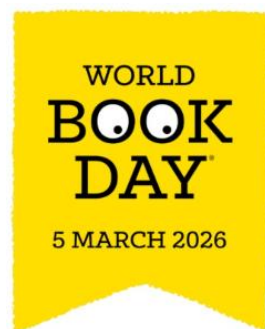
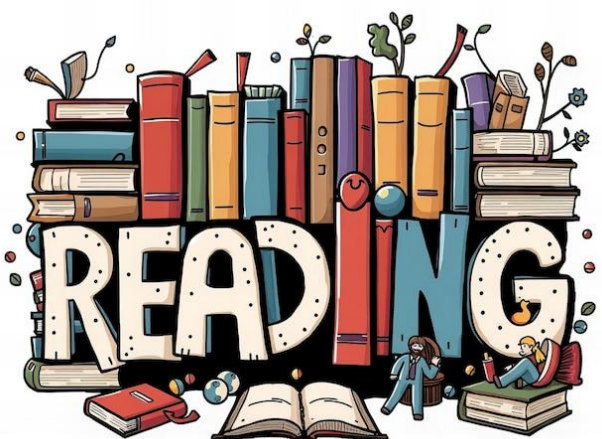
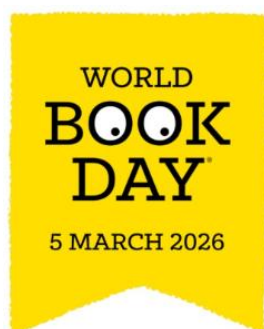




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Friday, 27th February 2026

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World Book Day 2026

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and students will have the opportunity to participate in various activities such as 'Dress the Door' and 'The Great Fairfax Quiz'. Students will be able to have fun, win prizes and earn merits. Students will also be given a £1 book voucher they can use at participating stories to purchase one of the World Book Day books for 2026, or at our Scholastic Book Fair later this month.

WORLD BOOK DAY

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 20 MARCH

FABULOUS FICTION FEST!

Take a character from a story or book that you have read and bring them to life in their own story!

The best stories from each academy will be submitted for final judging.

Let your imaginations run riot!

PRIZES AT STAKE! | ONE WINNER FROM EACH KEY STAGE

RULES

- ✓ No more than 500 words
- ✓ Based on a character from a book or story
- ✓ Prose, not a poem, rap or song
- ✗ No AI Checks will be made
- ✗ No offensive content, swearing or graphic violence

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Writing Competition

To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all students to take part in our **Fiction Fest Competition**.

Choose a character from a book you have read and bring them to life in their own original story. What happens next? What adventure do they go on?

Full details of the competition have been published on Satchel One. One winner from each key stage will be selected, and the best stories will go forward for final judging.

The closing date is Friday 20th March.

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).



Fairfax 6th Form No 1

We are delighted to share that Fairfax Academy is ranked Number One in the West Midlands for Sixth Form progress.

This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication of our staff and students, and the strength of our Sixth Form provision.

The recently released national performance tables, show that A Level students at Fairfax outperform their peers by achieving, on average, one grade higher in each of their three subjects.

Participation Reports – Mid-Year

Please be advised that your child's mid-year Participation Reports were published on the MCAS app on Friday 13th February 2026 and include participation data from 1st September 2025. If there are any achievements missing from your reports, please email: ff-participation@fairfax.fmat.co.uk. End-year participation reports will be issued in July 2026.

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.

The “Eggcellent Easter March”

Starting Monday 2nd March there are 20 school days left until the Easter break starts. We will be launching an attendance drive which will include several rewards and incentives.

As always, your support with strong attendance is appreciated.



Fairfax Has Got Talent 2026

Our Fairfax Has Got Talent event takes place w/b 9th March, with the final taking place on Friday, 20th March 2026. Tickets to the final will be by invitation only via ParentPay. Students who have zero consequences and a high number of merits will be invited to attend. All ticket proceeds will go to Comic Relief.

Closed auditions will take place on:

Mon 9 Mar	KENILWORTH Has Got Talent	Hall	1:25pm
Tue 10 Mar	STRATFORD Has Got Talent	Hall	1:25pm
Wed 11 Mar	WARWICK Has Got Talent	Hall	1:25pm
Thu 12 Mar	COVENTRY Has Got Talent	Hall	1:25pm

Uniform Standards

The majority of our students are wearing the correct uniform, and we are especially grateful to the many families who ensure their children arrive at school dressed correctly and appropriately each day.

Students wearing the Fairfax skirt continue to look smart, and we remind that the skirt should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

If students wish to wear trousers, they must be of a tailored style, which does not include very tight-fitting trousers made of legging/ stretchy material. Trousers also must be worn around the waist and not lower.

Thank you again for your support in helping us maintain high standards.



Comic Relief 2026

On Friday, 20th March 2026, the Academy will be fundraising for Comic Relief, where students can come to school with no tie. A donation of £1 can be made via ParentPay.

