

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (B) commencing 9 October 2017

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UCAS deadline - Thursday 12 October

If you are applying to UCAS and have not yet handed in your UCAS form you need to do so **by Thursday 12 October**. Please take your completed form to the Careers Department for it to be checked and signed off. Should you need any help with your form or personal statement please make a careers appointment ASAP.

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.**

The Max Edwards Internship Programme

Max Edwards, otherwise known as The Anonymous Revolutionary, was a young writer who wrote about revolutionary socialism in today's climate. His book was published in 2016 as a collection of articles from his blog by the same name. Max sadly passed away not long after his book was published at the age of 16. With the agreement of his family the Max Edwards Internship has been set up in his memory, offering two weeks paid work experience in the Westminster office of Ed Miliband MP to young people between the ages of 18-25 who are inspired by politics and particularly politics of the left. The dates for the work experience will be set according to the successful candidate's availability. Applications opened on 11 September and close on 1 November. To apply please answer the following question using no more than 2000 - 3000 words: 'What single innovative idea could make a major contribution to tackling inequality and how might we argue for its adoption?' Please send your submission to ed.miliband.mp@parliament.uk with MAX EDWARDS INTERNSHIP 2017-2018 as the subject line.

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)

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) **Late fees now apply.**
- **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

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £46.00 (Late entry fee additional £33)

All other tests are free to enter.

Year 12 and Year 13 Maths A Level Students

The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge will take place at 1.30pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 November during periods 4 and 5. It is a 90 minute multiple choice paper, no calculators or measuring instruments allowed. It is £1 per student and the deadline for entry is Monday 9 October. See your Maths teachers to enter.

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General Information

PPE Society: Q&A by Nicky Morgan MP

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.

Debating Club

Well done to the two teams who took part in the debate on unlimited freedom of speech in last week's debate. This week's motion is: 'THB that fast food companies should pay compensation for damaging public health.' Bring a sandwich to Hu1 on Tuesday 10 October from 12.30 and help us prepare for this debate. All welcome.

Amnesty Meeting

Amnesty starts on Wednesday 11 October, IT1, 12.30. Come and fight for the human rights of others. Light a candle or curse the darkness.

Writing Workshop

The Workshop starts on Tuesday 10 October. It is open to all years, including main school, and is for those who like writing, reading and chatting. In En 2 at 12.30.

Christian Union

Come along to see what it means to know Jesus and what he has done for you. All welcome whether you know a lot and go to church regularly or if you aren't really sure why people would go to church. There's music and insightful discussions/debates about the Christian faith and we welcome any questions you might have. Often we have inspiring visiting speakers, sometimes from around the world, who have done incredible things to help those in need. Come and find out how they have put their faith in action and why they chose the life they have. Meet in the New Chapel Thursday 12.50.

Volunteer/Help in Geography Lessons

If any students are interested in volunteering in Geography lessons they should see Miss Miller in the Geography office or speak to their class teacher if they prefer. This can be used towards the DofE award.

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

Thank you to those students who have kindly volunteered to help at Open Morning/Day on Saturday. Please could you come to a meeting in the cafe on Wednesday during morning registration - please register quickly first. If anyone else is able to help please come along to the meeting.

School of Rock Production

Tickets are now on sale via www.positickets.co.uk

Sixth Form Communion Monday 16 October

Please come along to the Sixth Form Communion service and register at 8.45 in the Chapel. Attendance is voluntary.

Year 13 Parents Evening Thursday 19 October

Appointment slips for students to arrange suitable times with teachers will be in Registration Folders on Monday 9 October.

Thank you