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31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this communication finds you and your families well. Of course, now that we have entered the holy month of Ramadan, I wish all those observing '**Ramadan Mubarak**' and hope you find a sense of peace and spiritual healing.

I am also writing to remind you that school will close at **1.05 p.m. on Friday 31st March 2023** and re-open to all pupils on **Monday 17th April 2023**.

It is important to make you aware that a cadent Gas project is due to start on **10th April 2023** for approximately **nine weeks** in the Audenshaw area (**Clarendon Road and Kershaw Lane**). There will be temporary traffic lights and the bus stop in the vicinity of the works will be suspended. Please be mindful of this for pupils travelling to school.

We have been recognised as a **Founding Member** of the **International Coalition of Girls' Schools**. This is a prestigious global network dedicated to education and empowering girls. Superb! Please view the attachment.

As we approach the end of a challenging yet rewarding spring term, I am pleased to report that pupils are achieving well, making excellent academic progress and getting the best out of the curricular and extra-curricular opportunities at Fairfield.

I am indebted as always to the staff for their work and have attached for your perusal the Year 11 Easter revision programme that staff volunteer to be involved in. Staff are going above and beyond to ensure that our pupils are well prepared for the summer external examinations.

It is when pupils, families and school staff work together for the shared goal that success follows.

Opportunities for our pupils this term include (but not all):

- **CREST Award**

Mr. McKenna continues to run a CREST Award group at lunchtime and after school for Year 9 pupils who have been independently investigating and researching topics such as fast fashion, changes in transport usage, job security with advances in technology and environmental impacts on plant growth.

- **Year 8 Science Club**

Mr. Blackburn continues to run the very popular Year 8 Science Club. So far, pupils been learning how to deal with a chip pan fire, using flame tests to identify chemicals and trying to drop an egg from the balcony without it breaking, making bath bombs and lip balm, and a rat dissection. Year 10 and Year 11 Science Ambassadors have been helping out and this is helping to develop their leadership skills.

- **Year 11 Revision Support on YouTube**

Mr. Blackburn has now uploaded **83** videos covering **five** out of the **seven** Paper 1 topics and **three** out of the **six** Year 11 topics. He has also uploaded videos for almost all of the required practicals. To date there have been **12,000** views of the videos.

Science staff have also made a few YouTube short videos of our successful attempt to launch a rocket down the Science corridor. Check it out on **'Revise Chemistry with Mr B'**.

- **Science Live Year 10 Trip – 8th February 2023**

Dr. Cahill organised a trip for the Year 10 Separate Science pupils to see five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms, speak live. The scientists were carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with pupils of this age in a direct and exciting way. Pupils also had a session from an experienced examiner to help with top tips on how to improve their grades at GCSE. The day was fast moving and thought provoking and pupils came away with a real sense of how science could offer solutions for many of the world's greatest problems.

- **Year 10 Bike Speed Record Talk - 3rd March 2023**

The Science and Technology faculties liaised to bring in Russell Bridge to talk to a group of Year 10 pupils with the bike he attempted to break the Land Speed Record with on the Salt Flats of Nevada. Pupils were given fascinating information on the design and manufacture of the vehicle and allowed to sit in the vehicle and ask questions.

- **Women in Science 13th – 17th February 2023**

Mrs. John-Charles carried out assemblies for Years 7 to Year 11 to promote **'Women in Science Week'**, including practical demonstrations. Miss Mawdsley also promoted the week with a Year 7 Poster Competition on connectedness.

- **ASFC STEM Challenge Day - 3rd March 2023**

On **Friday 3rd March 2023**, ten of our aspiring scientists from Year 10 visited Ashton Sixth Form College for a STEM Challenge Day. They attended sessions in Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Biology with teams from other Tameside Schools. Activities were aimed at giving pupils a taste of what college has to offer in the STEM subjects. The teams calculated the radius of a black hole, created models of chemical bonds and identified patterns in Pascal's Pyramid. They also received a key note speech from **Professor Julie Gibbs of the University of Manchester** who explained how our body clocks affect our immune system and other biological functions. **Tania Singh said 'I enjoyed learning new information and applying knowledge I already had to new scenarios. I particularly enjoyed the guest speaker who was extremely interesting and informative'**. **Jessica Bridge found it 'fun and educational, the whole experience was amazing and I'd recommend it to everybody'**! It was an inspiring day out for all, and it is clear that Fairfield pupils are destined for great STEM careers!

