



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	Year 8	HPV Vaccinations – deadline to access form Mon 22 Jan
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Year 8 Pupils/Parents/Carers	Year 8 Choices Evening, 5pm – 7pm, Kings Academy
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Year 8 Parents/ Carers	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4:30pm – 7pm, In person

### Inclement Weather

Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper, coat, hat and gloves to school during this cold weather spell.

In the event of bad weather, or other circumstances where we need to close the school, the following communication will be put into effect as early as possible:

- A Class Charts message will be sent to all parents/carers
- The school website will show the information on the front page

### KS2 Support Evening

A massive thank you to our community in supporting the KS2 evening, the turnout was excellent. Mr Jones led the session detailing how the school teaches long division and multiplication to our young learners. Parent/carers were then allowed the time to practice the techniques we use alongside our mathematics teachers to gain a better understanding on how to support their child in the run up to their end of Key Stage assessments. We hope everyone left feeling more empowered to support with revision outside of school. Keep an eye out for our next support evening. We will be running a session on fractions before the Easter break.

*Martin Davis – Assistant Headteacher*

### ‘Supporting Young Peoples Mental Wellbeing’

Please find below a link to a 15-minute Parent/Carer information video. The video identifies the Mental Wellbeing support that an organisation called Kooth can offer to young people. Kooth provides online emotional wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people aged 10-18.

Online support available includes access to self-help materials, online community support through discussion boards, access to professional support via live chat, and messaging with counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners. The website is available 24/7 and practitioners are online offering live chat until 10pm. The link to the video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/786330025>

*Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher*

### SPARX Maths

A great start to the new term for Year 7 and Year 8 SPARX homework. Currently, between them, both Year groups have answered over 32,000 questions and the top completion group is 7MA. SPARX homework is set each Thursday, and is due the following Wednesday.

A reminder that SPARX support is on Mondays from 12.15 – 12.45 in ICT1 with Mr Jones.

*Neil Jones – Head of Faculty for Maths*

### The Great Fairlands Middle School Write Off 2024 - Inspired by Rocks!



Pupils are invited to participate in a short-story writing competition (up to 500 words)

The competition will be run in two categories, one for KS2, and one for KS3. All entries are to be submitted to an English teacher by **22 February**.

- Let the rocks inspire you to write your short story
- It could be factually based
- It could be entirely fictional

*Lucy Lee – Teacher of English*

### Cross Country Update

On Saturday 20 Jan, 12 Pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 will be competing in the Somerset County Championships in Ilton. The pupils will be representing the Mendip area and competing against other local districts for a place in the South West team. Well done and good luck!

*Vicky Pople – Head of Faculty for Expressive Arts*

### Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482

## Our values

### ‘Caring and Inspirational’ Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email [safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

[l.co.uk](http://l.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Sally Virgin

### Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help.

‘You are human and it’s ok to struggle.’

‘It is important to look after yourself and mind.’

### Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 743186, or email using the school absence email address: - [absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

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### Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

[VIEW ALL VACANCIES HERE](#)

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