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Ms Edel Cronin



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Ms Sazida Majjee



Assistant Vice Principal
Mr Donovan Shand



Assistant Vice Principal
Mr Jacob Francis



Assistant Vice Principal
Mr Ollie Taylor



Assistant Vice Principal
Ms Bridget Doherty

Staff Involvement

- Line Manager
- SLT Member of staff linked to your area
- Conversations – face to face, stay interviews, request to join SLT meetings etc.
- Anonymous termly staff survey
- Teaching and Learning Workgroup
- Wellbeing Workgroup
- Union

Student Involvement

- Student Council
- Tutor Reps
- Prefects
- House Captains
- Email staff
- Talking to staff



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We work together to lead our school, celebrate our successes and remove barriers

- I'm willing to put the problem in front of us rather than between us.
- I'm ready to listen, ask questions, and accept that I may not fully understand the issue.
- I can genuinely thank someone for their efforts rather than criticize them for their failings.
- I am open to owning my part.

Taken from Brene Brown, Dare to Lead

Our Vision

Our core vision is global citizenship—fostering an understanding of diverse cultures and global issues so our students are prepared for their future careers.

We are incredibly proud that our students rank in the highest third of schools nationally for feeling they can really be themselves here.

We believe that while individuality is a right, compromise and collaboration are essential for our collective success.

Excalibur Values: Ambition, Empowering and Ethical

FHS Values: Aspirational, Responsible Global Citizens, Enterprising,



Support your child along the way, Attendance and Achievement

- We are dedicated to removing any barriers that stand in the way of your child's learning. Every student at FHS has access to a daily free breakfast, as well as support for uniforms and equipment.
- Beyond the classroom, we offer a broad range of extra-curricular activities and free music lessons for those eligible for free school meals.
- Wellbeing is an essential part of our daily practice for students, staff, and the wider community. To keep you informed, we provide weekly parent/carers briefings via ParentMail in English, Urdu, and Arabic, and our leadership operates an open-door policy where families can even email the Principal directly.



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Taking up the responsibility, being part of a Community

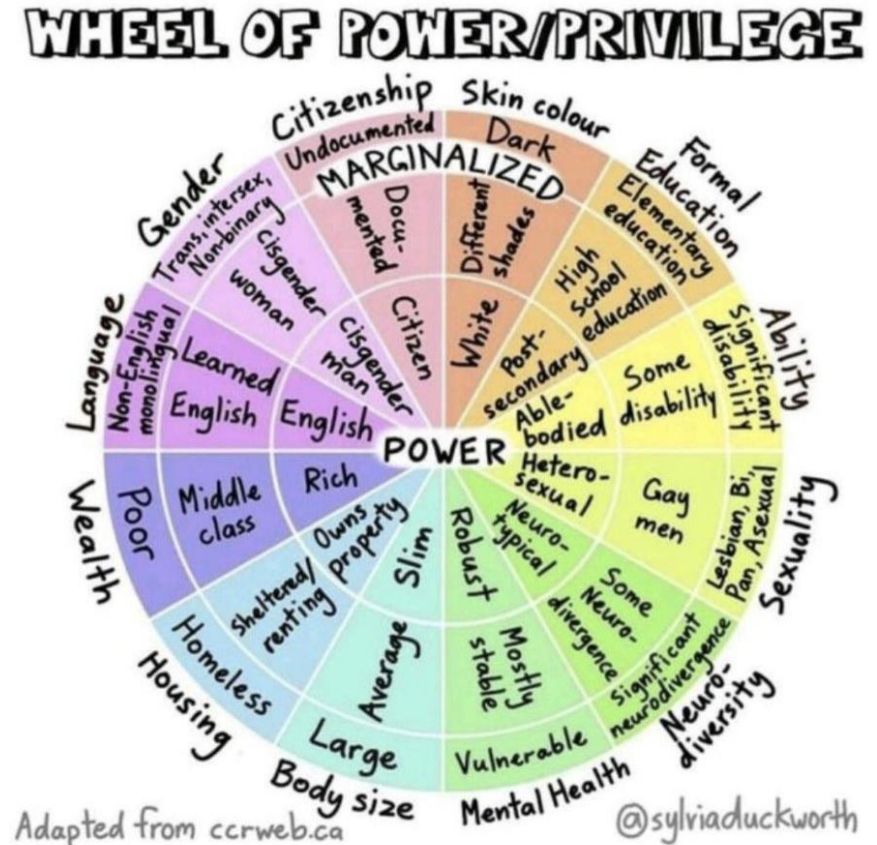
Achieving academic and excellence for all requires a strong partnership between the school and home.

