

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Student Weekly Notices Week (B) commencing 11 September 2017

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EEP

All year 12 should go to Constance Green Hall Wednesday Period 4, please arrive by 1.30 to ensure a prompt start.

Careers Information

Year 13 - Applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science?

We have arranged for some former students who have successfully got into Medical school to come in to school on Tuesday 12 lunchtime to share with you their experiences of the application process, writing personal statements and interviews. If you are applying for these courses please do come to the Careers Department at 12.45. (For Dentists and Vets a lot of the information will be relevant to you as well).

Year 13 - Applying to Music Conservatoires?

Please note the school deadline for UCAS Conservatoire forms is Thursday 14 September. Please make a careers appointment so you can get help with your application and personal statement.

Year 13 - Applying to university and need help with choosing a course, university, writing your personal statement?

Then please book a careers appointment so we can offer you relevant advice and guidance.

Y13 Oxbridge Interview Workshop

On **Monday 11 September** there will be an interview / test workshop for all students in Y13 considering an application to Oxbridge. It will be run by admissions officers and current students from each university. We have held this event for several years and students have always found it has been invaluable in their preparations. Come along to **Constance Green Hall** where the session will run between **12.45 and 14.30**. If you are missing a lesson, make sure you have cleared this first with your teacher. It is a one off event. See Dr Murray if you have any questions.

General Information

Mobile Phones

Students and parents may be aware from correspondence in the Summer Term of the new mobile phone policy in the main school at St Aidan's, the intention of which is to limit mobile phone use and abuse in school. The policy for the Sixth Form is slightly different and staff will not be asked to confiscate phones from Year 12 and 13 students but we are keen that you act as role models in support of this policy:

- Students should not use mobile phones in lessons unless the teacher gives permission for them to use the phone for learning purposes. Mobile phones should therefore be switched off and put away at the start of each lesson.
- Sixth Form students have their own social areas on both sites and these are the most appropriate places for you to use mobile phones when not in lessons. If you have to use a phone elsewhere on the school site, please be discreet where possible in the light of the policy on mobile phones for students in Years 7 to 11.

Debating Club

Come along to **Hu1 from 12.30 on Tuesday 12 September** for the first meeting of the Debating Club. We aim to develop your debating skills through weekly meetings in a friendly environment. Later in the term we will take part in some interschool debates. Whether you are an experienced debater or entirely new to debating, everyone is welcome. See Dr Murray for further details.

Peer Listening

There is a final training session being run on **13 September, 12.40 - 1.10 in PS3**. There is a list of students on the notice board in the cafe who need to attend training and emails have been sent out to school emails. This is the final opportunity to receive the required training so it is essential students attend.

Allocated groups and form rooms will be up on the Sixth Form notice board by Thursday 14, students who have attended training can you please ensure you check before Monday in case you are down for a Monday lunchtime. Peer listening should commence from the 18 September. If there is anyone who no longer wants to attend peer listening can you inform Miss Waters ASAP.

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Stay on site

Students are reminded that they are required to be on site during the school day, including break: you should only be leaving St Aidan's to go to lessons at St John Fisher. This is a safeguarding requirement: we are required to know that you are safe and on site. The only exception to this is the lunch break. If for any reason you need to leave school you must sign out at the Sixth Form Office. Please note that, if you are unwell during the day, you must go to the medical room.

Cars

Students who have to drive to school are reminded that they should park on local streets showing consideration for local residents and should not return to their cars until the end of the school day. Students must register their cars with the Sixth Form Office in case they need to be contacted.

Year 13 Maths Forum

A Maths Forum for anyone in Year 13 interested in studying maths at university will start on Monday 11 September and will be held every Monday lunchtime in Ma3 at 12:50. Discussions will be on applying to do Maths at university, further reading, and various topics within the field of pure maths.

Cross Country Running

Cross country running every Friday 3.40, meet at the gym ready to go. All running abilities welcome and there will be trips out in the minibus.

Gym Use

The gym is available for Sixth Form use at lunchtime and after school but you must not be in there on your own. You must have a buddy with you which can be another student.

Girls Basketball Training – Tuesdays, Netball Practice -Thursdays

Sixth Form and Y11 Girls Basketball training starts Tuesday 12 September 3.40-4.40 in the Sports Hall. All welcome no previous experience necessary, coaching provided. There will be opportunities to play matches. Please see Mrs Buxton in the Staff Room at break time or just come along any Tuesday.

Netball practice starts Thursday 14 September 3.35-5pm. Please let Miss Wadhams know if you are unable to attend the first practice.

Busking Opportunity at Harrogate Christmas Market

Talented solo or ensemble performers wanted for Harrogate Christmas Market.

Hour slots available:

4pm - 8pm on Thursday/Friday November 16 & 17

10am – 8pm Saturday 18 November

10am – 5pm Sunday 19 November

Ensembles should be a maximum of 5 and all music should have a Winter/Christmas/Seasonal theme please. A power supply from one of the event generators will be available if required. Free hot drinks for all performers plus the chance to raise money to support your musical ambitions or for the charity of your choice. For more details or to book a slot, please email Mrs Farrar (Business & Community Partnerships) m.farrar@staidans.co.uk or call in at Careers Reception on Fridays. Be quick if you are interested - slots book up fast.

Swing Band Auditions

Swing Band auditions are happening on Wednesday 13 September. If you are grade 5 or above, enjoy playing and listening to jazz and would like to be part of this Award winning ensemble, please sign up for an audition on the Swing Band notice board in the Music Dept. We currently have spaces for alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet and trombone. We also require a baritone sax player if anybody has experience.

St Aidan's Symphony Orchestra

Rehearsals will be every Tuesday after school from 3.45pm-4.45pm, starting next Tuesday 12 September

If you are interested in joining please come and have a chat as there are vacancies in most sections, especially strings!

Newcomers into the Sixth Form are very welcome.

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School of Rock – Technical Team

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Technical Team (sound, lighting, special effects etc.) for School of Rock, please see Mrs Bray in the Drama Studio.

Thank you