

January 2017

Dear Parents

Meeting for Parents of Prospective Sixth Form Students for 2017 to be held in St Aidan's Constance Green Hall on Thursday 16 February 2017.

The Associated Sixth Form of St Aidan's and St John Fisher has achieved national status. Regularly featuring at the top of the national performance tables, it is also the largest school-based sixth form in the country. Remarkably, it dates back to 1973 and during the past 40 years has flourished as a unique educational venture. Students continue to be registered at either St Aidan's or St John Fisher but they are fully integrated for lessons and also for many extended curriculum activities. The Sixth Form's outstanding reputation for academic success is based not only on first class results but also our record in achieving places at the most competitive universities in the country.

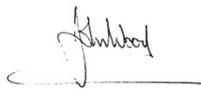
The size of the Sixth Form and its successes have allowed us to introduce a vast range of courses in all kinds of disciplines which should enable us to meet the needs of every student. The Association offers the widest range of choice in North Yorkshire and has achieved national recognition for sport, dance and music.

The meeting on 16 February provides parents with an opportunity to be briefed on the Associated Sixth Form and to discover what it has to offer. It is important for you to hear about the differences that the Association demands of our sixth form students so that they can be fully prepared for what lies ahead. We will explain the Sixth Form curriculum and outline the extra-curricular provision and support available. From 7.30 pm there will be short presentations with advice on how to progress towards a successful sixth form career. Individual advice on sixth form subjects and careers guidance will be on offer before the presentations from 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm when Heads of Subject will be available to talk to you.

Due to the likely size of the event, students who currently attend St Aidan's and St John Fisher do not need to attend this meeting: St Aidan's and St John Fisher students will be fully briefed within school. Students who wish to remain in school for Sixth Form, will be issued with an application form for the Associated Sixth Form on Thursday 16 February. We would encourage parents to discuss the application form and course choices with students before the completed application form is returned to school on 3 March. It is important that the subject choices indicated at this stage are as accurate as possible, as this information will be used as the basis for our timetable provision for next year. It may be possible to change subject options after this, but we cannot always guarantee places on popular courses.

We hope that you find this information useful and look forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher, St Aidan's



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