

Welcome

Mr Wood – St Aidan's Head

Choices: the Sixth Form Curriculum

Mr Kidman – St Aidan's Head of Sixth Form

Students' perspectives

Support and Opportunities

Mr Stansfield- St John Fisher Head of Sixth Form

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A Unique Sixth Form

Mr Pritchard –St John Fisher Head

Why the Associated Sixth Form?

- Range of Choices
- Relationships: Students, Teachers, Pastoral Support, Careers Advice and Guidance
- Results and Progression

Range of Options

The Changing Curriculum

- Mixture of new linear and legacy modular A Levels
- AS Levels not part of A Level in linear courses but are available in legacy A Levels
- Revision of Applied qualifications
- Summer 2017 GCSE assessed by number not grade (C equivalent 4 or 5)

2 year Linear A Level Courses

New revised specifications in most subjects for Sept 2016 (some began in 2015):

- Two-year linear A Levels with all external assessments at the end of Year 13
- Longer, more challenging exams involving application of skills
- Reduction in coursework content in many subjects

2 year Modular A Level Courses

- 'Legacy' modular qualifications not revised for new starters in Sept 2016
- Y12 AS Level 40%
- Y13 A2 Level 60%
- Externally-assessed examinations at the end of each year

2 year Applied Courses

- Mixture of portfolio and examination assessments
- Some courses modular with assessments taken and qualification attained at the end of Year 12; some linear assessment at end of Year 13.
- BTEC, AQA Level 3 Applied General, Cambridge Technicals
- UCAS points tariff values similar to A Levels

Courses on offer

Religious Studies **Media Studies** History Sociology Art Graphics
Food Technology Dance Physical Education Drama & Theatre Studies
Art Photography **Applied Business** English Literature **Statistics**
Design Technology: Product Design Textiles **Applied Science** Music
Health & Social Care German English Language & Literature
Business **Design Technology: Product Design 3D** **Music Technology**
Ancient History Geography Psychology **Further Mathematics** Spanish
French **Government and Politics** Travel and Tourism **BTEC Level 3**
IT – Applied Biology **Sport (Double Award) BTEC Level 3**
GCSE English Computer Science Extended Project Qualification Physics
Performing Arts - Applied English Language **Economics** **GCSE Maths**
Chemistry **Geology** **Mathematics** Art



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Other Courses

- Requirement to study GCSE Mathematics and/or English for students not attaining Grade C or above in Year 11
- Employability, Enrichment and Pastoral through Tutorial programme and fortnightly lesson Wednesday pm.

Extended Project Qualification

- Will be available in Associated Sixth Form later in Y12 for completion in Y13
- Valued by universities and employers for independent skills shown
- Significant additional workload (research plus 5000 word essay or practical product)
- Not as important as the right grades in the right subjects – universities unlikely to make a condition of offers
- Needs careful preparation and supervision

Course structure / options

Year 12

- Students follow four courses
- Mixture of A Levels (legacy and/or new), Applied courses, GCSE
- Double Award qualifications count as two courses

Year 13

- 3 or 4 A Levels or equivalent
- Optional Extended Project Qualification
- GCSE Maths or English if required

Flexibility available mid-course according to individual progress and aspiration

Why four courses?

- SASJF students in current Y13: 44% still studying a course originally seen as 4th
- Significant number of current Y13 have applied to university courses where original 4th subject is relevant or necessary
- It is essential that students keep options open
- Maximum choice and individual flexibility at a time of change

Choosing Courses

The Key to Sixth Form Success

- Subject interest
- Subject skills
- Career progression
- High grade prospects
- Breadth and balance

Useful sources of information

- www.staidans.co.uk
- www.sjfchs.org.uk
- www.russellgroup.ac.uk (Informed Choices)
- www.ucas.com (Course Search)

Voices of Experience

- Brody Anderson

- Marie Tolan

- Ollie Skinner



Transition to Sixth Form

- Relationships and Support
- Students - meeting new peers, developing new friendships
- Teachers - working with students within and beyond lessons
- Teaching Groups - each student should expect to be taught across the two schools
- Pastoral - role of Senior Tutors
- “The assessment and monitoring of students’ academic performance is excellent....there are clear systems for recording and monitoring students’ progress.....This process involves the students, their subject teachers, Senior Tutors and Heads of Sixth Form”

Monitoring Progress

Year 12

- Target grades
- Driving Licence
- Grade Review and Discussion
- 'Mock' assessments
- Grade Review
- End of year assessments (internally or externally assessed)
- Results

Voices of Experience

- Alejandro Perez-Llabata
- Martha Mukungurutse

Results and Progression

- A* - B: 57.3% of entries in 2015; consistently around 60% with approximately 1500 entries
- BTEC: BTEC Sport: 50% of entries attained Distinction* or Distinction
- Significantly positive progress against national measures
- EPQ: 70% of entries in last four years at A* - A
- Oxbridge: 58 offers in last four years

Results and Progression

Careers Department

- Bespoke Careers Advice and Guidance service
- 3 Professionally qualified Careers Advisors
- Individual careers guidance appointments offering tailored advice (which parents may attend with students)
- Taught programmes for all, covering university options, college, gap years, employment and apprenticeships
- Expert support throughout UCAS application process
- Well established links with university Admissions Tutors, Alumni network and employers
- Specialist advice on specific career routes eg Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Teaching, Business and Management, Engineering
- Employer events, eg STEM Careers Evening, Thursday 10 March 2016 at St Aidan's



10th March 2016 6-8.30pm
Constance Green Hall



Progression Routes

- 2015: 93% of HE entrants gained 1st or 2nd choice
- 2015: 185 students accepted at Russell Group and 1994 universities
- 2015: 7 students accepted onto Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science Courses
- 2015: 18 students accepted onto specialist Music, Dance and Drama courses
- 2015: 11 Oxbridge applicants secured and accepted places
- 2015: 25 students secured apprenticeships (including Aviva, Deloitte, Mercedes Benz)

Extra-Curricular Commitments and Leadership Opportunities

- Music/Drama/Sport/Art
- Charity Fund-Raising
- Children in Need, Cafod
- Support for Community
- Peer Counselling, Amnesty
- Debating, Public Speaking
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Citizenship Conference
- Special Events, School Trips

Students applying from Other Schools: Application and Induction Process

- Application Form available on-line or this evening
- Individual meetings with applicants to discuss courses, interests, moving schools
- Offer letter and form to confirm acceptance
- Newcomers' Conference Tuesday 28 June
- Enrolment meeting post-GCSE results

Students Applying from SA and SJF: Application and Induction Process

- Initial Subject Preferences (26 Feb) and Final Application Form (11 Mar) completed in registration
- Careers interviews ongoing; follow-up available on request
- Subject information available in school
- Induction event for Friday 24 June
- Enrolment meeting post-GCSE results

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Save the Dates.....

- **Monday 7 March:** Applications due (students from other schools)
- **Friday 11 March:** Applications due (students from SA and SJF, in registration)
- **Friday 24 June:** Induction event for students from SA and SJF Year 11
- **Tuesday 28 June:** Newcomer Conference
- **Thursday 25 August:** GCSE results
- **Thursday 1, Friday 2 September:** Year 12 enrolment
- **Wednesday 7 September:** Year 12 induction

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