# Fairfax Sixth Form

Sean Castle Principal





- We are the founding school of Fairfax Multi Academy Trust and our core values drive what we do at the school:
  - Excellence We strive for the highest quality in all that we do
  - Dedication We believe there is dignity in hard work and effort
  - Ambition We want the very best for our students and we want our students to want the best
  - Integrity We believe in openness and honesty
  - Tradition We believe in the value of manners, courtesy and respect

## Why choose Fairfax at 16?

- Opportunities beyond the classroom
- The breadth of subjects
- Structure and expectations
- Outcomes and futures
- Pastoral support



# Why a sixth form and not a college

- You have more established relationships with teachers.
- We will know your study habits and support your progress.
- Any concerns you have had during your KS4, we know about these and we support you, even if you are from another school.
- In the sixth form, this support increases, and you have people on hand to support you.

# Opportunity

### A wealth of opportunities and activities

House System

O Creative Arts

**O** Sports

- House Captains
- Sports Captains
- School Council
- Forms Reps
- Eisteddfod
- Prefect
- Senior Prefect
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- World Challenge
- Peer Mentoring
- Social Club
- Lead Learners
- Super Sums
- Reading Buddies
- Debate Team
- EPQ



#### Head Boy and Head Girl Henry Revell and Libby Roberts



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Wendy Gray Assistant Principal, Post 16 Education

# Breadth

### Our offer & entry requirements

- Almost 30 subjects offered
- Breadth of A Level and Vocational
- Five grade 4+ including English and Maths
- Subjects have separate criteria (for example to study A Level Maths you need a grade 7 in GCSE Maths)
- Staff available for enquiries this evening.
- \*New subjects this year: Computer Science, English Language & Literature, BTEC Music Technology\*

N.B. all courses are subject to group size viability

#### Sixth Form Subject Blocks for 2024-2025

Students are to choose three subjects for their application.

Students can only select one subject within a block.

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Except where specified, access to our sixth form will be available to students who have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4, at GCSE, including English and Mathematics at grade 4.

Students should not choose to study both Economics and Business Studies at A Level due to the similarities in the examination content.

| Block A          | Block B             | Block C                   | Block D                        | Block E               |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Biology          | Accounting          | Art                       | BTEC Applied Science           | Business              |
| Computer Science | History             | English Literature        | English Language and           | Chemistry             |
| Economics        | Philosophy & Ethics | BTEC Health & Social Care | Literature (Combined)<br>Drama | Dance                 |
| German           | Physics             | Mathematics               | French                         | Design Technology     |
| BTEC IT          | Psychology          | Sociology                 | Geography                      | English Language      |
| Psychology       | BTEC Sport          |                           | Law                            | BTEC Music Technology |
|                  |                     |                           | Psychology                     | Sociology             |
|                  |                     |                           |                                |                       |

# Structure

### Expectations

- We have high expectations of student behaviour
- This enables our teachers to teach and allows our students to thrive in all aspects of school life in an environment where they feel safe
- We are a large organisation and we have clear guidelines
- This allows for excellent teaching from established staff
- Familiarise yourselves with the behaviour policy, code of conduct and CP policy on our website in advance of making your choice





Charles Kettering

### Structure

- Two workrooms equipped with computers and laptops
- Supervised and private study to promote excellent learning behaviours and develop independent learning
- Experienced teachers to guide learners
- Development of independence through home study

# Pastoral

### Pastoral Care



We offer a complete package of pastoral and careers support starting with Y13 senior prefect team with buddies. We have the Head of Sixth Form with the Assistant Head of Sixth Form; the Learning and well-being mentor and Supervised study staff. No other school has so many staff working solely with the sixth form.

## Why join this sixth form?

- In addition to the three chosen subjects, Fairfax students will also undertake the Personal Learning and Development Programme throughout their two-year course.
- We want you to leave Fairfax with the skills, virtues and experiences that will help to give you the confidence and ability to pursue your goals. We deliver this character education through our ARKS (Ambition, Kindness, Respect and Safety) values.
- You enter our Personal Learning and Development Programme which supports you all the way through your sixth form life.
- Opportunity to take the Extended Project Qualification which gives you extra points for UCAS and can even support you in getting a lower offer from the universities.

Everything we do which develops you as a person comes under this programme and includes our PSHE and Careers programmes.

# Outcomes

| Destination 2022-2023 |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Total                 | %    |
| University            | 63%  |
| Apprenticeship        | 5%   |
| Degree Apprenticeship | 4%   |
| Gap Year              | 4%   |
| Employed              | 13%  |
| Not in Education      | 4%   |
| Unknown destination   | 2%   |
| College               | 4%   |
|                       | 100% |

### Links



- We have links with a wide range of providers who support our students in their decision making., but our newest link has real-life benefits for our students.
- Ø Birmingham City University work with our students from year 7 onwards and their Accelerate programme also includes a lower offer for their courses for our students.

# Sinceritas Laboris

- Excellent outcomes at both KS4 and KS5
- High quality teaching from experienced staff
- A positive culture of hard work and success
- We are proud of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form and we would be delighted to welcome you to our school following your GCSE success.



#### WE ARE UNIQUE #wearefairfax

At Fairfax Sixth Form we recognise the importance of a Post 16 experience that includes more than qualifications.

Join us to experience our unique provision which includes OPPORTUNITIES to:

LEAD

PARTICPATE

COMPETE

PERFORM

COLLABORATE

as a member of our senior team

FAIRFAX SINCERITAS LABORIS

MOTIVATE as one of our House Captains

in our annual Eisteddfod Creative Arts Festival

through our World Challenge and Discover Adventure expeditions

in our new weekly sports afternoon

through our musical and performing arts provision

THRIVE by joining the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme through direct gold entry



**GO BEYOND QUALIFICATIONS** 





### Tomorrow, we go live!

The application form and all information about the sixth form offer is on the school website: <u>Apply for Fairfax Sixth Form – Fairfax Academy</u>



Apply on our website. Academy Life/6<sup>th</sup> Form

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