We ask our students to be ready to learn, our staff to provide high-quality support, and our families to engage with us as active partners.

The Fairfield Parent Network (FPN) and our Academy Committee that elects both parent and community governors are just some of the way you can get involved in influences how our school is shaped.

We are a self-aware community committed to anti-racism and supporting the unique needs of all individuals, including those who are carers or differently abled.

By taking up our individual responsibilities, we ensure FHS remains a positive, ambitious, and inclusive place for everyone to grow







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Welcome Year 7 2026-2027!



Meet the team



Mrs Nardia Newport

Achievement Coordinator



Rufus Hykel

Achievement Manager



Assistant Vice Principal

Mr Donavan Shand



Tutor Team

Miss Hamilton

Subject : Science

How long they have been teaching:

Coming up to 4 years

How long they have been at Farfield:

Also coming up to 4 years

Interest/hobby: I love reading,
puzzles, singing, dancing, star
gazing and musical theatre

Ms Haspinaell

Subject you teach: Science

Mr King

Subject you teach: PE and RE

How long they have been teaching:
10 years

How long they have been at
Farfield: 10 years

Interest/hobby: Playing football

Two Tutors Joining Our Team in Sept 2026

Ms Day

Ms Favris

Ms Pole



Tutor Team

Mr Roderick

Subject: Music

How long they have been teaching:
16 years

How long they have been at
Fairfield: 11 Years

Interest/hobby: music / biking /
running / kayaking / adventuring /
camping / poetry / philosophy /
astrophysics / technology geek

Dr Ross

Subject: Science

How long they have been teaching:
12 years

How long they have been at Fairfield: 11
Years

Interest/hobby: Gardening, playing guitar
and singing

Mr Gerrard

Subject you teach: Maths

How long they have been teaching: since
1996

How long they have been at Farfield:
almost 20 years

Interest/hobby: football/padel/cycling



The First Few Weeks: Routines, Expectations & What to Expect

- **Daily routines** — School doors open at 8:30am. Free breakfast is available to all students. Students need to be sat in their tutor seat by 8:40am.
- **Behaviour expectations** — Achievement Points and Behaviour Points will be visible on ClassCharts. Celebration tutor times will be every Friday.
- **Homework & organisation** — Student timetables, attendance and detentions will be visible on ClassCharts.
All assignments for homework and class work will be visible on Microsoft Teams.
- **Support structures** — Year 7 have their own social area. Quiet break out rooms are also available.

Communication & How We Work With Families

- **How to contact us** — Your child's tutor will be your main contact. Year Team will then support with wider problems. Reception will be able to pass on urgent messages for day to day concerns.
- **Key systems** — ParentMail is the main system for contacting families with information. Any student absences must be reported on Parentmail or via the school absence line.
- ClassCharts- information on attendance, behaviour, timetables.
- Microsoft Teams – classwork and homework access.
- **What we ask of families** — attendance partnership, early communication, team effort.



