



**Fairfield
High School**

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Excalibur

- A family of schools
- Achieving excellence
- Empowering individuality

Founded in 2012, Excalibur Academies Trust has grown from two schools in Marlborough, Wiltshire, to 11 schools in four local authorities stretching from Bristol to Reading along the M4 corridor, providing high quality education to almost 4000 children from age 2 to age 18.

Our vision is to provide an all-through education in local hubs, with a focus on the best teaching, a broad and exciting curriculum and an outward-facing global perspective. We believe in investing in our staff to ensure we attract and retain talented, dedicated people who are committed to changing children's lives for the better. With a strong track record of raising the achievement of disadvantaged pupils across the trust, it is our mission to promote social mobility and personal fulfilment through the transformative power of education.

We have recently welcomed Bristol's May Park Primary School to our Excalibur family, and look forward to providing strong support and opportunities to this school, plus the many others who share our vision.



Welcome from the Principal

I am extremely proud to lead FHS, a happy, vibrant and diverse community at the heart of a brilliant multicultural city.

Every student at our school has the opportunity to flourish and succeed. We have high aspirations for our young people and support them so they can achieve excellence.

Staff, parents and students work together to create a strong, harmonious organisation where learners can gain the skills, knowledge, values and

qualifications they need to become active global citizens.

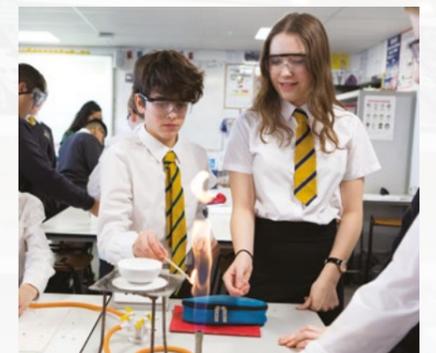
At FHS, every individual is encouraged to challenge themselves, work creatively in collaboration with others and most importantly, achieve the sense of joy that comes from the determined effort to succeed in learning.

Mr Nick Lewis, Principal



“ You have a wonderful school with a very special atmosphere, based, we thought, on outstanding relationships and a kind of energy and dedication that speak volumes about your values and philosophy in action.”

- Visitor



Curriculum

The Fairfield curriculum is designed to promote a love of learning. We emphasise literacy and numeracy and offer a strong foundation in a wide range of subjects. All students in Key Stage 3 study two modern languages, dance, music and drama as well as STEM (science, engineering, technology and maths) and Ebacc subjects (maths, English, science, humanities and languages).

In Key Stage 4, all students have the opportunity to take Ebacc qualifications alongside engineering, music, drama, dance, classical civilisation, food and nutrition, computer science, arts subjects and PE.

We are responsive to the national educational landscape, ensuring that our students can compete robustly with all students nationally.

“ The **students** here are like **stars**; they may be similar but each of them is **unique**, the **diversity** is what makes Fairfield High School.”

- Former Head Boy





Extra-curricular

Our extra-curricular activities build confidence and character in an environment where students are supported and nurtured.

We offer a wide range of sports; previous years' offerings include football, netball, basketball, hockey, rounders, cricket, rugby, badminton, swimming, athletics and trampolining.

Students who love the outdoors can take part in nature club in our on-site garden or join the Duke of Edinburgh Award activities offered through our PE department.

Music, singing, drama and dance are highly valued at FHS and students have many opportunities to perform.

We are proud to offer a wide variety of clubs which change and evolve on an ongoing basis. Students are also involved in many charity, citizenship and community activities, getting the chance to live our values and become creative, ethical, global citizens.

Students enjoy participating in local and national competitions and getting involved in leadership and enterprise opportunities.

We run numerous trips for enrichment, including visits abroad to suit historians, linguists, sports enthusiasts and artists.

“ Fairfield is a lovely school with everyone working in harmony. There is a natural integration of happy and productive students genuinely mixing, getting along and being kind to one another.

There's a unique feeling of social harmony and awareness that comes from within the school itself, the different cultures, students and parents/carers. It makes for a special community.”

- Parent

Transition

Fairfield High School offers a Transition Team to help students make a positive transfer from primary school.

All prospective students are invited to come in and meet staff and other new students during our Year 6 induction programme. We also offer a Summer School.

Our Magic Mornings experiences give Year 5 and 6 students the opportunity to experience an FHS lesson. Our students have even created a transition website to give peer-to-peer advice to new arrivals.



“The quality of teaching in a wide range of subjects is consistently good and sometimes outstanding.”

- Ofsted

SEND / pastoral

We believe that all students should have access to the full curriculum. Our team, led by a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator, has broad experience and expertise in supporting children who may face barriers to their learning.

Teachers are skilled in delivering a curriculum which is accessible to all. Visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically disabled students follow broadly the same curriculum as all other students. Attainment and Progress data for our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) students is extremely positive. We are made aware of students' needs through links with primary schools, families and carers.



Brighter Futures

Helping our students to develop the skills and attributes for success in adult life is very important to us at Fairfield High School.

The school places a strong emphasis on employability, whereby students have the opportunity to access a range of employers from different industries. Various events take place over the year to enable our students to fully develop their skills; they are also given support to undertake work experience and gain interview experience.

As part of our collaboration with Business in the Community, we have established a strong relationship with our linked business, Burges Salmon.

“Ever since we started working with Fairfield we have been impressed by the school’s dedication to their students’ achievements and wholeheartedly taking on any opportunity that will enhance their learning. We look forward to continue working with Fairfield and seeing many more students benefit from this.” Burges Salmon

Former FHS students have a strong record of success at Russell Group universities and in top apprenticeships, and we are proud that we have a high percentage of leavers who go onto further education or training.

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- Burges Salmon





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