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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: FAIRFAX SIXTH FORM SUCCESS

I am delighted to share some exceptional news with you about our sixth form provision at Fairfax Academy.

This week newly released national performance tables from the Department for Education confirmed that Fairfax has been named the **number one mainstream sixth form in Birmingham for student progress**.

Our A Level students outperform their peers nationally, achieving on average one grade higher in each of their three subjects. An outstanding 86% of students secured their first-choice university place last year, and this year we have students holding offers from some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including the University of Cambridge.

These outcomes place Fairfax:

- Number one mainstream sixth form in Birmingham
- In the top 5% of schools nationally for progress
- Number one in the country for Accounting and Finance
- Top 1% nationally for Chemistry
- Top 3% nationally for Law

With a Progress Score of 0.38 — the highest of all mainstream schools in Birmingham, Fairfax ranks 125th nationally out of 2,553 schools. This places us firmly in the top 5% across the country.

Following our best-ever A Level results last summer, where over 50% of students achieved A–B grades and a record number of A* grades, this recognition validates the relentless commitment of our students, staff and families. It is a collective achievement built on teamwork, ambition and belief.

What makes me most proud are the stories behind the statistics. Students speak about the tailored support they receive, the seamless transition into sixth form, and the inclusive culture that enables them to flourish. Some have improved by as many as four grades during their time with us. Others speak about the impact of mentoring, strong relationships and teachers who go above and beyond to ensure every young person succeeds.

Our recent 2024 Ofsted inspection recognised Fairfax as Outstanding for leadership and personal development, and Good in all other areas — a reflection of the culture and high standards that underpin this success.

At Fairfax, we believe that success is not accidental. It is the result of hard work, high expectations and mutual respect.

As parents and carers, your partnership with us is crucial. We ask that you continue to:

- Support excellent attendance and punctuality
- Uphold our behaviour expectations and reinforce respect at home
- Encourage consistent effort, independent study and resilience
- Work with us professionally and positively when challenges arise

When students commit to hard work and demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for their learning, extraordinary outcomes follow.

The number one sixth form in the city is not reserved for a select few. It is here, within our own academy. Every student in our lower school can aspire to that destination. The habits they build now, discipline, commitment and integrity, are the foundations that will one day enable them to walk into our sixth form and thrive.

We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and excited for what's ahead. As a united school community, we'll continue making Fairfax a place where young people exceed their own expectations. With your support — and with our recent national recognition, including the Wellbeing Award and our new ADHD/Neurodiversity School Award — we hope you can see the strength of what we're building together and the results it's already delivering.

We can't always please everyone, and our standards may feel high to some. But I never ask more of students than I ask of my own children, and those who commit to that journey are seeing the benefits and reaping the rewards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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