Wellbeing, Safety & Helping Year 7 Thrive

- **Wellbeing support** — pastoral team check-ins, a wider range of wellbeing interventions are available.
- **Digital safety** — We are a device free school. Students can use main reception or pastoral offices for any urgent contact home.
Social media: families to speak openly with their students about the ban for under 16s and the dangers.
- **Friendships & transition** — Year Team and teachers will navigating new peers and the worries that come with taking the next big step.
- **Building confidence** — Thriving student council and prefect, a wide range of clubs and extra curricular.

Key Points

- A ParentMail link will be emailed to you once your child has started with us on Monday 7th September - please use this to sign up and receive information, add lunch money and pay for trips etc.



- Let us know about any issues or concerns early
- Your child is going to thrive, we're excited to have you all with us!

FHS Moving Up!

What do our students enjoy about summer school?

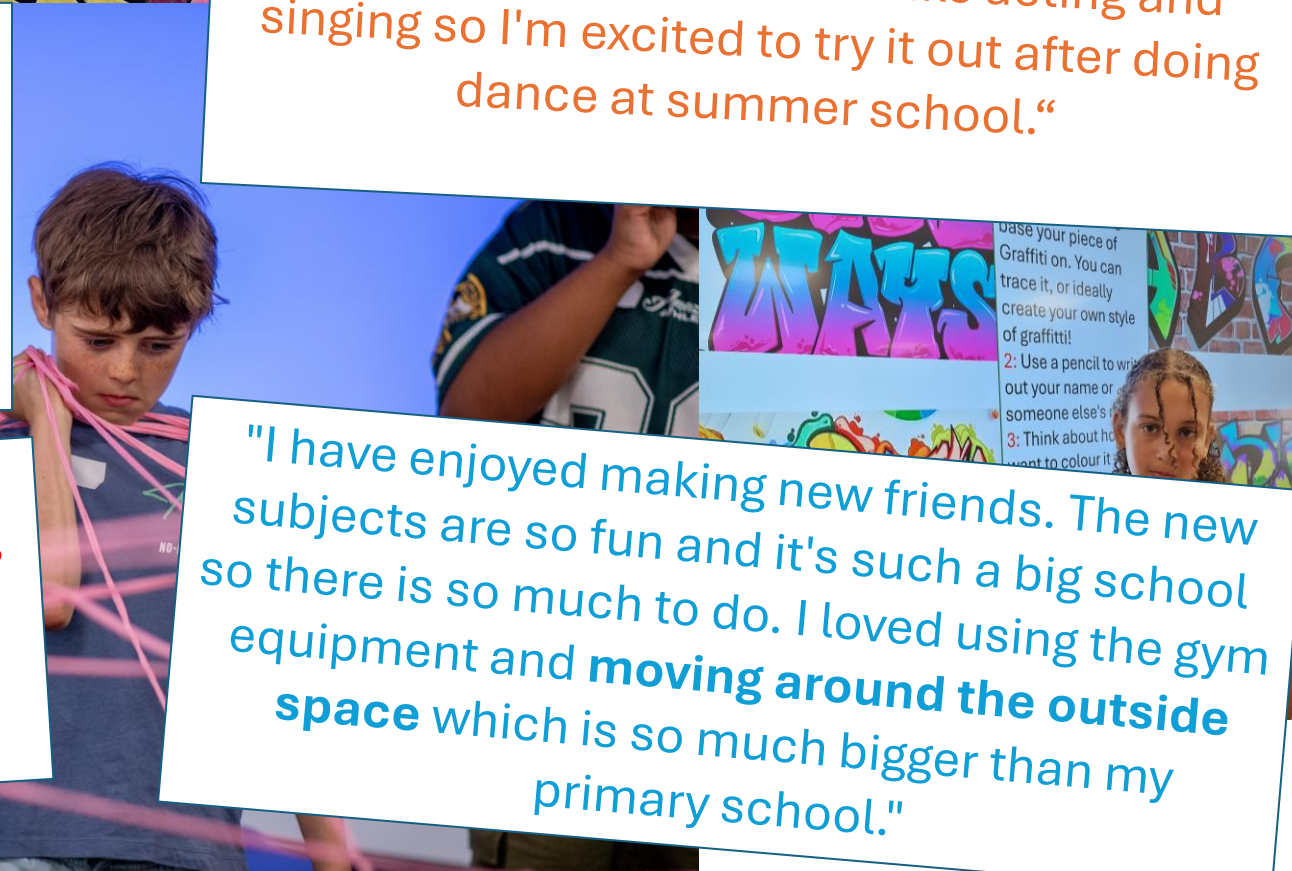
"I have enjoyed getting to know the school building and staff that I will feel comfortable with in September. It's been fun and we have been getting to know what it's like at school **step by step**, not thrown in the deep end."

