



Looking Ahead

SUMMER SUPPORT

Across the summer and beyond, Fitzharrys School aims to continue to provide all the pastoral support, guidance and information required to ensure a smooth transition towards your child's next steps. There are further details about some of the events and opportunities this summer in the rest of this newsletter; if you have any questions at any time, please do contact the KS4 team at: FHS-KS4team@fitzharrys.school.

MESSAGES FROM THE KS4 & SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAMS

I really going to miss being Head of Year for this year group. I've been a big fan of this cohort since before I became their Head of Year in year 10 and it has been an absolute pleasure seeing them grow into independent, personable individuals. On behalf of the year 11 form tutors, I want to thank you all for your support over these two years. I first met many of these fantastic young people in our 'Covid era' summer school and I have witnessed them face the challenges of a changing educational landscape with resilience and enthusiasm. During the exam period, we will be there for them to provide pastoral care when needed, so please do continue to get in touch if you have any concerns and encourage your child to seek support where needed: no question is unwelcome or too late. I have every confidence that your year 11 child will manage the upcoming exam season successfully and go on to achieve great things.

Mr O'Neill

Head of Key Stage 4

I feel very fortunate to have worked with your children since year 8, first as the KS3 Deputy Head and for the past 2 years as the KS4 Deputy Head. This is the year group who has trialled our new revision programme in tutor time, helping us shape it and strengthen it, so that all students can achieve their best in their GCSEs. I am looking forward to supporting them during the exam season, as well as sharing all the fun of the end of year with our Leavers' Assembly and Prom. This year 11 cohort form not only a strong academic year group, but also a fun one. I will miss them. I wish every family a wonderful end to year 11 and a fantastic summer.

Dr Ouvry

Deputy Head of Key Stage 4

Parents – as you stagger towards the end of exams tired, wrung out and knowing far more than you ever thought possible about the different permutations of what 'x' can really be, we want to congratulate you on a job well done. You have raised a group of really lovely, thoughtful, polite, hardworking children, who we are proud to have as Fitzharrys alumni. You are their biggest supporters and we've been privileged to work with you and your families.

Students – we will miss you! Thank you so much for sharing the last five years with us; in all the ups and downs that you've been through, you've weathered it with humour, fun, and kindness. Do your best, enjoy yourselves, and we wish you every happiness and success in your futures.

Ms David and Ms Lammin

KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers

It has been a pleasure to see all the students in this year group develop and grow whilst at Fitzharrys. I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved in their time here. They have been a dynamic year group with multiple interests and contributions to our school community. I will say a proper goodbye and thank you to students in the Leavers' Assembly and at the Prom. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents and carers for their support over the last 5 years. It is a privilege to work with young people in our community, and I am grateful to have worked in partnership with you all.

Mr Speke

Headteacher

Aspiration

EXAM SEASON

The year 11's exam season is in full flow throughout term 5 and 6. Students are expected to be in all lessons each day revising with their teachers and making use of their expert advice. There is no study leave until a few weeks into term 6. Specifics about what the exam season will look like for students and how you can support revision will be sent home at the beginning of term 5. Revision support can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/students/revision/>

EXAM RESULTS

Results Day this year is Thursday 20th August 2026. Students will be able to come into school between 9am–11am to collect their GCSE results in person in the Main Hall, entering via Reception. There is no expectation that students open their results in school, but some students do like to organise coming in to school at the same time as their friends. If your son/daughter is not able to attend, they can either nominate someone to collect their results on their behalf, or they can ask for their results to be emailed to them. To organise this, please email a request to our exams officer: Mrs Hale at ihale@fitzharrys.school by Monday 1st July.

CAREERS NEWSLETTERS

Our careers newsletters are updated each month with school, local, and national information and opportunities relating to careers. When organisations and training providers send us information about talks, vacancies, and applications, these will be shared via our website. To view, visit: [Careers Newsletters](#).

SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

See our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 5 list](#) for optional extra challenges and enrichment opportunities.

Opportunity

NEXT STEPS

If your child does not have firm plans for their education in September, please contact the KS4 team at: FHS-KS4team@fitzharrys.school who will provide support to ensure they have a clear, realistic plan in place. You will be contacted by the school early in the next academic year for information around your child's placement: this will entail filling in a short form and shouldn't take more than a few minutes. Please keep an eye on your e-mails!

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

There will be a special Leavers' Assembly for year 11 students in the Main Hall on Friday 26th June 2026 at 11am. This will be a celebration of our students' time at Fitzharrys, and an opportunity for students to sign each other's school shirts. The assembly will last about two hours and the shirt-signing might spill over into lunchtime. Students should attend in school uniform. We have emailed parents previously to ask for your help with this assembly – we would be grateful for your assistance in making this assembly a special event for your year 11 child.

