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Friday, 28 April 2023

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Table Cricket Regional Tournament

Congratulations to our Table Cricket Team who represented Fairfax in the Regional Table Cricket Tournament this week, coming first and winning the position of West Midlands' representative in the National finals at the Lord's Cricket Ground.

Captain Humzah, along with Joal, Oliver, Sam, Lilly-Anna, Cao and Jorah, won all three group games to go into the final against a very strong team from Shropshire. They then won the final by only THREE runs! So close! Well done to everyone!



'Coronation' Red, White and Blue Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 5 May 2023

An advance notice: there will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 5 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, and to fundraise for The Prince's Trust [The Prince's Trust | Start Something \(princes-trust.org.uk\)](http://The Prince's Trust | Start Something (princes-trust.org.uk)), who provide help and support to young people. Students will be able to pay £1 to wear their own red, white and blue clothes. Please use your ParentPay account to donate.

There will also be a fundraiser cake sale for students at break time in the Trophy Foyer.

School Telephone Lines – Technical Issues

We have been experiencing technical issues intermittently with our telephone lines and we are aware that some parents/carers have found it difficult to contact the Academy at times. Our lines are also often busy; if you are unable to speak to a Receptionist, please leave a voicemail and a member of staff will return your call as soon 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.



Fairfax are working in partnership with EqualiTeach, to implement an 'Equally Safe' project, and plans have commenced this term. We look forward to working with our students and parent/carers to ensure all stakeholder views are considered in this important project. In addition, student 'Anti-Bullying Ambassador' training is being scheduled this half-term alongside the 'Equally Safe' project.

Inclusion Award

At Fairfax we are extremely proud of our inclusive practices, and the progress our students make. We are always looking at ways of improving this and as such we are currently working on gaining an Inclusion Award to celebrate.

For further information please contact the SEND team: Mrs Williams, Mrs Corbett and Miss Panesar.

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)

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

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Assistant Head of Year:

Mrs Parry

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Year 11

Head of Year:

Mr Sheppard

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Assistant Head of Year:

Mrs Barker

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Year 8

Head of Year:

Ms Ahmed-Lockley

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Assistant Head of Year:

Mrs Byfield

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Year 10

Head of Year:

Miss Dowell

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Assistant Head of Year:

Mr Clark

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Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form:

Ms Gray

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Assistant Head of Sixth Form:

Miss Sutton

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Directors of Faculty

Miss Ashton – Mathematics

a.ashton@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Mrs Carty – Humanities

r.carty@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Mrs Ford – English & MFL

k.ford@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Mr Hewitt – Business & Computing

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Mr Hill – Science & Technology

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Mrs Palmer – PE & Performance

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SEND

Mrs Corbett – SENDCO

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Miss Panesar – Assistant SENDCO

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Administration Manager

Mrs Duvern

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Attendance Manager

Miss O'Connor

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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 reminded that 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, 17 May 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.

Parent/Carer Calendar – Summer Term 1

Please see the attached parent/carers calendar, updated for the Summer Term.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Summer Term 1

Please see the attached lunchtime and after school clubs, updated for the Summer Term.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: Year 7 students will participate in a Mental Health and Resilience Workshop on Friday, 5 May 2023 as part of their personal development programme.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Year 8 students will participate in a Mental Health and Resilience Workshop on Friday, 5 May 2023 as part of their personal development programme.

YEAR 9

A reminder 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 in due course, please contact Mr Hobbs (PE Office) with any queries.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Year 10 students will participate in the 'Meet The Professional' event on Thursday, 11 May 2023, as part of their careers education programme.

A Mathematics notice: Year 10 students will shortly receive their personalised pinpoint booklet. This booklet identifies weaker areas of understanding from their mid-year mocks. Answers and videos are available on the pinpoint website and passwords will be issued in due course.

YEAR 11

An advance notice: Year 11 students will participate in the 'Meet The Professional' event on Thursday, 11 May 2023, as part of their careers education programme.

