



# INTHEKNOW

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## **Anti-bullying Ambassadors**

A reminder notice: Fairfax does not tolerate any form of bullying, and will act to support anyone in our community who experiences bullying; the 'perpetrator' 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 EqualTeach, 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. We will share further updates on their work in future editions of In The Know.

Our new student Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are pictured right following their recent training.

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## **Kindness Counts Week**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Kindness Counts Week, with kind words and acts of kindness throughout the week!

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## **'National Thank a Teacher Day'**

**21 June 2023**

A reminder notice: parents/carers/students who would like to thank a member of staff for National Thank a Teacher Day are able to do so at [National Thank A Teacher Day 2023 - Thank a Teacher.](#)

## **Fairfax PTFA**

A reminder notice: the next PTFA meeting is on Monday, 5 June 2023 at 18:00.

Please email [ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

## **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, 14 June 2023. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Mrs Lam or Mrs Williams.

MEAL DEALS	
MENU	PRICE
<b>MAIN COURSE</b> served with vegetables or salad, a selected dessert or fruit pot and water or juice. <b>AVAILABLE AT LUNCHTIME 13:25-14:00</b> <b>HOT FOOD OPTION</b>	£2.30
<b>SANDWICH, SALAD POT OR WRAP</b> served with selected dessert or fruit pot and water or juice. <b>AVAILABLE AT BREAKTIME 11:00-11:25</b> <b>AVAILABLE AT LUNCHTIME 13:25-14:00</b> <b>COLD FOOD OPTION</b>	£2.30
<b>FILLED TOASTED BAP</b> served with selected dessert or fruit pot and water or juice. <b>AVAILABLE AT BREAKTIME 11:00-11:25</b> <b>HOT FOOD OPTION</b>	£2.30
<b>PASTA WITH SAUCE</b> served with selected dessert or fruit pot and water or juice. <b>AVAILABLE AT LUNCHTIME 13:25-14:00</b> <b>HOT FOOD OPTION</b>	£2.30
<b>JACKET POTATO</b> (with 1 or 2 fillings) served with selected dessert or fruit pot and water or juice. <b>AVAILABLE AT LUNCHTIME 13:25-14:00</b> <b>HOT FOOD OPTION</b>	£2.30
<small>Food Allergies &amp; Intolerance If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance please speak to a team member before you order your food or drinks.</small>	

### **School Council – NEW Lunchtime Meeting**

An advance notice: all students are invited to attend our next School Council Meeting on Tuesday, 6 June at lunchtime in the Library. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Ms Lowell or Mrs Williams.

### **Atalian – The Refectory**

The Refectory's new provider, Atalian, is currently working with the School Council to gather views regarding cost and choice. Students can share their views via <https://forms.office.com/e/HqizwkG7w>.

The 'Meal Deals' overview is pictured to the left, and it shows what students can buy as a 'Meal Deal' each day. Students can also buy individual items separately to the 'Meal Deal'.

### **Careers Update**

It has been a busy period for Careers in the last couple of weeks. On Thursday, 11 May, we held our 'Meet The Professional' event and on Thursday, 18 May, a group of Year 9 students visited Oxford University. It was a great privilege to invite into our school professionals from a range of different career sectors for 'Meet The Professional' and we thank all our visitors for supporting this event.

The visit to Oxford University, was to inspire students to aspire! We were welcomed at Christ College and had a tour of one of the oldest colleges dating from 1546. Lunch was served in the dining hall which impressed the students as this particular dining hall

was the origin for Harry Potter movies. Students had the opportunity to speak to university undergraduates about their experiences of studying at such a prestigious establishment. The visit ended with a tour of Oxford and one of the newer colleges 'Keble', which was built around 1870.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day, which was made even better by the beautiful sunshine!

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### **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)

### **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](mailto: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>.

