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Friday, 5th June 2026

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Be Ambitious. Be Respectful!
Be Kind. Be Safe.
Be Fairfax.

ARKS

Being Ambitious means:

- Working hard in lessons and being resilient when faced with challenges
- Participating in school life and contributing to your House
- Having good attendance and being punctual
- Wearing your uniform with pride and representing Fairfax positively
- Planning for your future and aiming high

Being Respectful means:

- Demonstrating good manners to staff, students and visitors
- Looking after the school environment and keeping it tidy
- Responding to staff requests, the first time you are asked
- Speaking to people with courtesy and respect both in school and the community
- Being considerate of others' personal space

Being Kind means:

- Accepting people for who they are, regardless of their differences
- Thinking of others' feelings and being considerate of others' points of view
- Going above and beyond to help and support others, especially those in need
- Thinking about the impact your words will have, before speaking
- Remembering that if you would not say it face-to-face, you should not say it online

Being Safe means:

- Behaving sensibly on school site and in the community
- Following staff instructions, the first time you are asked
- Thinking about the risks before doing something
- Using technology sensibly and being safe online
- Telling an adult if something is worrying you

ARKS – The Fairfax Way

#wearefairfax

Fairfax strongly believes in our key values of Ambition, Respect, Kindness and Safety – this is **The Fairfax Way**. We are proud of Fairfax's standards and expectations. After the half term break, we will be focusing on positive relationships through conversations, interactions, lessons and assemblies. Highlights of this work will be shared via our social media channels.



World Cup Themed Dining

The refectory will be offering hot grab-and-go wraps inspired by different countries participating in the World Cup.

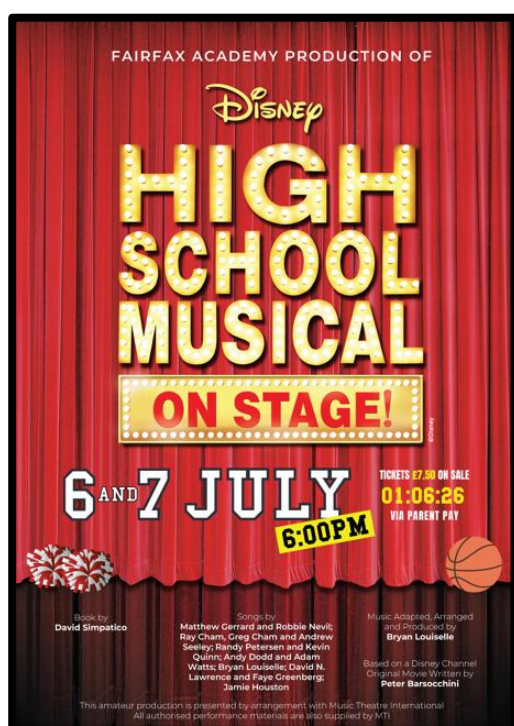
These will be available on selected days during the World Cup tournament, from Wednesday 10th June.

Punctuality

A reminder notice: all students are expected to be on school site from 08:25 and be in their tutor room for registration by 08:30 each day. Any student arriving after this time will be considered late for school. Students who arrive after 9am without a valid reason, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the AM session only.

To notify that your child will be late to school, please telephone 0121 378 1288, press option 1, and leave a voicemail stating a valid reason for the lateness. We ask for your support in reminding your child of the importance of punctuality and the need to ensure enough time is given in order to travel to school each morning. Please be reminded that the second instance of lateness, and any lateness after this during any half term, will result in an after-school detention.

Where a detention has been applied due to a student arriving late to school, these will only be removed in exceptional circumstances. Please note that traffic delays will not be considered an exceptional circumstance, unless there is widespread travel disruption. This approach is in line with procedures adopted by other local schools and mirror the work environment.



Fairfax Summer Musical

Tickets for this year's electrifying summer musical, 'High School Musical' are now on sale, priced at £7.50. All tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.

We can't wait to welcome you all to join our talented students perform what will be a fantastic 2 nights of entertainment.

Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July 2026. Doors open at 5:30pm with the performance starting at 6pm.

The PTFA will be selling refreshments, which helps raise funds for the school, and we appreciate you supporting.

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.

