

# FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## A Foundation Science College

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*'Excellence in a Caring Environment'*

Founded on 27th June 1796, Fairfield has been providing a high quality education for girls for over 210 years.

We celebrated our 200th anniversary in 1996 with a visit from HRH The Duchess of Gloucester.

The School has a strong commitment to educating the whole child and we believe in:

- Academic Success
- High Standards of Behaviour and Appearance
- A Tradition of Care and Service
- Equal Opportunities



The school owes its existence to the Moravian Protestant Church, who believed it was their Christian duty to educate the young. They ran separate schools for girls and boys. In 1881, the girls school moved to the 'Old Sisters House' and in 1906 another move took place to the present main buildings. By this time, Fairfield was gaining a reputation for academic excellence, which is maintained to this day. Fairfield remained a Grammar School until the mid 1970s and is now an 11-16 Comprehensive School. It became Grant Maintained in 1993 and transferred to Foundation Status in 1999. Fairfield was awarded Beacon School status in 2001 and in September 2004 the School became a Specialist Science College.

### Staff and Pupils

The School currently has over 970 pupils on roll and is very popular and heavily over-subscribed year on year.

There are currently 61 well-qualified teaching staff at the school, covering each subject specialism. The teaching staff are supported by 52 ancillary staff.

Fairfield High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff to share this commitment.



We believe in educating the 'whole person' and our success depends on:

A strong home / school partnership

An excellent atmosphere of mutual respect

An environment which values each young person and her education equally.

We have a very well developed Pastoral System.

Discipline is strong and parental support sound.

## **Buildings and Facilities**

Extensive new building and refurbishment has taken place in recent years. This has included a new Technology Building, Science Wing, Humanities Block and Dining Hall as well as the major improvement and updating of our existing facilities.

The Sports Hall opened in September 2005, allowing us to create a new Drama Studio and an ICT equipped Student Support Centre in the main school building. In September 2006, the Library was fully refurbished and our visitors are now greeted by a new, welcoming Reception area. All teaching rooms have a PC, whiteboard and projector. All teaching staff have laptops. Our extensive ICT Network continues to expand year on year and we have a computer for every 2 pupils.



Specialist subjects are very well catered for with Science having 7 laboratories and purpose built or adapted facilities.



Fairfield is situated on a compact site of some four acres with hard playing surfaces, games fields and an area of woodland. The Sports Hall is sited to the left of the main entrance and is available for evening and weekend use by the local community.

Please note that Fairfield High School is a Smoke Free Site.

## **The Curriculum**

Fairfield offers a wide range of educational opportunities for pupils of all abilities. All pupils are encouraged to reach the highest academic standards of which they are capable and to pursue excellence in all they do. We offer the full National Curriculum and an extensive range of additional subjects, particularly at Key Stage 4. Our Lifeskills course, that runs throughout the school, enriches the pupils' learning experience.

Almost all girls are entered for at least 9 GCSE subjects or equivalent Level 2 qualifications and they produce results significantly above LA and national averages. In 2009:  
99% 5 or more A\*-G grades.  
96% 5 or more A\*-C grades.  
60% 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and Maths with the average GCSE points score of 511.

## **Key Performance Indicators**

- Excellent Ofsted inspection reports in 2004 and 2007.
- Achieved Specialist Science College Status in 2004.
- The best SATs and GCSE results for girls within the LA year on year.
- Over 80% of pupils move onto Further Education courses.
- Investor in People since 1995, offering excellent opportunities to all our staff.
- Member of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and a member of its '60%', '70%' and 'Most Improved Schools' clubs.
- A KS2-KS4 CVA (Contextual Value Added) that is consistently significantly above the national average.



## **Our Website**

For more information about the school, please feel free to visit our website:

**[www.fairfieldhigh.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.fairfieldhigh.tameside.sch.uk)**

Thank you for your interest in our school.