



**Fairfield
High School**
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- 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 9 months 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 inspire a lifelong love of learning and is firmly rooted in our school values. We are committed to ensuring that every student leaves us as an aspirational, enterprising and responsible global citizen, equipped with the knowledge, skills and character to succeed in an ever-changing world.

At Key Stage 3, all students study a broad and balanced curriculum comprising the core subjects alongside two modern foreign languages, geography, history, computer science, religious education, dance, music, drama, art and photography, as well as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

At Key Stage 4, students continue to study a strong core curriculum and have the opportunity to specialise in subjects they have enjoyed at Key Stage 3, alongside additional options including Health and Social Care, Sports, and Child Development.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education is taught throughout Years 7–11. Our PSHE curriculum promotes British Values by equipping students with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to become respectful, responsible and active citizens. Through exploring democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance, students are prepared to make a positive contribution to modern British society.

We continually review and develop our curriculum in response to the evolving national educational landscape, ensuring that our students are well prepared to thrive and compete successfully alongside their peers at a local, national and global level.



“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 extensive enrichment programme is designed to build confidence, develop character and inspire a lifelong love of learning. In a supportive and nurturing environment, students are encouraged to explore new interests, discover their talents and develop the skills that will help them thrive both in school and beyond.

We offer a broad range of sporting opportunities, enabling students of all abilities to participate, compete and achieve. Recent activities have included football, netball, basketball, hockey, rounders, cricket, cross-country, rugby, badminton and athletics. We are proud of our sporting success, with students achieving Bristol championship titles in football, basketball and cricket in recent years.

For students who enjoy the outdoors, our Nature Club makes full use of our on-site garden, while the Duke of Edinburgh's Award provides opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork and leadership through adventure and service.

The performing arts are at the heart of school life. Music, singing, drama and dance are celebrated throughout the year, with students regularly showcasing their talents in our annual musical production, as well as our Summer and Winter Gala performances.

Our wide-ranging programme of clubs continues to evolve in response to students' interests, offering opportunities to develop new skills, pursue passions and build lasting friendships. Students play an active role in charity, citizenship and community initiatives, putting our values into practice while developing as compassionate, ethical and globally minded citizens.

Leadership and enterprise opportunities are available across all year groups, with students encouraged to participate in local and national competitions. Through partnerships with national organisations, students also have meaningful opportunities to shape and lead our equality, diversity and inclusion agenda.

We are proud to have been recognised with both **School of Sanctuary** and **Halo status**, reflecting our commitment to creating a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment where every student feels valued, respected and able to succeed.

Our unique House System extends learning beyond the classroom, bringing students together through friendly competition while fostering a strong sense of community, belonging and leadership. Bespoke to our school, the House programme explores themes including race, neurodiversity, faith, gender and environmental responsibility, empowering students to become thoughtful, inclusive and engaged citizens.

A rich programme of educational visits and residential experiences further enhances learning, with opportunities both in the UK and abroad for historians, linguists, artists, sports enthusiasts and many others. These experiences broaden horizons, enrich the curriculum and create lasting memories.



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.



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. We are proud to be achieving the majority of the 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.

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 enterprising skills, 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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