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: please be advised that Mrs Rose has moved to work with Year 6 students and their transition in readiness for September. Mr Ravenscroft is now leading the Year 7 team and will be your child's Head of Year 8 in September 2023. Mr Rainbow will continue as Assistant Head of Year. Mr Ravenscroft can be contacted by email [c.ravenscroft@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:c.ravenscroft@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A Mathematics notice: we are now using Sparx as an online learning platform. All parents/carers should have received a letter with links on how their child can log on. It is important that students work through the practice homework on Sparx. In addition, revision materials, including links, for your child's end of year Mathematics assessment are on Show My Homework. Orders for any revision guides or workbooks close on ParentPay on Friday, 9 June 2023.

An advance notice: Year 7 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 19 June and Thursday, 29 June in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

YEAR 8

A Mathematics notice: we are now using Sparx as an online learning platform. All parents/carers should have received a letter with links on how their child can log on. It is important that students work through the practice homework on Sparx. In addition, revision materials, including links, for your child's end of year Mathematics assessment are on Show My Homework. Orders for any revision guides or workbooks close on ParentPay on Friday, 9 June 2023.

A reminder notice: Year 8 HPV vaccinations will take place on the rearranged date of Friday, 9 June 2023, for students who have returned their consent form.

An advance notice: Year 8 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 19 June and Thursday, 29 June 2023 in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

YEAR 9

A Mathematics notice: we are now using Sparx as an online learning platform. All parents/carers should have received a letter with links on how their child can log on. It is important that students work through the practice homework on Sparx. In addition, revision materials, including links, for your child's end of year Mathematics assessment are on Show My Homework. Orders for any revision guides or workbooks close on ParentPay on Friday, 9 June 2023.

An advance notice: Year 9 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 19 June and Thursday, 29 June in lessons. Please see Show My Homework for more information.

	<p>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 have been sent, please contact Mr Hobbs (PE Office) with any queries.</p>
YEAR 10	<p>A Mathematics notice: we are now using Sparx as an online learning platform. All parents/carers should have received a letter with links on how their child can log on. It is important that students work through the practice homework on Sparx. In addition, revision materials, including links, for your child's end of year Mathematics assessment are on Show My Homework. Orders for any revision guides or workbooks close on ParentPay on Friday, 9 June 2023.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the Y10 DofE Bronze Expedition is from Friday, 9 June until Saturday, 10 June 2023. Please refer to the invitation letter for further details.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the Y10 Geography Field Visits to Carding Mill are calendared on Monday, 12 June and Tuesday, 13 June 2023. Please refer to the invitation letter for further details.</p> <p>An advance notice: Year 10 Mock Examinations will take place between Monday, 19 June and Thursday, 29 June. Students will receive individual timetables with times and locations in tutor time after half term. The timetable overview will also be available on the school website under Examinations Information.</p>
YEAR 11	<p>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, at the new venue of Brook Marston.</p> <p>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.</p>
YEAR 12	<p>A reminder notice: the Y12 Geography Field Visit to North Wales is calendared on Tuesday, 3 June until Thursday, 5 June 2023. Please refer to the invitation letter for further details.</p> <p>A reminder notice: it is Year 12 Work Experience Week from Monday, 19 June until Friday, 23 June 2023. Work experience commences for the majority of Year 12 students. We ask that if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend the placement, it is important that you notify the employer and us on the day of the absence. You should contact the Sixth Form on 0121 378 1288 and leave us a message by 08:00 on the day of absence. Students who do not have a placement are expected to be in school and will undertake independent study with sixth form staff in the workroom. Virtual work experience has also been arranged for the students, to give them a taste of the workplace.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the UCAS Discovery event at the NEC is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 June 2023. This event gives students the opportunity to meet with representatives from universities, apprenticeships, employers and public services. If you would like your child to attend this event please ensure that they return the consent form to Mrs Rai and that they sign up for their ticket via the link sent to their school email address before Friday, 9 June 2023.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition is from Saturday, 1 July until Thursday, 6 July 2023. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.</p>
YEAR 13	<p>A reminder 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.</p> <p>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 &amp; Spa, and entrance is by ticket only. 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.</p> <p>A reminder notice: the Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Actual Expedition is from Saturday, 1 July until Thursday, 6 July 2023. Please refer to the visit letter for further details.</p> <p>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.</p>