- Performing Arts Trip to see Noughts and Crosses at Oldham Coliseum.
- Performing Arts Trip to see Bouncers/Shakers at Romiley Forum.
- Drama drop-in sessions and Period 6 for Year 10 and Year 11 pupils.
- Musical Theatre Club have been preparing for a **Night at the Musicals (28th and 29th March 2023)**.
- In the LGBTQ+ and Ally Pride Group, we have welcomed visits from external speakers such as **Josh Martin** (writer and historian), **Zach Sullivan** (professional ice-hockey player for the **'Manchester Storm'** and **'Pride in Sport'** ambassador) and **Keri Blue** (the founder of **'Human First Hair'**).
- We have looked at LGBT history, rights and the fight for equality and enjoyed completing crafts and general chit-chat!
- The English Faculty invited Year 7 into school for a Harry Potter Experience.
- World Book Day celebrations included reading quizzes, a whole school shared story read in each period of the day and activities in the library.
- Year 10 and Year 11 pupils were taken to the Lowry to see **'An inspector Calls'**.
- Reading partners have been buddied in Year 7 and Year 9 and in Year 8 and Year 10.
- Year 11 took part in a Poetry Mastery Day.
- Key Stage 4 Book Club have shared their experiences of their first book this year.

- For four weeks on a Tuesday lunch time a group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils and the Year 10 Language Ambassadors attended Spanish and Italian lessons delivered by some visiting trainee teachers from the University of Manchester.
- **Reading Partners** – over 50 pupils are involved in weekly Reading Partner sessions with older pupils supporting younger pupils in becoming confident readers. The pupils have been exceptional in their attitudes to the programme and each other.
- **World Book Day** – we celebrated World Book Day with a whole school non-uniform day which raised over £500 for reading projects. Pupils also took part in lunch and form time quizzes, a whole school treasure hunt and enjoyed reading a short story every lesson.
- **Blue Shirt Book Club** – pupils in Year 10 and Year 11 have enjoyed meeting to discuss their thoughts on their selected shared reading books. This term we are reading **'The Treatment'** and **'Shadow and Bone'**.
- **Year 7 and Year 8 (40 pupils)** - Paris trip including Disneyland, The Pompidou Centre and Chateau Fontainebleau.
- **Year 10** - Head Girl Team and prefect applications and appointments.
- Young carers have enjoyed many different activities this term, including pancake making, Easter activities and a trip to the Mayor of Tameside's Parlour.
- **January 2023** – Mrs. Moore organised a Year 9 visit to Manchester University for a **'Viva Languages'** event. 20 pupils attended the workshop (accompanied by Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Chaudhry). They spoke with some language undergraduates, had a taster session in a new language and completed a spontaneous role play activity in French or German.
- **March 2023** – Miss Tilley has organised the Year 7 and 8 Paris Trip for 40 pupils. This will take place from **Thursday 30th March until Monday 3rd April 2023**. The itinerary is full and varied to allow for a full cultural experience, some spoken language and a visit to Disneyland. Mrs. Moore, Miss Oakes, Miss Gerrard and Miss Williams will be accompanying the group on what is certain to be a thoroughly exciting visit for all.
- A number of selected Year 9 pupils are taking part in the MESME circle programme every Tuesday after school in the Maths Faculty.
- Advanced Maths Club continues to run every Monday after school with many Key Stage 3 pupils currently preparing for the Junior UKMT challenge.
- Maths Drop-In continues to take place every Friday lunchtime (open to all pupils). It is great to see so many Year 11 pupils taking advantage of this additional support, **well done!**
- The Intermediate Maths Challenge took place earlier in the term and in addition to certificates of participation, Fairfield pupils also achieved **14** bronze certificates, **13** silver and an incredible **11** gold!
- On **Tuesday 14th March 2023**, eight pupils in Year 10 attended the Maths Feast event at Manchester University, where they were able to show their advanced knowledge of GCSE Maths.
- On **Friday 24th March 2023**, ten pupils in Year 10 attended the Stock Market Challenge at Manchester University, where they utilised their knowledge of Maths and Business Studies.
- Year 10 and Year 11 have had the opportunity to take part in some Rugby sessions with Sale Sharks.
- Year 7 competed in indoor athletics against other schools in the borough.
- Year 8 competed in indoor athletics against other schools in the borough.
- Year 9 competed in indoor athletics against other schools in the borough.
- We took part in a nationwide **'get girls in to football'** initiative.
- Selected Sports Captains and sport team for next year.
- Volleyball Club for all Years.
- Trampolining Club for all Years.