"I loved the vinyl disk painting. Summer school is so **fun**, and you get to meet loads of people. If you are worried about making friends, it's a great opportunity to get to know people."

"I have enjoyed meeting my new friend and trying lots of **new subjects** including sport and the flag game outside".

"Capture the flag was so fun. The teachers have been so nice at Fairfield, **I feel ready to come up in September**. I like acting and singing so I'm excited to try it out after doing dance at summer school."

"I have enjoyed making new friends. The new subjects are so fun and it's such a big school so there is so much to do. I loved using the gym equipment and **moving around the outside space** which is so much bigger than my primary school."



How does the Moving Up week work?



- Parents and Carers **sign up** online - <https://fairfield.excalibur.org.uk/summer-school-2/> (80£ or £40 (Free school meals))
- Students follow a **day** that looks like this example day
- **Lunch** is included – or you can bring packed lunch
- Full menu with Vegan, halal and Jacket potatoes every day
- During sign up you have a chance to detail information about medical/SEND needs etc
- Groups are mixed but there will always be someone from the students' primary school in their group
- Wide range of activities!

WHAT DOES AN EXAMPLE DAY LOOK LIKE?

8:45-9:00	Welcome and Breakfast
9:00-9:50	Empire Boxing
9:50-10:40	Treasure Hunt
10:40-11:10	Break (snack provided)
11:10-12:00	Zazi Session
12:00-12:50	Graffiti Art on Vinyls
12:50-13:40	Lunch (lunch provided)
13:40-14:30	Carnival Dance

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What do Fairfield students do during this week? Here are just some of the activities we will do!



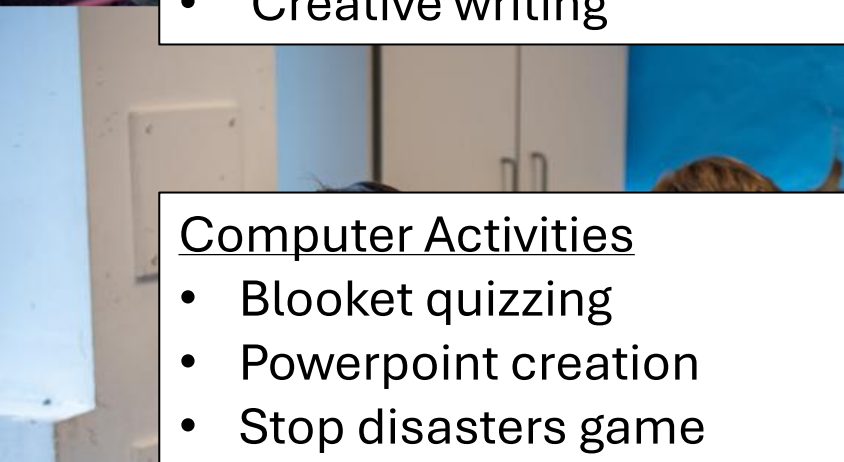
Zazi workshop

- A big variety of activities, thinking about ourselves, our thoughts and ideas
- Creating T-shirts with affirmations
- Creative writing



