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Dear Parents

ENTRY TO ST AIDAN'S & ST JOHN FISHER ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM SEPTEMBER 2017

I write to explain the arrangements for entry to the Sixth Form in September.

MONDAY 26 JUNE: Sixth Form Induction Day. Students who are intending to join the Association are asked to register in Constance Green Hall at 8.45 am and will spend time on both sites, meeting staff and students from St John Fisher. Lunch will be provided and the event will finish at 2.30 pm.

THURSDAY 24 AUGUST: GCSE results are received. I will be available from 12.00 midday to 2.00 pm in Bede Sixth Form Office (in the building nearest the Stray at St Aidan's) if you need advice, but the formal discussion of courses will take place on 31 August and 1 September. If you wish to notify me of a change of course prior to this discussion please write to me or email at associatedsixthform@staidans.co.uk.

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST, FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER: All students should attend for interview and confirmation of courses by appointment in Constance Green Hall at St Aidan's. Parents are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: All Year 12 students starting the Sixth Form will attend school for a full day's programme from 8.45 am to 3.35 pm. Students should dress smartly.

The Sixth Form timetable will then run as normal from Thursday 7 September. You may like to note that the Sixth Form's target setting and monitoring system will be explained to parents at a Pastoral Parents' Evening on Monday 18 September.



I would like to stress some general points for the year ahead. We do need constant attendance to ensure the maximum success in the Sixth Form. National guidelines advise that 40 hours of learning time per week are required for students to achieve their full potential. Please help students to settle into a routine that allows them to double the work that they do in school. Off-peak holidays are posing an increasing threat to the prospects of our students and I would ask you to avoid them during the next two years. Part-time jobs can also interfere with academic work: whilst there can be no objection to employment at weekends, midweek employment is disruptive to any habit of work and should be avoided.

More and more students wish to use cars or motor bikes to come to school. We accept this, if it is necessary, but insist that they are parked off-site and NOT used to travel between school sites.

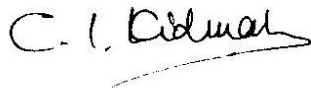
Students are required to dress to convey a smart impression; this means collar and tie and trousers for boys and dress or smart top with trousers or skirts for girls. Both denim and trainers are not acceptable. We reserve the right to send home students who are unsatisfactorily dressed.

We believe that Student Planners are essential for organisation in the Sixth Form: whilst the Association subsidises the cost of these, we ask that all students pay £10 towards the two year cost of Student Planners (using Parent Pay). Students will then receive a planner in September which they and you will be asked to read. I will then require parent and student to sign an undertaking to be bound by the stated conditions of the Learning Agreement.

We also require a digital passport-style photograph of your son or daughter and would be grateful if you could send this electronically to: sixthformidphotos@staidans.co.uk entering the student's name in the subject line of the email. These are required to produce the students' identification badges: to ensure that these are ready for the start of the September term, please send in your photograph by 7 July 2017. I would be most grateful for your support in ensuring that this is achieved so that we can concentrate immediately upon academic work in September.

I do hope that these procedures and this information will help to lay firm foundations for your son or daughter's success in the Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely



C I Kidman
Head of Sixth Form, St Aidan's