- Period 6 and half-term sessions for GCSE PE.
- Period 6 sessions for BTEC Dance.
- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE PE have been on a residential to complete assessments in both rock climbing and cycling.
- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE footballers worked with Droylsden Academy to get assessment grades.
- **International Women's Day/Inspirational Women's Week** - this was a whole week of activities in form time as part of our 'Fairfield Inspirational Women's Week'. The key message this year was 'Embrace Equity'. On Wednesday 8th March 2023 (during each lesson) staff shared their inspirational woman with their teaching groups and explained why she was an inspiration to them. Pupils were also given an opportunity to discuss their inspirational woman whether that is someone well known or someone from their family or community. Our five Year 10 Equality and Diversity prefects also visited Year 7 and Year 8 forms to share their inspirational woman.
- **Maritime Museum Educational Visit - Thursday 2nd March 2023** - as part of their history studies on Slavery and Civil Rights, 50 Year 8 pupils visited the 'Transatlantic Slavery' exhibition at the Maritime Museum in Liverpool. They were also able to participate in a workshop on the legacy of slavery.
- **Ramadan Club - March to April 2023** – 'Ramadan Mubarak' to all our Muslim pupils. During the month of Ramadan, we are running a Ramadan club for our pupils who are fasting.
- **Fairfield Forum** - representatives from our Fairfield Forum (student council) presented assemblies to every Year group entitled 'You Said, We Did' to share all the wonderful work that they have been doing this year in terms of ideas and contributions to improving life at Fairfield. They have also met with our Catering Manager and shared ideas for improvements to our lunch menus. In addition, pupils have created our own Fairfield Discussion Guideline posters which are being used as part of our whole school initiative on developing pupil oracy.
- **Praise Assemblies** - well done to all of our pupils whose achievements have been recognised via our spring term praise assemblies and to those who have reached **50, 100 or 150** reward points this term.

A special mention must go to this week's school production of 'A Night at the Musicals' involving so many pupils from Year 7 to Year 11; a brilliant pupil experience and one that will be remembered for a long time. Your children were simply outstanding!

School attendance, punctuality and holidays during term time

Fairfield (as well as other secondary schools in Tameside and nationally) is still experiencing a lower level of attendance than we normally report. As a school, we contact every parent/carer when their child is not present.

High level of attendance at school is essential for both well-being and academic progress and I ask my staff to challenge poor attendance; we will support, listen and empathise but we will not tolerate.

I would like to thank those families who ensure that their child is here on time every day. Our same day 30-minute detention system for those pupils who are late and therefore interrupt other pupils' lessons is having an impact and your support and understanding with this is invaluable.

Once again, please can I remind you that I am not able to authorise absence unless it is for an exceptional circumstance, and even then, parents and carers have a duty to minimise absence as much as possible. Good attendance in school is deemed to be 98% or above and as such (even with Covid), there is pressure on schools to limit the amount of persistent absence. Please could I ask that you work within the spirit of this guidance. Some requests continue to be for 10 school days; this is a rule which changed almost a decade ago.

Parking

I continue to receive complaints from residents in the surrounding areas of the school, in the vicinity of the Moravian square, on Fairfield Avenue and Broadway regarding vehicular access and drop-offs.

