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 Fairfield High School – FHS

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Welcome to Fairfield High School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place at Fairfield High School (FHS) for their secondary education. We are very proud of our transition timetable that has been developed over many years to help children move from primary school to FHS. We have an experienced team who will work with you and your child to facilitate their transition.

We feel it is nice to welcome you with a letter so you can pop it on your fridge and have all the key dates at hand. However, all future correspondence will be via email and will only be sent to the parent/guardian whose details we receive from Bristol City Council. Once your child has started with us, the majority of communications will be sent via ParentMail. All parents/guardians will receive an invitation to create an account, so please ensure you do this.

Induction Day

All children are invited to attend a Bristol-wide transition day on **Wednesday 1 July 2026**; this provides an opportunity to spend time at FHS, meet other children in their tutor group, and familiarise themselves with the building and facilities. Further information about this event will be shared nearer the time.

Induction Evening

All parents and guardians, along with their children, are invited to an Induction Evening where you will hear more specific information about attending FHS, for example: uniform requirements, equipment, behaviour expectations, timings of the school day. You will also have the opportunity to meet the Year 7 Team, and ask questions. We have found that families who attend this event are better informed and therefore have a smoother transition. We will confirm arrangements for this event nearer the time.

'Singles and Doubles'

All children joining from a primary school with three or less others are invited to an additional event, allowing them to meet other students in the same position, and to help ensure that all students starting in September will have a few familiar faces around them. We will confirm arrangements for this event with those families it affects.

Fairfield Moving Up Week

Fairfield Moving Up will run from **Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July 2026** and is open to all incoming Year 7s. The week is packed full of activities, workshops, and plenty of opportunities to make new friends before starting in September. Take a look at our website, by hovering over 'Information' and selecting 'Fairfield Moving Up'. A link to our online booking page will be sent out shortly, the cost for the whole week is £80, or £40 for families in receipt of Free School Meals/Pupil Premium. If your child would like to attend but you are unable to cover the cost, please email FHSMovingUp@Fairfield.excalibur.org.uk, and we will endeavour to help.



Modern Foreign Languages

During Years 7, 8 and 9 students will study two modern foreign languages: French and either German or Spanish. In Year 9 your child will choose their GCSE options where they will be able to choose a language(s) they have studied in Years 7-9, and/or German or Spanish if they are already fluent in them.

Please let us know by **Friday 1 May 2026** whether your child would prefer to learn German or Spanish by emailing FHSMovingUp@Fairfield.excalibur.org.uk. Although we will make every effort to secure your child's first choice of language option, it cannot be guaranteed.

Tutor Groups

We have eight tutor groups per year group, divided into four Houses (Ruby, Amethyst, Sapphire and Emerald). Half the year learn German and the other half Spanish. We make every effort to place your child in a tutor group with other children from their primary school, and one that corresponds to their preferred modern foreign language choice where provided (see above).

SEND

We will work with all the primary schools to identify children with SEND or those who would benefit from additional support. These children will be invited in for a SEND Tour, this is something we arrange directly with the schools, and they make arrangements for the children to visit FHS with appropriate staff supervision.

Further Information

Our school website contains a huge amount of information about life at FHS, including [extra-curricular activities and clubs](#), [uniform requirements](#), [canteen menus](#), [staff contact information](#), [tutors](#) and much more. Please take time to explore our website with your child.

Contact Details

During the transition period and throughout your child's time with us, communications will be sent via email, please supply private email addresses **only** as work email addresses will not be accepted. Please ensure you tell us if any of your information changes, for example email, mobile phone number or home address by emailing Enquiries@Fairfield.excalibur.org.uk.

Once your child has started attending you will receive an email from **IRIS ParentMail** asking you to register. We use ParentMail to send emails and texts, it is also used to top up your child's lunch money and pay for trips. We recommend you download the free app for easy viewing and notifications, it is also accessible via their website.

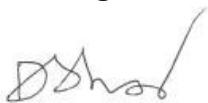
Accepting your offer

If you have not yet accepted your allocated place please do so as quickly as possible. If you do not want to accept your offer, please report this to Bristol City Council (BCC) via Parent Portal/email/post so the place can be offered to another family. You must respond to your offer by **Monday 16 March 2026**, for further information please visit the BCC website.

If you are awaiting the outcome of an appeal please let us know by emailing FHSMovingUp@Fairfield.excalibur.org.uk so we can make a note of this, and as soon as you get the result please accept/decline your offer.

Finally, we look forward to giving your child a warm welcome to FHS on **Monday 7 September 2026**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via FHSMovingUp@Fairfield.excalibur.org.uk.

Kind regards,



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