An advance notice: Examination Leave – the main examination period begins on Monday, 15 May 2023. Year 11 students are expected to continue attending all of their lessons and tutor time until May half term. This is to support students with their preparations for each exam and to help relieve some of the pressure of having to do too much revision without support. A letter with further details about study leave will be sent to parents/carers shortly.

A reminder notice: Year 11 students have received personalised timetables for all of their examinations; a full examinations timetable is also available on the Academy website. Morning examinations begin at 9:00am. Afternoon examinations begin at 1:30pm. As there are some variations to these start times for specific exams/students, students should refer carefully to their individual timetables for exact start times for each exam. Students will be expected to be outside their examination venue at least 10 minutes before the start of an examination. Students will be allowed to leave Period 4 early if they have an afternoon examination, to ensure that they have enough time for their lunch.

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Prom date has been confirmed as Thursday, 29 June 2023, 19:00-22:00, and entrance is by ticket only. However, due to renovation works at the SnowDome a new venue, Brook Marston, has been booked.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 24 August 2023. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.

YEAR 12

An advance notice: Year 12 students will participate in the 'Meet The Professional' event on Thursday, 11 May 2023, as part of their careers education programme.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Year 12 Information Evening on Tuesday, 25 April, this week. A PDF of the slides used in the presentation has been added to the Parent Information area on the Academy website.

A reminder notice: Students who have been entered for BTEC exams in the Summer 2023 exam series should have received a timetable with the date, times and location of their exams. Please check these details carefully. Students will be expected to be outside their examination venue at least 10 minutes before the start of an examination. Students will be allowed to leave Period 4 early if they have an afternoon examination, to ensure that they have enough time for their lunch.

An advance notice: Year 12 Senior Team Applications wanted – our Senior Prefect team is an integral part of Fairfax's Sixth Form. We are looking for the next team of students to take on the mantle. As a member of the Senior Prefect Team you will be responsible for specific areas of school life, including teaching and learning; charity and events; Sixth Form facilities and student welfare.

The Senior Team roles include: Head Student/Boy/Girl, Deputy Head Students and Senior Prefects. Students will be considered for the specific roles as indicated on their application. However, all students will be considered for a role as a Senior Prefect. The application form can be found on Show My Homework. The deadline for applications is Friday, 19 May 2023 at 15:00.

An advance notice: Year 13 students will participate in the 'Meet The Professional' event on Thursday, 11 May 2023, as part of their careers education programme.

An advance notice: Year 13 Leavers' Day – study leave begins on Tuesday, 16 May 2023. As is traditional, we will be saying farewell to our students on that day. As requested by the students, fancy dress will be acceptable, but students must be aware that the costumes should be appropriate for a school setting. Students should arrive at 09:00 via Gate 1 and come to the canopy area where staff and students will have the opportunity to say their farewells before the exam season begins. It is our intention that all students should be off site by 10:50.

An advance notice: Examination Leave – students will be on exam leave from Tuesday, 16 May but staff will be available during timetabled lessons for students to attend revision sessions. All students must sign in when they return to the school site for revision sessions and sign out when they leave. Students will be welcome to use the study rooms; however, these are silent work areas and therefore must be used for study only.

An advance notice: it is vital that students return all books, and other materials belonging to the school and obtain an official leaving form from the Sixth Form Office. This must be done by Monday, 26 June 2023.

A reminder notice: Students should have received their individual timetable in tutor time or a copy may be collected from the Sixth Form Centre. These documents should be referred to for exact start times and locations, particularly if students have exam clash arrangements. Timetable overviews for the Summer 2023 examinations are available on the Academy website. It is the responsibility of students to ensure they attend all examinations on the correct day, at the correct time and in the correct location. Morning exams begin at 09:00. Afternoon exams begin at 13:30. As there are some variations to these start times for specific exams/students, students should refer carefully to their individual timetables for exact start times for each exam. Students are expected to arrive 10 minutes before the exam begins and correct school uniform should be worn on all occasions.

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, and entrance is by ticket only. Tickets are still available until Friday, 5 May 2023. It promises to be an excellent occasion. The function will end at 22:00 and students must leave the venue by 22:30 at the latest.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 17 August 2023. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.