PROM

Prom will be held at school on Friday 3rd July, 7.30pm–11pm. Tickets will be given out at the Leavers' Assembly. Every year, the Prom arrivals are a brilliant spectacle; students often choose to make a grand entrance in many different ways, which in the past has included in a wide variety of 'rides', including on horseback and in wheelbarrows! Friends and family are welcome to join us on the school drive to watch all the arrivals, and support and celebrate students on their big night. Students will need to book their arrival time slot with Ms David via email rdavid@fitzharrys.school (a reminder will appear on Epraise); the first arrival time slot is 6.30pm. Prom tickets are £27, to be paid via ParentMail. To help with administration and planning, we ask that payment is made by Friday 26th June; this can be paid in instalments if convenient. If you have any financial concerns around the prom, please do contact Mr O'Neill and/or Ms David for support.

LEAVERS' HOODIES & YEARBOOK

The deadline for orders is 8th May. They are available from an external online shop.

Details can be found here: [Leavers-Hoodies-and-Yearbook-On-Line-shop-info](#)

We are aiming to give out hoodies and yearbooks at the Leavers' Assembly on 26th June.

Integrity

ATTENDANCE IN TERMS 5 & 6

As we enter the exam season, the best place for students to be is in their classroom with their teacher. In these final lessons, students will receive essential information and guidance on revision, and reminders of what to avoid in order to succeed in their exams. Our school-based masterclasses have a great track record of preparing students to perform well in their exams.

All year 11 students are expected to remain in school and attend their lessons throughout the exam period. If a student is unwell and would wish to go home during the school day after sitting an exam, we must receive contact from a parent or carer at the start of the school day – as with any other absence. Without contact from a parent/carer, the unwell student will not be able to sign out after their exam.

We would ask that parents and carers ensure that your child fully understands that they **must** sit each exam on the scheduled day – it is not possible to sit an exam on a later day or at another time. If a student is unable to attend an exam due to severe illness or other unavoidable circumstances, this is reported to the exam board, and they will follow a set process in order to determine a grade.

UNIFORM

Students can choose to wear our optional summer uniform during Terms 5-6; full details on our [Uniform](#) webpage. The summer uniform options include a blue school-logo polo shirt and tailored shorts. If students decide not to wear the summer uniform, they should remain in shirt, tie and blazer. We politely remind students that, as always, they should not wear hooded jumpers to school, and they should continue to wear formal school shoes, not trainers. Many thanks for your continued support with maintaining the high standards we expect at Fitzharrys School.

RETURNING SCHOOL PROPERTY

We politely ask that before your child leaves the school site on the day of their final exam, they return their locker key and canteen card, along with any other school resources they may still have e.g. English textbooks, library loans etc. Our School Office Manager, Mrs Davis will be in touch with further information about this.

DONATIONS

We are always grateful to receive any donations of uniform, textbooks, revision guides and/or other revision resources in good condition from departing year 11 students where possible. If you are able and willing to donate any useful items so that future students may benefit from them, then we would be very pleased to receive these – please mark any items FAO of KS4 SWM Office in East Block. Thank you in advance for your very kind support.

COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY

Thanks to all who donated to our collection, raised through the Non-School Uniform Day. Approximately £880 was raised for Comic Relief.

FSA EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Many thanks to everyone who entered last term's FSA Easter Hamper Raffle. The winners of our two prize hampers were pleased to collect their spoils before the holiday. The FSA is especially grateful to all who collected and/or donated items for the hampers – this helped to keep expenses low and maximise fundraising. Over £760 was raised!

Useful Links

School Website:
[Careers](#) | [Revision](#) | [Exams Office](#)
Revision Resources [Padlet](#)
Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)
Adviza Careers [Website](#)

Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**
Deputy Head of Key Stage 4: **Dr S Ouvry**
KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers: **Mrs R David**
Miss K Lammin
Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

News

School Website: [Home page](#)
Facebook: [@fitzharrysschool](#)
Instagram: [fitzharrys](#)

Queries

Please [contact](#) the school with any queries
Email: office.4127@fitzharrys.school | Phone: **01235 520698**

Absence

To report a student absence, please telephone the dedicated *Student Absence Line* as soon as possible: **(01235) 538243**.

Key Dates

Monday 13 th April	Term 5 begins – Week A
Wednesday 22 nd April	Y11 BTEC Music Practice Exam Day
Weds 22 nd April onwards	Y11 MFL Speaking Exams
Tuesday 28 th April, 7:30pm	FSA Committee Meeting, Fitzharrys' library, all welcome
Thursday 30 th – Friday 1 st May	Y11 GCSE Art Exam
Friday 1 st May	Y11 GCSE PE Moderation
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 11 th May onwards	Y11 Exam Period – various subjects – see Exams Timetable
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5 – school closes at 3:15pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Start of Term 6 (Week A)
Monday 1 st June onwards	Y11 Exam Period continues – various subjects – see Exams Timetable