



**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 20 schools reaching from Bristol to Reading along the M4 corridor, providing high quality education to 10,000 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. Our growth strategy is based on our hub model and building the capacity to provide strong support and opportunities to other schools who share our vision.



Welcome from the Principal

At Fairfield, we are committed to fostering an inclusive and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive.

As Principal I see my role as leading our community to ensure we provide a high-quality education that inspires and empowers our students to achieve their full potential, both personally and academically in a way that values each person as an individual.

Our dedicated team of educators is passionate about delivering a broad and balanced curriculum that not only meets the highest academic standards but also promotes creativity, critical thinking, and a love for lifelong learning. We believe in nurturing the unique talents and abilities of each student, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges of the future.

Our 'We Are Fairfield' values are woven into the fabric of our school culture, guiding our students to become responsible global citizens. We are proud of our vibrant school community, where every student is encouraged to contribute positively and to strive for excellence in all they do.

We invite you to explore our prospectus and discover what makes Fairfield High School a place where every student can excel and grow. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Ms Edel Cronin,
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, the Sciences, Geography or History and a Language). In Key Stage 4, students have the opportunity to take EBacc qualifications alongside Engineering, Music, Drama, Dance, Classical Civilisation, Computer Science, Arts subjects, Health & Social Care, Childcare and PE. We are responsive to the national educational landscape, ensuring that our students can compete robustly with all students nationally.



“Pupils are happy and safe. They feel that that staff are caring and respectful and ambitious for their futures. Parents say this too.”

- Ofsted



“ The school has a calm and purposeful atmosphere. Staff are quick to challenge any form of disrespectful behaviour or bullying. Pupils and parents appreciate this and have confidence in leaders to resolve any issues.”

- Ofsted

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 and athletics.

Students who love the outdoors can take part in nature club in our on-site garden or join the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Music, singing, drama and dance are highly valued at FHS and students have many opportunities to perform, such as at our annual musical production and the Summer/Winter Galas.

We are proud to offer a wide variety of clubs which change and evolve on an ongoing basis. Students are

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.

Through collaboration with national organisations such as Integrate UK and Just Like Us, students have the opportunity to shape and lead our equalities agenda. We also feel privileged to be awarded both the 'School of Sanctuary' and 'Halo' Status.

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

We are proud of our sporting victories; in recent years we have been Bristol champions in football, basketball, cricket, netball and rounders.



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 Fairfield Moving Up (Summer School), where every child who has accepted a place in Year 7 can attend a week familiarising themselves with the school's ethos, values, building and staff, whilst enjoying an agenda packed with student-centred workshops, games and activities .

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.



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.

“ My child joined Fairfield in September and has had a **very good year**. The transition team and the teachers in general have been **excellent and the support** my child has received throughout the year has really **helped him to feel settled** and to **do well**. His tutors have also been **brilliant**, and has been **incredibly responsive and supportive**.”

- Parent



Brighter Futures

Helping our students to develop the skills and attributes to succeed and flourish when entering the world of work is very important to us at Fairfield High School. To date we are proud to be achieving 100% across ALL 8 Gatsby Benchmarks; these are a national framework of guidelines that define the best careers provision within secondary schools.

Our careers provision is embedded throughout our curriculum, as we feel it is crucial in equipping our students to feel empowered and informed to make decisions regarding the opportunities and challenges of adult and working life. Across all year groups, students can access a range of employers from different industry sectors in addition to various events taking place over the year to enable our students to fully develop their enterprising skills. We are also proud to be working with Schools of Tomorrow which, amongst other things, provides cohesion and support for school based leavers.

During Year 10, students are offered support to undertake a diverse range of work experience, together with a range of local employers to deliver vital mock interview practice.

All students benefit from utilising our online careers platform, Unifrog, whereby they log their key competencies, achievements, work experience and post-16 provisions. This has proved highly valuable for students as they progress through their five year career journey at Fairfield.

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



“ 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.**”

- Local employer



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