School Uniform Grant

Parents/carers can apply for help with school uniform costs via the Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust. For further details and a guide as to whether you meet the eligible criteria, please visit their website via the link below:

[School Clothing Grant | Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](#)

The online application form will be available from Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

Annual Swimming Gala

Our annual swimming gala is a fantastic event for students to participate in and compete for their house. Taking place on Tuesday 17th March at Wyndley Swimming Pool from 13:45 – 15:30.

Letters have been sent to parents/carers for those students who have been selected to participate. We hope to see many of you there to support the students and cheer on the winning house.

Music Evening

An advance notice: Fairfax look forward to welcoming musicians and their parents/carers to the Music Evening on Thursday, 19th March 2026. A Program of Classical Works takes place in the hall from 16:30 and the Contemporary Music Evening is in the Diamond Suite from 18:00.

PE Kit for Girls

A reminder that Girls should wear either plain black shorts, plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black base layer sports leggings. Flared leggings are not permitted for PE lessons.

Revision Books

As we approach exam season, 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

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 the upcoming Summer Assessment Focus Week PSHE assessment.

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

Student Code: **529260**

Parent Code: **174209**

Careers Update

The careers department has had another busy few weeks, taking Year 9 and Year 12 students to the National Manufacturing Festival at West Bromwich Albion Football Club. Students enjoyed hands-on activities including virtual reality welding, Scalextric racing, bridge building, testing stress limits with chocolate bars, and speaking to engineers about robotic dogs.

It was an engaging morning, with plenty of freebies, and students left with a broader understanding of the wide range of careers in manufacturing engineering — far beyond the stereotype of a dirty factory environment.

Next week we'll be marking National Careers Week (2nd - 6th March 2026). Each year group will have a careers-focused assembly, and on Wednesday 4th March we'll host our annual Guess My Job event for Year 9. Visiting professionals will also meet with older students, sharing insights into careers including Child Psychology, Property Development, Telecom Engineering, Finance and Media. The aim is to help students link their subjects to future career pathways.

If you have a career/job role you think students would like to hear about then get in touch with Mrs Knowles on p.knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

School Council

Last half term's meeting regarding ARKS Kindness notes and student approved actions have been sent to the Senior Leadership Team for feedback. Students can then be informed of what actions have been approved.

Culture Day

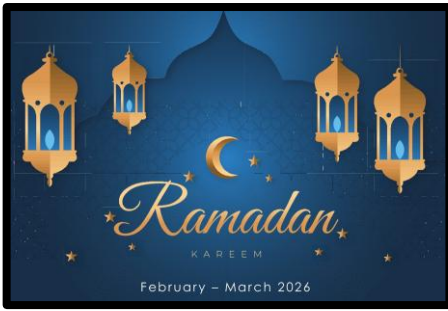
Plans are underway to create an incredible experience on 9th July for Culture Day. Please look out for communications regarding this day including ParentPay notices.

Join the Fairfax Alumni Community

Were you, or someone you know, a former student of Fairfax? We would love to reconnect! If any parents, carers, friends or family members in our community previously attended Fairfax, we warmly invite you to join our growing Alumni network. Please complete the form by accessing the link below and help us celebrate the lasting connections within our Fairfax family.

We are particularly keen to hear from former students who have achieved success in sport — whether at county, national or international level — as we would love to feature and celebrate these achievements within our sports section.

[FAIRFAX ALUMNI GALLERY - FORMER STUDENTS](#)



Ramadan Mubarak

To all our families that have started the month of fasting, we send our best wishes, and hope the month brings you prosperity.



Lent

To all our families observing the season of Lent, we send our best wishes and hope this time of reflection brings you peace and spiritual renewal.

Spring Term II Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Please find attached the Spring Term II Lunchtime and After School Extra Curricular Clubs calendar.

YEAR 7

An advance 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

A reminder notice: Year 8 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 4th March 2026, 15:45-18:45 and will take place in the Hall and Gym.
Bookings open on Monday, 2nd March at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening, please email ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk.

YEAR 9

A careers notice: on Thursday, 4th March 2026, Year 9 will take part in our annual game of 'Guess My Job'. We have up to 20 different visitors coming into school, and student groups have between 3-5 minutes to quiz a visitor on their job role, before the whistle is blown and students need to decide as a group what the job role of the visitor is. This is a great event for raising the profiles of different career paths as well as breaking gender stereotyping.

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

A reminder notice: the GCSE French Speaking Mocks will take place w/b 2nd March 2026.

A reminder notice: the GCSE Drama Examination (Practical) will take place on Monday, 16th March 2026.

A reminder notice: the Y11 GCSE Food NEA Assessments will take place Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March for Mrs Donaghy's group, and Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March for Mrs Kasirye's group.

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An advance notice: the Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday, 24th June 2026 at Aston Woof 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

An advance notice: the Year 12 Mock Examination Period will run between Monday, 13th and Friday, 17th April 2026. The overview timetable will be available on the website under Examination Information from Friday 13th March. Students will receive an individual timetable w/b Monday, 23rd March. 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.