The Moravian Square is a private road and should NOT be used by parents/carers as a drop-off/pick-up point under any circumstances.

I am most concerned about those parking on the pavements, forcing children into oncoming traffic or choosing to do three point turns in front of the school whilst there is an exodus of children. **Please help me to keep everyone's child safe by parking away from school.**

High Standards and Expectations

I am very pleased overall with the quality of behaviour and uniform; however, there are a small number of pupils who are pushing the boundaries and as a result they have received some quite serious sanctions (including behaviour placements at other schools and fixed term suspensions). I will not tolerate pupils who are disrespectful to each other or to the staff.

From **Monday 17th April 2023**, any pupils who attend school wearing inappropriate or incorrect school uniform will be asked to immediately rectify this; this also includes the wearing of false eyelashes, acrylic nails, fake tan, thick pencilled eyebrows and incorrect footwear (for example – trainers, ankle boots, shoes with coloured logos or embellishments).

We expect ALL of our pupils to adhere to our correct school uniform standards; please refer to your child's Fairfax for further details.

Your strong partnership in this respect will ensure that pupils continue to be excellent ambassadors for the school.

In addition, can I please ask that you talk to your child about the safe and **APPROPRIATE** use of social media; any incidents of on-line bullying will not be tolerated and will carry sanctions. Mobile phone use on the school premises is **NOT** permitted; mobile phones seen or heard will be confiscated. **ANY** attempt to bring a vape into school or to use/share a vape are strictly prohibited and will be sanctioned.

On behalf of all the staff and Trustees can I wish you and your family a relaxing Easter break and that we all come back refreshed for the new summer term ahead.

I would like to remind you that school will be closed on **Monday 1st May 2023 (May Day Bank Holiday)** and **Monday 8th May 2023 (Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation)**.

Let's hope we get some nice weather.

All my good wishes,

Mrs. Bateman

Mrs. Bateman
Headteacher

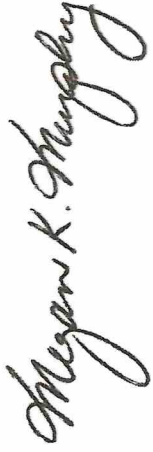
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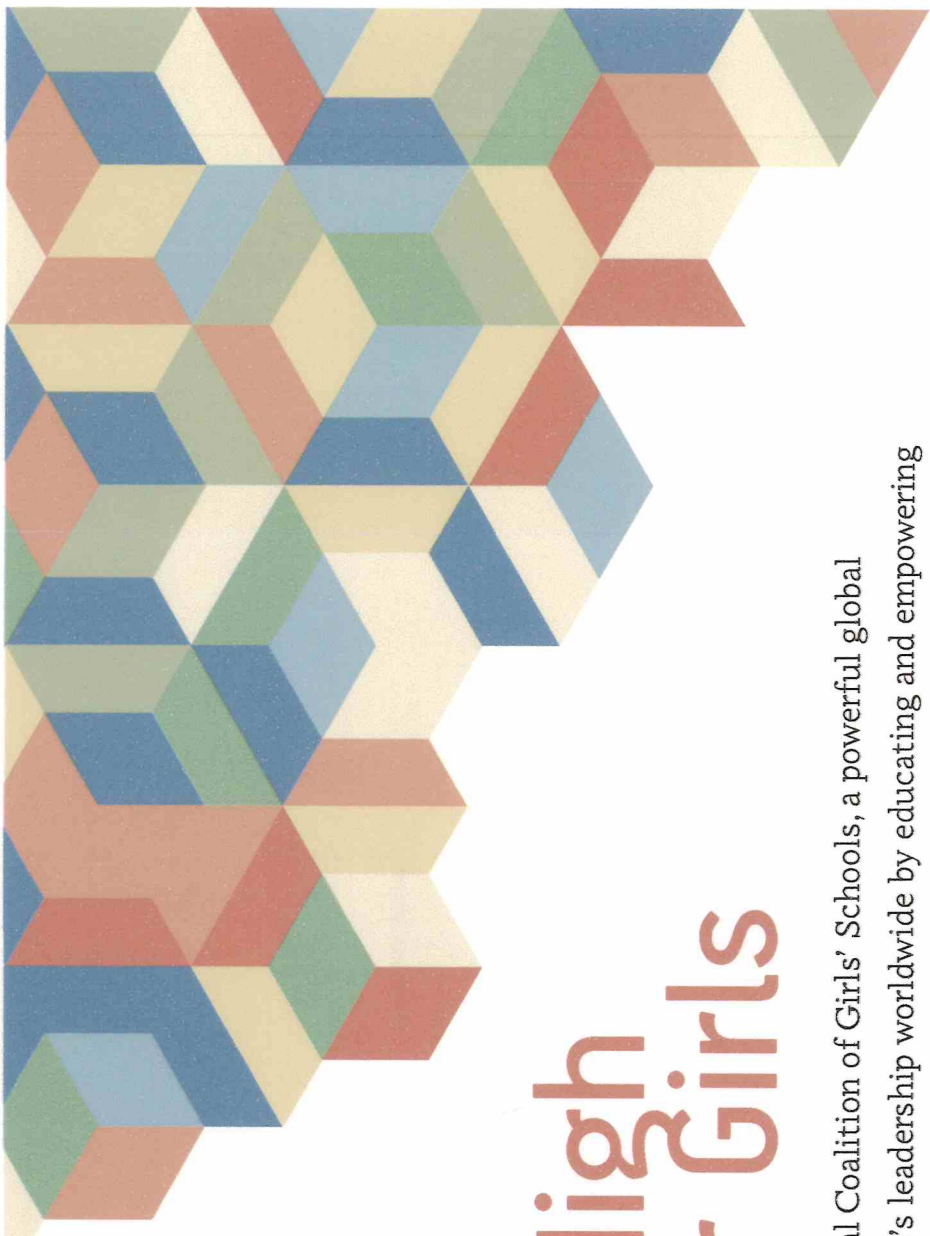
Fairfield High School for Girls

