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Friday, 26th June 2026

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Fairfax Celebration of Culture

Get ready — we're excited to announce that this year's Celebration of Culture will take place on Thursday 9th July!

It's set to be an unforgettable day bursting with colour, creativity, and the incredible diversity that makes our school community so unique. Following your fantastic feedback, some favourite highlights are making a return — including the always dazzling, Fashion Show!

And that's not all... this year, we're thrilled to introduce a spectacular opening dance, where our talented students will perform alongside a professional dance company — a moment not to be missed!

We warmly encourage all students to come dressed in attire that celebrates their cultural heritage and identity. Your enthusiasm and support will help make this celebration truly magical for everyone.

Ticket Design Competition

Mrs Hussain is leading a creative ticket design competition for this year's event!

- Deadline: Friday 29th June

Please encourage your child to get involved.

Period 4 Special Event

Years 7–12 will be invited to a spectacular fashion show and dance show, where we will celebrate identity, heritage, and self-expression. Please encourage your child to get involved. Tickets for the fashion show are on Parent Pay for £1 each.

Lunchtime Activities

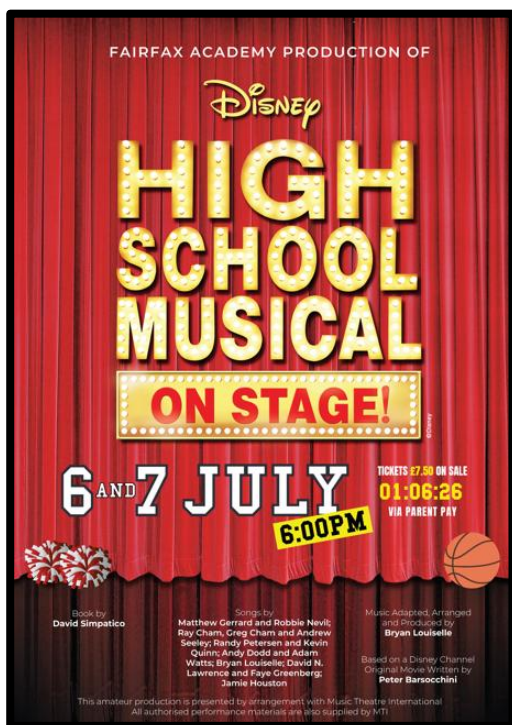
There will be a range of exciting activities for students to enjoy during lunch, including:

- Tastes from Around the World – Refectory
- 'DJ Rundel' on the mic – 'cultural music DJ' in the refectory for students to enjoy whilst having their lunch.

Curriculum Highlights

Throughout the day, students will take part in lessons and experiences designed to celebrate global cultures. Examples are:

- English – Dreadlock Alien Performance Poet
- Maths – Flags and the origins, symmetry, shape, area.
- PE – Dance
- Music – Steel Pan Drums
- Drama – Theatre from around the world.
- Art – Designer treasure hunt.
- Science – DNA what it looks like and the variation within it.
- MFL – Polish language, culture and art.
- RE - religions of the World Cup team



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.

A Level Art Exhibition

You are warmly invited to attend the A Level Art Exhibition, showcasing the outstanding work of our 2025-2026 students. The exhibition will also feature work from Year 11 and year 12 students.

Join us for an evening celebrating creativity, dedication and artistic expression across a range of media and disciplines.

The event is held of Friday 3rd July, 15:50 – 17:00 in the Hall. Parking is available, and we request that you use car park 1.



SENDIA Reassessment

The school is currently working with SENDIA to undergo reassessment for the SENDIA Award, which we successfully achieved three years ago. This process recognises our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality support and inclusive practice for pupils with SEND.

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.

Performing Arts Aptitude Places at Fairfax Academy

Did you know that talented students with an aptitude for **drama, music or dance** can apply for one of Fairfax Academy's specialist Performing Arts places? Fairfax offers outstanding facilities, including dedicated music, drama and dance studios, alongside a wide range of performance opportunities throughout the year. These include productions, festivals, concerts and dance showcases, helping students to develop their skills and confidence in the performing arts.

Applications for the 2027 intake are now open. The application deadline is Friday, 25th September 2026, with aptitude assessments taking place on Tuesday, 13th October 2026. Further information and application details can be found via the QR code on the flyer or directly from Fairfax Academy.

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DID YOU KNOW... ...you can apply to Fairfax through our Performing Arts Aptitude Test for one of the 20 available places.

Do you have an ability in **drama, music or dance**? If so why not apply to Fairfax?

We have excellent facilities including a **Dance Studio** with a fully fitted hardwood sprung floor and mirror panelling. Elstedford House is our dedicated **music building** with practice rooms and a Mac Suite.

The **Drama Studio** boasts a lighting rig and sound system making it an excellent venue for performing.

There are plenty of performance opportunities for students to enjoy and participate in, including our annual Elstedford, Shakespeare Schools Festival, bi-annual musical productions and drama, dance and music evenings.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

APTITUDE ASSESSMENT DATE:
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026

APPLICATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OR FROM FAIRFAX ACADEMY

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Maths Resources: Returns and Revision Guides

The Maths Faculty would appreciate the return of any loaned items, such as books, that students may have borrowed.

Please be advised that the purchase of revision guides will close on 3rd July 2026 on Parent Pay to enable all orders to be completed prior to year end.

Bring it on Brum! Summer Holiday Clubs 2026

Please see the accompanying leaflet for further information.

YEAR 7

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

A reminder 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.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

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

YEAR 9

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

A reminder notice: the Y10 Silver 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

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

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 Silver 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

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

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

YEAR 13

An advance notice: our annual House Athletics Day Championship is on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at Wyndley. Please refer to the event letter for further details. Students are advised to speak to their Head of House with any queries.

A reminder 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.