Maths Resources: Returns and Donations Welcome

The Maths Faculty would appreciate the return of any loaned items, such as books, that students may have borrowed. The faculty would also welcome the donation of any calculators that are no longer needed by students who have left the school. Should you have any donations, please hand these to Reception.

Culture Day 2026

We are pleased to announce a **special cultural dress and music showcase** as part of our Culture Day celebrations on Thursday 9 July 2026 during Period 4.

This event will celebrate the diversity, heritage, and creativity of our school community and is sure to be a memorable highlight of the day.

To help fund Culture Day activities, tickets will be available for **£1 via ParentPay**. Once purchased, your child's name will be added to the guest list. Further details will be shared through school communications.

We encourage you to book early, as this is always a popular event.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide enriching experiences for our students.



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.

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

Student Code: 529260

Parent Code: 174209

2026-2027 Term Dates

Please be advised of the term dates for the next academic year:

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts: Thursday, 3rd September 2026 (**Years 7 and 12 only**)
Friday, 4th September 2026 (**Years 10, 11 and Year 13 return**)
Monday, 7th September 2026 (**Years 8 and 9 return**)
Half-term: Monday, 26th October 2026 to Friday, 30th October 2026
Term ends: Friday, 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts: Tuesday, 5th January 2027
Half-term: Monday, 15th February 2027 to Friday, 19th February 2027
Term ends: Thursday, 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday, 12th April 2027
Half-term: Monday, 31st May 2027 to Friday, 4th June 2027
Term ends: Wednesday, 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays

Monday 3rd May 2027

2026-2027 Training Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 2nd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th March 2027
Friday 30th April 2027

Minecraft Guidance

Please see the attached Minecraft Guidance which has been issued by the National College.

Family Wellbeing Walk

Please see the attached leaflet which provides information on a fun, relaxed walk organised by Autism West Midlands.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: Year 7 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 15th and Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Please see Satchel One for revision information.

An advance notice: the Year 7 rewards trip will take place on Friday, 3rd July. Please refer to the invitation letter from Mr Cooper for further details.

A reminder that all students will need a calculator for their end-of-year examinations. Revision guides, workbooks and calculators are available to purchase at a reduced rate through ParentPay.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Year 8 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 15th and Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Please see Satchel One for revision information.

An advance notice: the Year 8 rewards trip will take place on Wednesday, 15th July. Please refer to the invitation letter from Mrs Dowell for further details.

A reminder that all students will need a calculator for their end-of-year examinations. Revision guides, workbooks and calculators are available to purchase at a reduced rate through ParentPay.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: Year 9 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 15th and Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Please see Satchel One for revision information.

A reminder that all students will need a calculator for their end-of-year examinations. Revision guides, workbooks and calculators are available to purchase at a reduced rate through ParentPay.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Year 10 End of Year Assessments will take place between Monday, 15th and Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Please see Satchel One for revision information.

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.

A reminder that all students will need a calculator for their end-of-year examinations. Revision guides, workbooks and calculators are available to purchase at a reduced rate through ParentPay.

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.

A reminder 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 that Year 12 Work Experience Week will take place from 15th through to 19th June. Students should ensure they have confirmed all arrangements with their placement provider, including working hours, travel plans, and any dress code requirements.

If a student is unable to attend their placement due to illness or an emergency, they should notify both their placement provider and the school as soon as possible.

We wish all students a successful and enjoyable week as they gain valuable experience in the workplace. Thank you for your support.

A reminder notice: the UCAS discovery visit to the NEC is on Tuesday 23rd June. Attendance on the visit is mandatory but if your child chooses not to attend, they will be expected to be in school that day (8.30am-3pm). Students will be required to make their own way to and from NEC Birmingham. There will be Fairfax staff in attendance.

This is a timed ticketed event, and students should be at the NEC (hall 9) by 10am to meet with the Sixth Form staff for a prompt start at 10.30am. Our time slot ends at 12.30pm. Students are **not** expected to come back to school and school uniform is not required, however appropriate clothing must be worn and sixth form lanyards.

A reminder notice: the rewards trip to Lane7 will take place on Thursday 2nd July. Please refer to the invitation letter from Mrs Dowell for 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.