term.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please find attached an updated copy of the extra-curricular clubs for the Spring Term.

Forward Thinking Birmingham Sleep Hygiene Session

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the FTB Mental Health Awareness session this week. Please be advised that another session on about Sleep Hygiene will take place on Thursday, 16 February 2023.

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

A reminder notice: Year 9 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: the Year 9 Options Briefing is on Tuesday, 24 January 2023 at 18:00 in the hall.

A reminder notice: on Monday, 30 January 2023 the school nurse vaccination team will be coming into school to administer the HPV vaccinations. Your child previously received a consent form from their tutor. If you have any queries please email post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

A reminder 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.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: Year 10 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

An advance notice: Year 10 Mid-Year Assessments in English and Mathematics will take place from Thursday, 16 February until Friday, 17 February 2023. Individual student timetable providing information on exact timings, exam venue and seat number for each assessment will be issued in due course.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: Year 11 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A Mathematics notice: Year 11 students will soon be receiving their pinpoint booklets. These are personalised question booklets based on students' weaker areas of understanding from their mock exam. These also give the password to access the answers. Please can students see their mathematics teacher if there are any queries or concerns. Students will also receive a topic by topic strengths and weaknesses overview.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 11 'Severn Trent' Science Event taking place on Wednesday, 25 January 2023 in the Hall, during normal Year 11 Science lessons.

An advance notice: there will be a Year 11 Parent Information Evening at 18:00 on Tuesday, 31 January 2023 in the Hall.

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.

YEAR 12

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

A reminder notice: Year 12 Work Experience will run from Monday, 19 June until Friday, 23 June 2023. If students have not returned the consent forms for work experience, this form needs to be returned to Mrs Davis in the sixth form workrooms as soon as possible before Friday, 31 March. Students should be actively seeking their work placement. CEIAG sessions in registration are aimed at supporting the students make the right choices for their work placements.

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 has been sent this week. Bookings open on Monday, 16 January at 18:00. If you have any concerns or 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 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.