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Respect Matters Week

Advance Notice: During the week beginning 23rd March 2026, we will be marking Respect Matters Week.

Throughout the week, students will take part in assemblies and tutor-time activities centred on the theme of *respect* and what it means to be truly *respectful* within our school community.

Staff will also be highlighting everyday examples of positive behaviour, encouraging students to recognise how small actions can make a big difference to the wellbeing of others.

There will be opportunities for classes to reflect on how respect shapes our relationships, our learning environment and the wider community. We look forward to a thoughtful and engaging week that reinforces the values we aim to demonstrate every day.

#BeRespectful





British Sign Language Week – Non-Uniform Day

To support British Sign Language week, and help raise money for Sense Sign School teaching and learning pack, there will be a non-uniform day for students on the final day of term, Friday 27th March 2026. The theme is to “Wear Something Blue”.

Please make payment of £1 via ParentPay.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming into our Library from Monday 23rd March to Thursday 26th March 2026.

Years 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their allocated Reading lessons. All students can visit the fair in the Library during break, lunch and after school.

The Book Fair will feature new releases but also some classic novels that everyone knows and loves. There will also be stationary available to buy. If you would like your child to make a purchase, they will be able to complete a ‘wish list’ and then all payments will need to be made via the Scholastic website (QR code and website details are on the form).



Football News

Congratulations to our Year 11 football team who beat Arthur Terry 2-0 in the All Birmingham Cup Final. A huge thank you to Sutton United Football Club for lending the team their coach for transportation to Bodymoor Heath for the game.



We also wish the team good luck for the final of the Erdington Cup which is being played on Monday 23rd March.

#makingfairfaxproud

PRIDE & Equalities Groups

The above groups held Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Hussain in A14 (groups alternate each week). Please encourage your child to attend, open to all year groups.

Annual Swimming Gala

Congratulations KENILWORTH House, the 62nd annual Swimming Gala Champions 2026!

Minor (Y7) Winners – COVENTRY
Junior (Y8) Winners – KENILWORTH
Inters (Y9 Y10) – KENILWORTH
Seniors (Y11 Y12 Y13) - COVENTRY



STEM Colours

Did you know students can earn STEM colours? STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, but also includes Art, Business and Computing, Design Technology, Food Technology and Sport because these subjects use STEM too.

STEM To earn a STEM Colours blazer badge, students need to have earned their:

HALF Colours in Science 	+	HALF Colours in Maths 	+	HALF Colours in TWO of the following subjects Art B&C DT Food SPORT <small>* Specific sports, such as AC and RFC count, too!</small>
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STEM Colours blazer badges can be collected from Mr Hewitt. Students must be wearing their blazer showing all their HALF Colours!



Science Colours

The science faculty recently launched the new Science colours, and last week the first students were presented with their badge. Well done to the 5 students for achieving their full colours, and 12 students for their half colours.

Business and Computing Colours

Our Business and Computing colours were launched in January. Huge congratulations to five of our students who have already achieved their half-colours, one of whom if the first student to achieve full-colours. Students can find out how to earn their colours by speaking to My Hewitt or any Business and Computing teacher.

School Council Update

Y7-10 and Sixth Form School Council Representatives were invited to discuss two topics Mental Well-being & Resilience and British Values, on how, strategically and tactically we can increase an awareness and improvement for both. Suggestions, along with House Council feedback will now be discussed at Senior Leadership Team staff meeting at the earliest opportunity.

Summer Musical Auditions

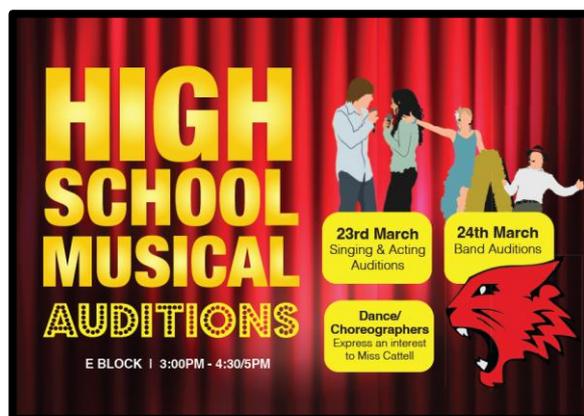
Auditions for High School Musical are taking place as follows:

Monday 23rd March – Singing and Acting

Tuesday 24th March – Band

Dance/Choreographers should express their interest to Miss Cattell.

All auditions will take place in E block between 3pm and 4:30pm on the dates mentioned.



Careers

National Career Week took place at the beginning of March, featuring guest speakers at most assemblies. Students heard from Myriam, an engineer at WSP; Mark, Director of Talent at Ryanair; Brabim, a third-year medical student; and Angelica, a newly qualified doctor at Good Hope. All speakers were either parents or alumni of the school.



