

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 2 October 2017

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Careers Information

Year 12 and interested in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science?

Please come to a talk in the Careers Department at 12.45 on **Monday 2 October** to find out what you need to be doing now in terms of work experience and volunteering to support your application to university.

Interested in a Career in Finance?

Then you may wish to attend a careers evening at **EY in Leeds on 3 October** to find out more about opportunities available especially apprenticeships. For more details please see

<http://www.ukcareers.ey.com/schools/events-and-contacts/events/face-to-face-events/schools-choices-evening-leeds>

William Akroyd Scholarship

Each year several students from the Sixth Form apply for a William Akroyd Scholarship. The competition takes the form of a general essay paper lasting two hours and containing twelve questions on topics of current significance. Questions are not based on any educational syllabus. They are designed rather to provide pupils with an opportunity to display their awareness of issues in the public domain, their capacity for independent thought about them, and their effectiveness in expressing their ideas. Candidates are required to write in response to one question. The paper is taken in school under invigilation. Both science-based and humanities-based pupils alike are encouraged to participate. This year the exam will take place in late November/early December 2017. A short-list of candidates who have entered the competition will be invited to attend at York for interview with the governors of the William Akroyd Foundation on Friday 2 March 2018. You may then be awarded a financial prize for the duration of your undergraduate studies (usually several hundred pounds per year). If you are interested in applying, see Mrs Richmond in Careers for a form. **You must hand in your completed application form by the end of school on Wednesday 18 October.**

Exam Information

APPLIED GENERAL BUSINESS, APPLIED GENERAL SCIENCE, CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL IT EXAM RE-SITS – JANUARY 2018 EXAM SERIES

Students wishing to re-sit Applied General or Cambridge Technical written exam units in the January 2018 exam series should ensure they complete a pink re-sit form. Forms are available now from the Sixth Form Offices at both schools and are also available to download from both school websites. Students considering re-sitting in January should discuss this with their subject teacher as their signature is required on the form to confirm the unit details quoted are correct before this is returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's. The cost of re-sitting is £30.00 per unit. Forms should be returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, by Monday, 9 October.

Admission Tests for Oxford and Cambridge

- Biomedical Admission tests (BMAT)
- Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)

Please see Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible if you need to be entered for any of the above tests. You will need to complete an entry form in order for the school to register you online for the above tests.

Registration Deadline Dates:

- 1 October 2017 – Biomedical admission test (BMAT) or Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)
- 15 October 2017 – University of Cambridge Pre-Interview Assessments or University of Oxford Admission Tests.

Test Dates:

- 2 November at 9.00 AM – BMAT & Oxford or Cambridge admission tests
- 8 November at 9.00 AM – TMUA

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £46.00
- TMUA - £29.00

All other tests are free to enter

General Information

Debating Club

This week we will debate the motion: 'This house believes that freedom of speech should have no limits'. Bring a sandwich to **either Hu1 or Po1 at lunchtime on Tuesday 3 October** and listen to one of the two debates that will be taking place simultaneously (such is the popularity of debating this year). All welcome.

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PPE Society: Q&A by Nicky Morgan MP

Advance warning: on Thursday 12 October at 4pm you are invited to a Q&A by former Education Secretary Nicky Morgan in the New Chapel. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

Peer Listening

Thank you to all the peer listeners, we have had positive feedback from the Year 7's for your contributions. If there is anyone who would be willing to help on open day (14 October), on your own, or with a few other peer listeners for half an hour to chat to prospective students about the scheme, it would be massively appreciated. There is a sign up sheet outside Psychology for anyone willing to help or chat to Miss Waters if you have any questions regarding open day.

Sixth Form Open Morning/Open Day

As mentioned in Assembly we hope that lots of Sixth Formers will be able to support school on Saturday October 14. We need most help between 10.15 -12.30 when prospective Sixth Form students have an opportunity to meet Staff and look round the school. Help would also be appreciated for the Main School in the afternoon. Please sign up on the sheets in registers and there will be a meeting in the preceding week.

Bedlam Theatre Company - Thursday 5 October

There is a meeting at 12.45 in the Drama Studio for anyone interested in getting involved with the Sixth Form BEDLAM THEATRE COMPANY. We will be discussing the possibility of staging a studio production in January 2018.

Thank you