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Friday, 27 January 2023

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New Catering Provider

'Academy' - A Leading Education Catering Specialist

From Wednesday, 1 February 2023 The Refectory Team will be led by a new education catering provider called 'Academy'. There will be a three-week menu cycle and a range of hot and chilled meals including deli offers, grab and go products, theme and concepts events throughout each week. Further information from 'Academy' will be emailed to parents/carers in a separate communication.

Detentions

A polite reminder that schools and academies have the right to detain students for breaches of the School Behaviour Policy. Schools do not have to give parents/carers notice of after-school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given. As a courtesy, Fairfax will send a text message to inform you by 14:30 each day. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions/discipline>.

Fairfax PTFA

A reminder notice: there will be a Surprise 'Prize' Bingo PTFA event on Thursday, 9 March 2023 from 19:00. Tickets will be available on ParentPay at £12.50 per person. The ticket price includes a curry, rice and naan meal and your three bingo sheets for the evening. World Challenge students will be selling 'Sweet Treats' for dessert on the evening. We hope many parents/carers will support this fundraising event for the students at Fairfax. Please email ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk with any queries.

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.

Violence Against Women and Girls

(VAWG) Assemblies and tutor time this week have focussed on VAWG, to inform and educate students.

In addition, the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership Team (VRP) came into school on Monday to run a violence reduction session with some of our students. These sessions will be run throughout the remainder of the year, so that we can offer this opportunity to as many students as possible.



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

To support our strong stance on anti-bullying, all students received their second anti-bullying assembly of the year during assemblies last week. Throughout the year, we will continue to raise awareness through assemblies, tutor time and guidance lessons to ensure that Fairfax is a safe place to be for all students.

Parent/Carer Calendar

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

House Charity Week 2023

The charities we are supporting together across all Houses are:

- Young Minds
- The Food Bank Donation Station at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
- The Daniel Baird Foundation – Public Access Bleed Control Kits

Events taking place at Fairfax:

- Thursday, 2 February – students are encouraged to bring Food Bank Donations to the hall at break and lunchtime
- Thursday, 2 February – students can carry out Personal Sponsorship Challenges, however, advance approval from your Head of House is needed
- Friday, 3 February – 'Charity Challenge: Castle v. Hetherington' – a limited number of tickets for this event will be sold on ParentPay for £2.50 from Monday, 30 January – and the event will be in the hall starting at 13:10, for ticket holders only. There will also be a tuck shop in the hall, so ticket holders can bring coins to spend!
- If you have any other fundraising ideas, please speak to your Head of House.

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.

The poster is for 'HOUSE CHARITY WEEK 2023' and features a bright yellow background. At the top, the title 'HOUSE CHARITY WEEK 2023' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, there are two calendar-style date cards: 'THURSDAY 02 FEBRUARY' and 'FRIDAY 03 FEBRUARY'. To the right of the Thursday card, there are two white rectangular boxes with text: 'Bring your Food Bank donations to the HALL at break and lunchtime.' and 'Carry out your Personal Sponsorship Challenge (you must get approval from your Head of House in advance)'. Below the Friday card, there is a large black box with the text 'CHARITY CHALLENGE CASTLE V HETHERINGTON' in yellow and white, followed by 'IN THE HALL STARTING AT 1:10PM FOR TICKET HOLDERS ONLY' and 'LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT!'. To the right of this box, there are two red rectangular boxes with white text: '*Tickets will be sold on ParentPay from Mon, 23 Jan £2.50' and 'There will be a tuck shop in the Hall so bring coins with you!'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a black box with the text 'If you have other fundraising ideas, please speak to your Head of House.' and the Fairfax logo 'FAIRFAX SINCERITAS LABORIS'. To the right of the logo are three small circular logos: 'Food Bank Donation Station', 'The Daniel Baird Foundation', and 'YOUNG MINDS fighting for young people's mental health'.

Local Community – Litter Dropping

A reminder notice: students are reminded to be respectful of their local community and environment and not drop litter either inside or outside the Academy. The Academy has received complaints from local residence with regard to litter dropping.

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.

Forward Thinking Birmingham Sleep Hygiene Session

Please be reminded that a session on Sleep Hygiene will take place on Thursday, 16 February 2023.

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)

6-12 February 2023

National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for the education and skills sector to celebrate the achievements of apprentices around the country and the positive impact they make to communities, businesses, and the wider economy. The week is used to raise the profile of apprenticeship and to educate both parents and students of the opportunities available to them.