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Megan K. Murphy

GLOBAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

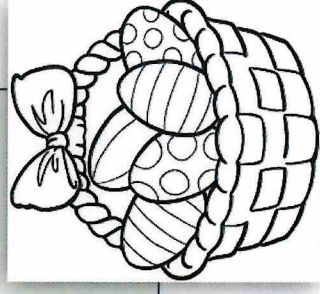


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Year 11 Easter Revision Programme 2023



Monday 3 rd April	Tuesday 4 th April	Wednesday 5 th April	Thursday 6 th April	Friday 7 th April
	<p>GCSE Maths</p> <p>Mrs McCormick in G23 Mr Dempsey in F31 9am-12pm</p> <p>By invitation for targeted pupils</p>	<p>GCSE Geography</p> <p>Mrs Senior in G65 10am-12pm</p> <p>All GCSE Geography pupils welcome</p>		<p>Good Friday</p>
<p>Monday 10th April</p> <p>Easter Monday</p>	<p>GCSE Computer Science</p> <p>Mrs Rowland in S7 9am-11:30am or 12pm-2:30pm</p> <p>By invitation for targeted pupils</p>	<p>GCSE French/German</p> <p>Miss Derrett in F11 Mrs Moore in F5 Mr Devine in F4 9am-11am</p> <p>All GCSE French/German pupils welcome</p> <p>GCSE PE Moderation Practice</p> <p>Miss Ashton in S-Hall 9am-2pm</p> <p>By invitation for relevant pupils</p>	<p>GCSE PE Theory Mastery Day</p> <p>Miss Ashton in G23 9:30am-2pm</p> <p>All GCSE PE pupils welcome</p>	<p>GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition Coursework Catch-Up</p> <p>Mrs Owen in G52 10am-2pm</p> <p>All GCSE Food pupils welcome as needed</p>



Targeted pupils will be told verbally before the Easter break if they are welcome/expected to attend.

All pupils **MUST** sign in and out at reception when arriving/leaving.

Parents/carers are asked to confirm attendance/permission via Microsoft Form.