

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 18 March 2019

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Planning to have a Gap Year?

A representative from Asia Africa Ventures will be in school on Tuesday 19 March at lunchtime to talk about how to plan and organise a gap year and provide an overview of opportunities available. This will be in the Careers Department at 12.45.

Human Rights and Peacebuilding Summer School

Queens University Belfast are hosting a residential summer school from 30 June to 5 July for students who are interested in Politics, History, Sociology and Law. For more details, including costs and accommodation please go to <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/Human-rights-summer-school/>. Closing date for applications is 8 April.

Nuffield Research Placements

Work experience placements for up to 4 to 6 weeks are available to Year 12 students this summer to work with scientists, technologists, engineers or mathematicians on various research projects. These placements could be at universities, research institutes or within companies. Last summer a Year 12 student worked as a Research Assistant on a sports science and nutrition project at a local university. For more information, please see www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org or contact the Careers Department.

Exam Information

Reminder to Year 12 & 13 wishing to re-sit an Applied Business, Applied Science, Health & Social Care or IT exam sat in Jan 2019

If you sat an Applied Business, Applied Science, Health & Social Care or IT exam in the January 2019 exam series and now wish to re-sit this again in June 2019 please can you complete a re-sit form and return this to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, with the appropriate fee (£29.50 for Applied Business & Applied Science per unit or £32.40 for Health & Social Care or IT per unit) as soon as possible so this extra entry can be submitted to the examination board and added to your exam timetable.

Year 13 Students with Exam Clashes – Summer 2019

All students who have an A Level exam clash this summer were given a letter detailing arrangements to resolve the clash with your exam timetables and school reports before the half term holiday. If you have not already done so, please could you ensure that you either e-mail Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, on w.humphrey@staidans.co.uk to acknowledge receipt of your letter or return the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter. If you have lost your letter, please come to the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's for a replacement copy as soon as possible.

Year 13 Students – STEP Maths Entries – June 2019

Registration for STEP Maths exams has now opened and any students who need to sit a STEP Maths paper this summer should collect an application form from Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's. The cost is £52 per paper and it would be appreciated if application forms can be returned with the appropriate fee as soon as possible but at the very latest by Friday, 12 April when school closes for the Easter holidays.

The dates of these exams are as follows:-

STEP 1 – 10 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

STEP 2 – 17 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

STEP 3 – 21 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

General Information

Wednesday Period 4 Year 13

Mrs Payling is available in Ma7 during Period 4 on Wednesday for any Year 13 who requires some help with Maths.

Sixth Form Connection - Thursday lunchtimes Ma1 12:40-1:15

For anyone that would like a quiet place to eat lunch, work or a place to meet friends away from the other social areas in Sixth Form. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available for any student that wants to come. Any questions please see Miss Lyons.

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Spam E-mails

We have had a number of spam emails circulating recently, that appear to come from known contacts. Compromised email accounts will send these spam messages out to every email in the contacts list, so it becomes an ever-expanding problem. Please be cautious when clicking on links or attachments in emails. If you are not expecting an email from someone, it could be malicious spam. Look for strange spelling, attachments and links to unknown websites. If in doubt, delete it or mark it as junk/spam. If you are asked to log in to a webpage, this could be an attempt to steal your password, do not do it. Our current protocol is to disable any accounts that appear to have been hacked. If this happens to you, we will need you to come to the network office and set a new, secure password. As ever, this is an ongoing issue that requires vigilance from everyone.

Debating Club

This week Debating Club will be held **on Tuesday from 12.30 in Hu1**. All welcome.

Year 13

We are looking for a small number of volunteers to help organise the first ever 'Stress Less Fest' ahead of the summer exams. All you need is enthusiasm and ideas. Duties will be limited so it won't interfere with your revision. If you are interested, please contact Ms Strickland or Mrs Atherton by Friday 29 March.

EPQ Showcase

This year's EPQ Showcase will be held in Constance Green Hall on Tuesday 2 April, 4-6pm. We would be delighted to welcome students, friends and family to come and support the students presenting and even offer feedback on some of the projects. We hope to see you there.

Leavers

As some of you might know we are not going to do a leavers' film this year. Instead, we are going to have a slideshow of photos from everyone, which will play during the leavers' assembly. Please can you send any photos that you would like to be included to sixthformsenate@gmail.com. We need as many as possible and they can be of whatever you want. If you have any questions please ask a member of the Senate.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks cost £7.50 and are now available for payment on ParentPay; the deadline is Wednesday 27 March, so please buy before then.

Thank you