In school to raise the profile of this week we are hosting a daily virtual assembly for every House group. An email with further details and outlining a series of online webinars and video's that can be registered for, will be sent to parents/carers separately today. Each day on the career Instagram page @FFXCAREERS there will be new apprenticeships advertised.



YEAR 7

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

A reminder notice: Year 7 students participating in the Year 7 House Swimming Gala Trials on Monday, 6 February 2023, should meet in The Refectory at the start of Period 4. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.

An advance notice: Forward Thinking Birmingham will be back in school on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 to deliver assemblies to our Year 7 students on the topic of bullying.

If you have any queries or concerns please email Mrs Rose s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk or Mrs Whittam z.whittam@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

A reminder notice: Year 7 students attending the Symphony Hall CBSO KS3 Concert on Wednesday, 8 February 2023, should meet in The Refectory at the start of Period 3. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.

An advance notice: Year 7 Parents' Evening is on the new date of Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 15:45 - 18:45. Please be advised 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, 13 March 2023. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 8

A reminder notice: Year 8 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

An advance notice: Forward Thinking Birmingham will be back in school on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 to deliver assemblies to our Year 8 students on the topic of bullying.

If you have any queries or concerns please email Ms Ahmed-Lockley s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk or Mrs Byfield c.byfield@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

An advance notice: Year 8 Parents' Evening is on the new date of Wednesday, 8 March 2023, 15:45 - 18:45. Please be advised 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, 27 February 2023. If you have any queries about Parents' Evening please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

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: Thank you to parents/carers who attended the Options Briefing this week, the Year 9 Options process is now underway. The Principal's presentation and all subject information sheets are available on our website: <https://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/year-9-options-2/>. Please note that a link to the options form will be emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

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 the new date of Wednesday, 8 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, 30 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.

A reminder notice: Year 10 Mid-Year Assessments in English and Mathematics will take place from Thursday, 16 February until Friday, 17 February 2023. Students will sit an additional assessment in Philosophy & Ethics during their period 1 lesson on Wednesday, 15 February. Students will receive an individual timetable in tutor time next week which provides information on exact timings, exam venue and seat number for each assessment. Replacement timetables will be available on request from the Examinations Office.

A Mathematics notice: to help support our students in their Mid-Year Mathematics Assessment, topic lists and practice papers are on Show My homework, we also have additional tasks on MyMaths.

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.

A reminder 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.

An advance notice: students will receive a copy of their provisional statement of entry for Summer 2023 examinations at the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 31 January (or in tutor time next week for those unable to attend). This document lists the subjects which the student will be entered for in the Summer 2023 exam series. Please check this document carefully to confirm that the subjects and information listed are correct and inform the exams office of any concerns no later than Tuesday, 7 February. Please forward any queries regarding exam entries to FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

An advance notice: the Year 11 Prom date and venue has now been confirmed as Thursday, 29 June 2023, 19:00-22:00 at the SnowDome.

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: we would be very grateful to receive your feedback by clicking on the link below to complete our questionnaire <https://forms.office.com/e/qM63fBja0x>.

An attendance and punctuality notice: as we start a new term, we would like to remind our students of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Sixth Form students are expected to maintain the Academy standard of 97% attendance throughout the year. Attendance data is monitored and students who fall below the standard will be seen by the sixth form team. Punctuality is another important quality and we remind students that they should be at the form rooms promptly for a 08:30 start.

An advance notice: on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 there will be a Y12 A Level Mathematics AMSP Event in the hall 09:30-12:00. Please refer to the information letter from Miss Ashton for further details.

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 13 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

An attendance and punctuality notice: as we start a new term, we would like to remind our students of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Sixth Form students are expected to maintain the Academy standard of 97% attendance throughout the year. Attendance data is monitored and students who fall below the standard will be seen by the sixth form team. Punctuality is another important quality and we remind students that they should be at the form rooms promptly for a 08:30 start.

An advance notice: on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 there will be a Y13 A Level Mathematics AMSP Event in the hall 13:00-15:00. Please refer to the information letter from Miss Ashton for further details.

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.

An advance notice: students will receive a copy of their provisional statement of entry for Summer 2023 examinations in tutor time next week. This document lists the subjects which the student will be entered for in the Summer 2023 exam series. Please check this document carefully to confirm that the subjects and information listed are correct and inform the exams office of any concerns no later than Tuesday, 7 February. Please forward any queries regarding exam entries to FF-Exams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

An advance notice: the Year 13 Prom date and venue has now been confirmed as Thursday, 29 June 2022, 19:30-22:30 at Lea Marston Hotel & Spa.