Year 12 visit to Cambridge. 13 of our high achieving students were welcomed at Newnham college Cambridge to take part in workshops at the college. The day also included dinner in The Buttery and a tour of the Newnham college. Over the past few years and since visiting Oxbridge each year our applications to Oxbridge have increased along with our students successfully securing places.

Year 9 have been very busy these last couple of weeks with our Guess My Job event and career visits to employers. Guess My Job which took place on 4th March had 17 visitors', 5 of which were alumni. The students got to question the visitors about their job roles. The event which runs every year is a great way for our students to hear about the skills and qualifications needed for each occupation.

By linking careers to curriculum learning, some of our visitor's joined teachers in their lessons. Students in Yr 11 and 6th form heard how Geography can relate to real estate, business development can link to History and being a telecoms engineer can link to Design and Technology. Other talks included, accounting, creative arts, quantity surveying, nursing, psychology and working in the airline industry.

On Thursday a small group of our Year 9s went to visit James Watt College where Sunbelt Rentals (*one of the world's largest equipment rental companies*) spoke to students about the different careers in the construction sector and how to enter. The day was interactive and the students got to look at surveying equipment and discover the different roles within construction from being a tradesperson through to being part of the management team.

Our term concludes as another group of year 9s go to visit the Botanical Gardens in Edgbaston and learn all about the careers in real estate as part of a Calthorpe Estates initiative.

March has been a very informative month for the students. If any person would like to get involved with careers, then please email Mrs Knowles on p.knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Sparx Maths

A reminder that Sparx homework is set every Sunday and is due the following Sunday.

Completing Sparx regularly is an important part of supporting your child's learning. The programme is designed to build confidence through personalised practice, helping students strengthen key skills, address gaps in understanding, and prepare effectively for assessments.



We strongly encourage all students to complete their homework each week, take their time, and make use of the support features such as videos and hints where needed. Consistent effort will make a real difference to their progress.

Revision Books

A reminder notice, that there are a variety of revision books available for KS3 maths, GCSE maths, Level 2 further maths, GCSE Statistics and A Level Maths available through ParentPay.

Peerscroller Clips FOR Y7-10 & Y12

New clips are being added all the time and utilised in Tutor Time/ both PSHE and subject specialism lessons, please ensure you can access this at home, both parents and students alike to carry on that learning. Peerscroller will be the main source of revision for Y7 and Y9 in the upcoming Summer Assessment Focus Week PSHE assessment.

Download from AppStore or GooglePlay, and key in... when asked...

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Parent Code: 174209

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: Year 7 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 22nd April 2026, 15:45-18:45 and will take place in the Hall and Gym.

Please be advised that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent w/b 13th April 2026. Bookings open on Monday, 20th April at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening, please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 8

There are no Year 8 notices

YEAR 9

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YEAR 10

A reminder notice: Sparx our online homework platform have added additional resources to support with revision. Each week, revision tasks will be released, with accompanying videos. Please refer to the link for more details [Introducing: Sparx GCSE Weekly Exam-Style Revision](#)

YEAR 11

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Please be reminded of the additional intervention sessions being offered, which have previously been communicated home. We strongly encourage your child to take advantage of this support during these final few weeks.

A reminder notice: the Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday, 24th June 2026 at Aston Wood Golf Club. Payment is due by Friday, 1st May 2026. Please refer to the separate letter for further details, including details of dietary requirements. Please contact Head of Year 11, Mr Porter on m.porter@fairfax.fmat.co.uk for any further information.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: the Year 12 Mock Examination Period will run between Monday, 13th and Friday, 17th April 2026. The overview timetable is now available on the website under Examination Information. Students should now have received their individual timetable during tutor time - a copy is also available to be collected from Sixth Form if needed. Students are reminded to ensure they bring a working black pen and pencil to all exams. Mathematical equipment and calculators will be provided, but students are welcome to bring their own.

A reminder notice: Students should be looking for their work placements for the week beginning Monday, 15th June 2026. Placement Forms have now been emailed to parents/carers. A hard copy of the forms can also be obtained from your child's Supervisor. The deadline for the placement forms to be returned is Friday, 27th February 2026. Please note that places fill up quickly, so students should be seeking out placements now. We have a list of previous placements that are listed in 6th Form for students to view. All queries are to be directed to the Year 12 supervisor, Mrs Brewer and the email address is WEX@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 13

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.

Year 13 Prom and Hoodies Update

A reminder notice: our Year 13 Prom will take place on Thursday, 25th June at The Town House in Sutton Coldfield. A letter with more details has been emailed to parents/carers, and ParentPay has been set up for easy payment. Additionally, a letter regarding Year 13 hoodies has been sent, including the link to place orders: [2026 Leavers Hoodies & School Trip Hoodies | School Leavers Company](#)

To place your order, please use the following credentials:

- **USERNAME:** 9377
- **PASSWORD:** 2tMygFxK

The deadline for hoodie orders and payment is Tuesday, 7 April 2026. Please be aware that the company will not be extending this deadline beyond the stated date.