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Friday, 31 March 2023

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Summer Term 2023 Dates Reminder

Summer Term I Monday, 17 April – Friday, 26 May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday, 8 May 2023

Half-term Monday, 29 May – Friday, 2 June 2023

Summer Term II Monday, 5 June – Friday, 21 July 2023

Farewell and welcome to new staff

Fairfax wish Miss Averley, Ms Bradley, Miss Stanley and Mrs Williamson, who are leaving Fairfax, all the very best and thank them for their commitment to the school.

Also, we would very much like to thank Mrs Evans, a Teaching Assistant with nearly 15 years of service to Fairfax, and we wish her all the very best in her forthcoming retirement.



We welcome the following new staff, who have joined us this term, or will be joining us after the Easter break:

- Mr Ashford (Subject Leader of Music)
- Mr Bradnick (Teacher of English)
- Miss Jackson (English Coach)
- Mr Jolaosho (Mathematics Coach)
- Miss Jones (KS3 Leader of English)
- Mrs Kasirye (Teacher of Food)
- Ms Rai (Sixth Form Supervisor and Administrator)

Routines for Learning

A reminder that this half term we are reinforcing our 'Routines for Learning', that is how we enter classrooms, settle down without disruption, complete the 'Do it Now' activity and engage in the lesson. These routines have been shared in tutor time to set out our expectations for the benefit of all. We cannot allow a minority of students to disrupt the learning of the majority who want to learn. Our routines also focus on behaviours around the site, with reinforcement on littering and respect of the school and each other. We would kindly ask parents/carers to continue to discuss the 'Routines for Learning' with their child/children to reiterate the importance of being ready to learn, and we thank you in advance for your support.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform in order to support us to maintain high standards.

In particular:

- Tailored trousers and/or skirt (**not tight fitting**)
- Plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan (**no sweatshirts or hoodies**)
- Blazer and tie (**to be worn at all times**)
- School shoes (**not trainers**)
- No jewellery (**one pair of stud earrings only**)
- No facial piercings (if students have a nose ring, it needs to be a clear, invisible one)

PTA Spring Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Spring Raffle. The winning tickets have been selected today, by the PTFA Chair Mrs Brittan, and the winners will be notified shortly.

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 08:00 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.

Punctuality

A reminder notice: all students are expected to have arrived for registration by 08:30 each day. Any student arriving after this time will be considered late to school. Students who arrive after 09:15 without a valid reason, e.g. medical appointment, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the AM session only. To notify us that your child will be late to school, please telephone 0121 378 1288, press option 1 and leave a voicemail stating a valid reason for the lateness. We ask for your support in reminding your child of the importance of punctuality and the need to ensure enough time is given in order to travel to school each morning. **Please be advised that, from the start of next term, the third instance of lateness and any lateness after this during a half term, will result in a 60 minute after-school detention.**

Detentions

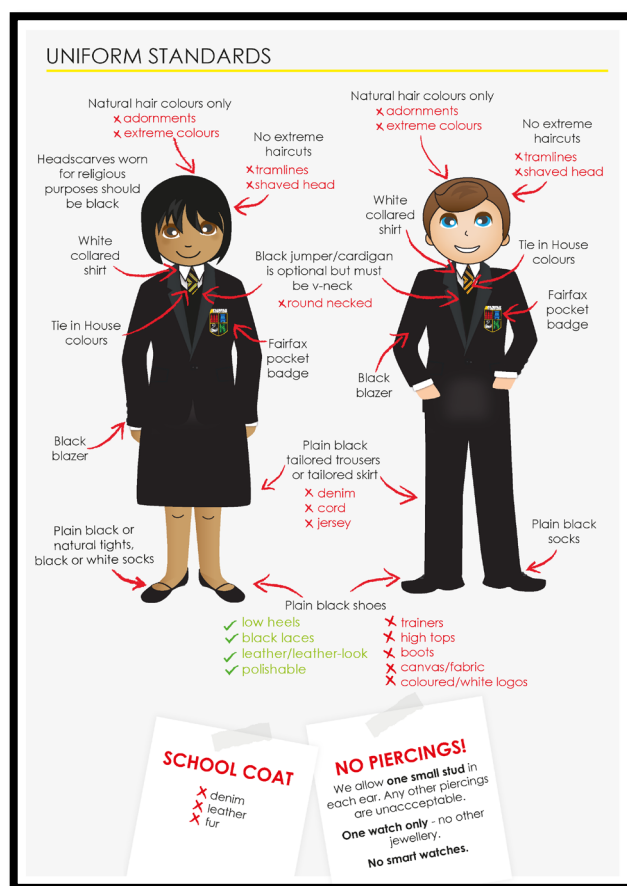
A polite reminder that schools and academies have the right to detain students for breaches of the School Behaviour Policy. Schools do not have to give parents/carers notice of after-school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given. As a courtesy, Fairfax will send a text message to inform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

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 in C18 on Wednesday, 26 April 2023. 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, 4 May 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.