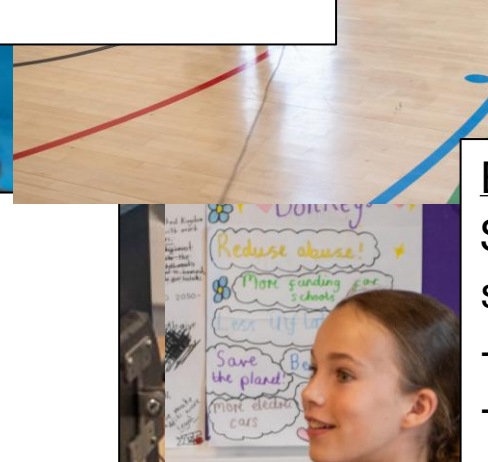
Graffiti Vinyls

- A local graffiti artist will run a 2-day workshop
- This was hugely popular
- Students create their own graffiti on vinyl using pens



Computer Activities

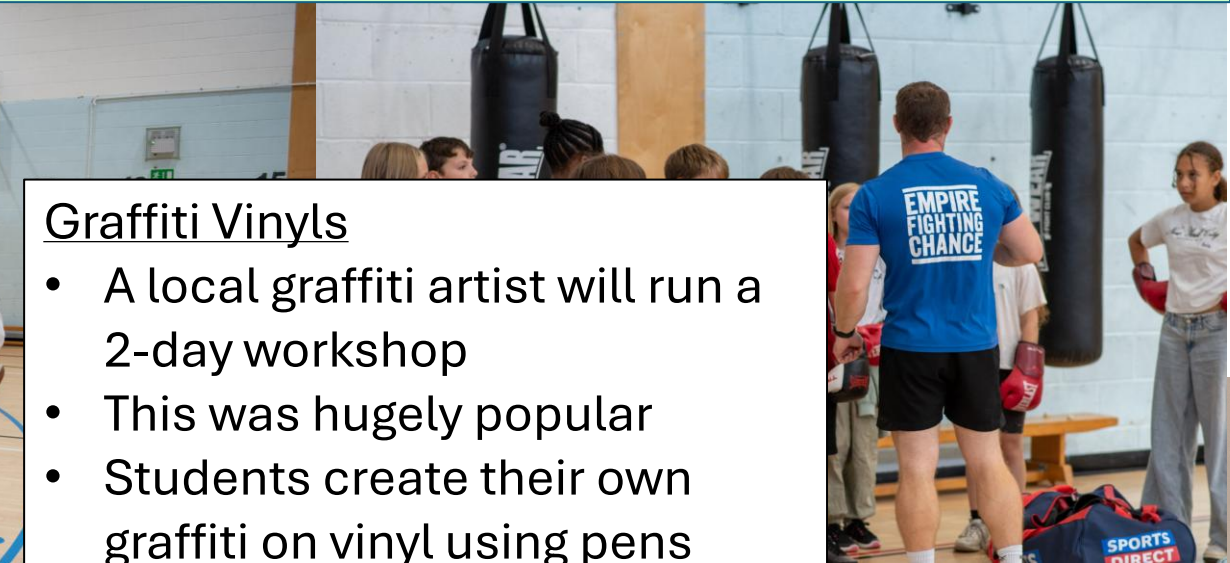
- Blooket quizzing
- Powerpoint creation
- Stop disasters game



Empire Boxing

Students complete Empire boxing every day. The sessions include:

