

IN THE KNOW

Friday, 8th May 2026

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Mental Health Awareness Week is 11th -17th May, and we want to take this opportunity to remind families that wellbeing is something we build together. Many young people experience moments when they feel overwhelmed, anxious, or unsure of how to cope. If your child is struggling, please know you're not alone — and neither are they.

There are a few simple ways you can support your child at home:

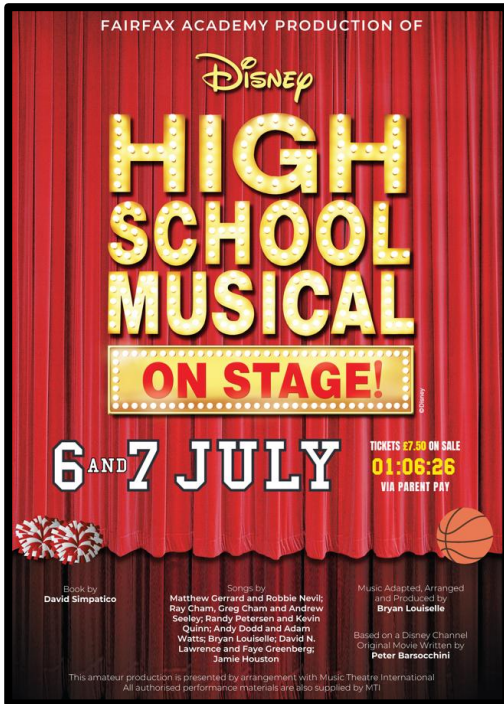
- Encourage open conversations about how they're feeling, even if they find it hard to put things into words
- Keep routines steady where possible — sleep, food, and downtime make a real difference
- Notice changes in mood or behaviour and gently check in
- Remind them that asking for help is a strength, not a weakness

If you have concerns, please reach out to your child's Year Team. They can offer guidance, check in with your child in school, and help coordinate any additional support they may need.

We also want to highlight that support is available for parents and carers too. The **Young Minds** Parent Helpline offers confidential advice for anyone worried about a child or young person's mental health. You can call the Parents Helpline for free on **0808 802 5544**. It's a helpful place to talk things through and get reassurance or next steps.

'National Thank A Teacher Day' – Wednesday, 17th June 2026

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 - Thank a Teacher](#).



Fairfax Summer Musical

We are beyond excited to invite you to this year's electrifying summer musical, 'High School Musical'.

Centering around Troy, a popular athlete, and Gabriella, a new student who loves learning, who meet on holiday and bond over singing. When they discover they attend the same school, they audition for the school musical, surprising their friends and facing opposition from Sharpay, the show's star. Despite challenges, they stay true to themselves and support each other, ultimately winning the lead roles. The story emphasizes friendship, individuality, and acceptance through music and dance.

Tickets will be priced at £7.50 and go on sale via Parent Pay on Monday 1st June.

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.

Culture Day 2026

In July Fairfax is hosting Culture Day, where a number of exciting activities will take place. Further information will follow soon.

We are inviting students to enter an exclusive **Ticket Design Competition** for our cultural dress and music event. The winning design will be used as the official school ticket, giving one student the honour of representing this special occasion. Designs must reflect culture and equity, celebrating diversity and how it enriches our school. Artwork can be freehand or digital.

The closing date for all entries is Friday 5th June, and should be submitted to Mrs Hussain (A14) or t.hussain@fairfax.fmat.co.uk. This is a great opportunity to showcase artistic talent and cultural pride whilst contributing to a memorable Culture Day.





EXAM GOOD LUCK

As our Year 11 students embark on their GCSE's we asked our Year 7 Students to create posters to wish them luck.

The response was overwhelming and these vibrant and encouraging posters will be displayed for all students to see.

Good Luck year 11's!!



Maths

To support with end of year exams, additional revision and revision lists can now be found on Satchel one.

Sparx Tasks will also include consolidation tasks and revision for end of year exams for years 7 through to 10. Sparx tasks are set each week, every Sunday, with the following Sunday as a deadline.

Y7 & Y9 PSHE BASE Assessment; Friday 12th June, P5

Y7 Assessment Collection has been updated with relevant clips, you must start/ continue revision via Peerscroller for your upcoming PSHE Assessment on Friday, 12th June, P5. Instructions to get the app if you haven't already are; Download from AppStore or GooglePlay, and key in... when asked...

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Peerscroller Clips FOR Y8, Y10 & 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.

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YEAR 7

An advance notice: the Year 7 rewards trip will take place on Friday, 3rd July. Further details will follow in due course.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: the Year 8 'Taster' Bronze DofE Practice Walk will take place on Monday, 2nd June for F half students, and Tuesday, 23rd June for X half students. Letters will be sent w/b 1st June 2026, please contact Mr Hobbs (PE Office) with any queries.

An advance notice: the Year 8 rewards trip will take place on Wednesday, 15th July. Further details will follow in due course.

YEAR 9

A reminder notice: the Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition to Cannock Chase is calendared on Friday, 9th June until Saturday, 10th June 2026. Please refer to the letter already sent to parents/carers with further information. Please contact Mr Hobbs (PE Office) with any queries.

YEAR 10

A reminder notice: the Y10 Geography Field Visits to Carding Mill are calendared on Wednesday, 3rd June and Thursday, 4th June 2026. Please refer to the invitation letter for further details.

An advance notice: the Y10 Bronze DofE Expedition to The Peak District is calendared on Sunday, 12th July until Tuesday, 14th July. A letter with further details will be sent in due course.

YEAR 11

A reminder notice: Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday, 24th June 2026 at Aston Wood Golf Club. Please be reminded that students will need to be aware of the examination contingency date of the same date, and all students should be available up to, and including that day, in case there is disruption to the national examinations.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 20th August 2026. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.

An advance notice: the Y11 Bronze DofE Expedition to The Peak District is calendared on Sunday, 12th July until Tuesday, 14th July. A letter with further details will be sent in due course.

YEAR 12

A reminder notice: the Y12 Geography Field Visit to North Wales is calendared on Monday, 8th June until Wednesday, 10th June 2026. Please refer to the invitation letter for further details.

A reminder notice: the UCAS discovery visit to the NEC is on Tuesday 23rd June and a letter with further details is being sent to parents.

A reminder notice: the rewards trip to Lane7 will take place on Thursday 2nd July. A letter will be sent with further details.

YEAR 13

A reminder notice: Year 13 Prom will take place on Thursday, 25th June 2026 at The Town House in Sutton Coldfield.

An advance notice: Results can be collected from the school gym from 8:30am on Thursday, 13th August 2026. Staff will be available on that date should students require any further help and support.