Careers Update

This half term there have been several Careers Events:

- Year 9 met with a vast range of employers to 'Guess their Job'!
- A group of Year 10 girls were invited to attend an International Women's Day Webinar conducted by the Crown Prosecution Service. The webinar focussed on 'Women in Law' with the Chief Prosecutor leading the way.
- A group of Year 8 and Year 10 students were invited by their Head of Year to take part in a F2D (Free 2 Dream) workshop run by Dan and Mark. Students put their design and business skills to the test by designing a hoodie, which will be manufactured and given back to each student once made.
- Year 11 have also had the opportunity to ensure they have their plans in place for when they leave Year 11, by attending an application workshop hosted by BMET college.

Next term plans include an Oxford University visit for some Year 9 students, and a 'Meet the Professional' event at which Year 10-13 will have the opportunity to listen and ask questions about particular career pathways. If any parent/carer would like to share their career journey, then please get in touch with Mrs Knowles by email to p.knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.



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.

Who to Contact at the Academy with a Concern

Please be reminded of the following points of contact:

Year 7

Head of Year:
Mrs Rose
s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Rainbow
r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 9

Head of Year:
Mrs Colbourne
j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year:
Mrs Parry
l.parry@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 11

Head of Year:
Mr Sheppard
a.sheppard@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year:
Mrs Barker
c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 8

Head of Year:
Ms Ahmed-Lockley
s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year:
Mrs Byfield
c.byfield@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Year 10

Head of Year:
Miss Dowell
m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Year:
Mr Clark
g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form:
Ms Gray
w.gray@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Assistant Head of Sixth Form:
Miss Sutton
s.sutton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Directors of Faculty

Miss Ashton – Mathematics
a.ashton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Mrs Ford – English & MFL
k.ford@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Mr Hewitt – Business & Computing
b.hewitt@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Mr Hill – Science & Technology
a.hill@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Miss Lawley – Humanities
r.lawley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Mrs Palmer – PE & Performance
k.palmer@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

SEND

Mrs Corbett – SENDCO
k.corbett@fairfax.fmat.co.uk
Miss Panesar – Assistant SENDCO
a.panesar@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Administration Manager

Mrs Duvern
s.duvern@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Attendance Manager

Miss O'Connor
j.oconnor@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Keeping Safe – School Holidays

Please be reminded of the following services that are there to give support and guidance if you have concerns or need advice. #besafe

HELP & SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The services below are there to give support and guidance if you have concerns or need advice.



INFO AND ADVICE

We're here for you, whatever's on your mind. We'll support you. Guide you. Help you make decisions that are right for you.

NSPCC

CALL THE NSPCC HELPLINE
If you are worried about a child, even if you are unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help, advice and support.

Call us **0808 800 5000**
Between 9am and midnight.
or email help@nspcc.org.uk.



**BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST**

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Call: **0121 303 1888**

Monday to Thursday:

8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

YOUNGmINDS

If you are a worried parent

Call: **0808 802 5544**

If you are a young person
who needs help or support

Text: **YM to 85258**



BSWA

Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid

Confidential Helpline:

0808 800 0028

Men's Advice Line

for male domestic abuse survivors

0808 801 0327

Refuge

For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

The freephone,
24-hour National
Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247



post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Do you have
concerns about
a child?



If you have immediate concerns for a child and are unable to contact any of the relevant authorities above, call West Midlands Police on **999**

YEAR 7

There are no Year 7 notices.

YEAR 8

There are no Year 8 notices.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: the postponed Year 9 'Taster' Bronze DofE Practice Walk will now take place on Monday, 26 June for F half students, and Tuesday, 27 June for X half students. Updated letters will be sent after the Easter break, please contact Mr Hobbs (PE Office) with any queries.

YEAR 10

There are no Year 10 notices.

YEAR 11

An advance notice: an Easter School, by invitation only, will run from Tuesday, 11 April – Friday, 15 April 2023. Invitation letters will be emailed this week with further information.

A reminder notice: please be reminded that timetable overviews for the Summer 2023 examinations are available on the school website.

A reminder 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: the Year 12 Mock Examination Period will run between Monday, 17 April and Friday, 21 April 2023. The overview timetable is available on the website under Examination Information. Students have now received their individual timetables. Students are reminded to ensure they bring a working black pen and pencil to all exams. Mathematical equipment and calculators will be provided.

A reminder notice: Y12 Work Experience 19-23 June 2023 – students have received a login for the SIPS Education's business database to search for possible placements and should be actively seeking their work placement for June. The work placement form is due by today, Friday, 31 March. All queries should be directed to WEX@fairfax.fmat.co.uk, and students can speak with Miss Davies in the Sixth Form Centre.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: we are delighted to be taking part in the Sutton Schools' Debating Competition at The Arthur Terry School on the new date of Thursday, 20 April at 18:00. Support of our team is always welcome, and we look forward to seeing our debating team in action.

An attendance notice: as we approach the final months of sixth form for Year 13, please be reminded of the importance of attendance and punctuality. If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the sixth form supervisors on 0121 378 1288 (ext. 3260), and leave the name of the student, reason for absence and when you expect them to return.

A reminder notice: please be reminded that timetable overviews for the Summer 2023 examinations are available on the school website.

A reminder notice: the Year 13 Prom date and venue has now been confirmed as Thursday, 29 June 2023, 19:30-22:30 at Lea Marston Hotel & Spa. Payment needs to be made on ParentPay before Thursday, 27 April 2023.