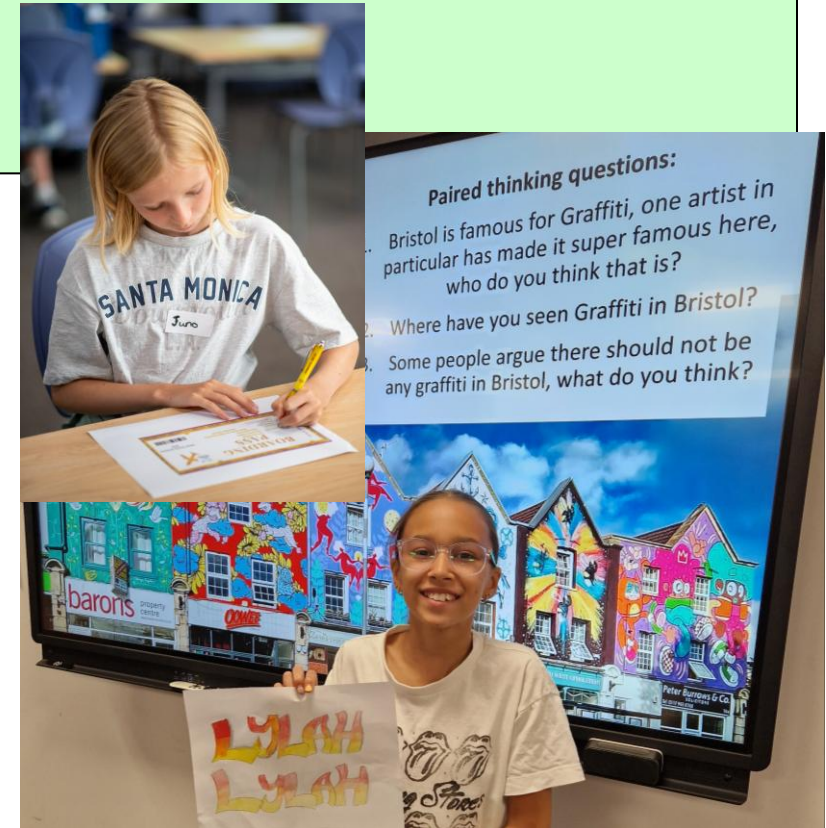
- Team games
- Skipping
- Circuits
- Non-contact boxing
- Boxing using the pads



Amongst many other activities – Badminton, treasure hunts, art, drama games, dance etc

Why do we run Moving Up?

- Become familiar with the school **building**
- Meet key members of **staff**
- Experience a typical school **day**
- Learn how a **timetable** works
- Have **fun** with other new Year 7 students
- Chance to make new **friends**
- Gradual introduction to reduce **worries**
- Supports **integration**, especially for students from smaller primary schools
- Important part of the **transition** to secondary school



Please take a leaflet on your way out 😊

I will be available after all talks today to answer questions and help with any concerns you have.

Free school meals **eligibility** is also expanding

From September 2026, children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals with no income limit.

Pupil Premium will keep the existing income limit of £7,400 a year, or £616.66 a month.

You can't apply under these new rules yet. BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL WILL update schools and the website when applications can be processed.

If your child currently receives Free School Meals at primary school they will not automatically get them in Year 7, you must reapply when told to do so.

Please keep checking the Bristol City Council Free School Meals webpage for further instructions

Starting arrangements

- Year 7 will start on Monday 7th September.
- What should they bring?
 - School bag
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Clear pencil case containing:
 - Ruler
 - Pencil, eraser and sharpener
 - Two black, red and green pens
 - Compass, protractor and scientific calculator
 - Reading book
 - Packed lunch for the first week to allow time for them to be added to our catering system.

- What should they wear?
 - Navy v-neck jumper or plain navy full-zip hoodie
 - FHS tie to match House colour
 - Headscarf and hair bands – plain in style of any colour. No durags.
 - White shirt or polo shirt with collar
 - Black, navy or grey tailored trousers or shorts
 - Black, navy or grey skirt with plain black, navy or grey tights underneath
 - Black shoes or trainers, with black sole
- PE kit?
 - You will be told what PE kit is required at the start of Term 1, you may want to buy the basics but hold off buying rugby tops and football boots that they may grow out of.
 - Basic items:
 - Gum shield
 - Navy or black plain sports trousers or shorts. No lycra shorts.
 - Navy plain t-shirt
 - Trainers
 - Long yellow socks