

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 4 December 2017

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This week all Year 12 should go to CGH. Please arrive by 1.30 prompt. This is a presentation about safe driving if any student has any reason not to attend please ensure that you speak to your Senior Tutor.

Careers Information

UNIQ for students interested in applying to Oxbridge and competitive universities

UNIQ courses are held at Oxford University during Easter and July-August, where potential students can spend a week studying their chosen subject at Oxford and experience life in a university environment. These courses are free and places are limited (eligibility criteria may apply). There is also UNIQ Digital, an online learning platform available from March to October. Applications open on 14 December and close on 31 January. For more details please go to www.uniq.ox.ac.uk or contact the Careers Department.

UCAS Applications

If you have not already brought your UCAS/Conservatoire application to the Sixth Form Office you must do so by Friday 8 December. We cannot guarantee to prepare the reference and submit your application by 15 January, which is the UCAS deadline, for any applications received after 8 December.

Y12 Oxbridge Meeting

I will be holding a meeting for anyone in Y12 who is considering an application to Oxbridge. You will find out more about the process of applying and how you can start to prepare/find out more. We will also set up a mailing list to keep you informed of relevant events/enrichment opportunities. The meeting will be held in **Hu1 at 12.40 on Wednesday 6 December**. See Dr Murray if you have any questions.

Year 12 STEM Summer schools

Headstart courses are 4 or 5-day residential courses at a leading UK university for Year 12 students. There is a wide range of STEM courses including, but not limited to; Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Oceanography and Marine Biology, Nuclear Physics, Life Science and Broad-Based Engineering. The courses will give students an insight into university life, it will give them the chance to connect with professionals, such as lecturers, graduates and technical specialists whilst developing essential skills like problem-solving and team work. In addition developing their knowledge of a subject they feel passionate about and helping them decide if it is something they want to pursue for a career. More information about the different courses that are running next summer can be found here: <http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/courses>. The deadline for receiving a completed Headstart application is 31 January 2018.

Year 13 - UCAS offers - to accept or not to accept

Congratulations to students who have received offers from the universities applied to. Please note that you are under no obligation to confirm your choice of firm and insurance choices until **2 May** so please do take your time to make your final decisions. We would advise you to wait until you have received all your offers and mock exam results. If you have been made an unconditional offer please check the terms and conditions of this as you have to make it your firm offer to be unconditional. Be sure that is somewhere you really want to go to study and live. Do not feel pressurised into accepting a place - universities use all sorts of tactics and really the ball is in your court so use it wisely as this is your future. Please also discuss your choices with your Senior Tutor and/or the Careers Department.

General Information

Debating Club

Congratulations to Patrick Toulson and Frankie Ryan-Casey for winning their Round 1 debate in the Mace competition. This week we will debate the motion: 'This house would set elected MPs pay at the national median income.' Bring a sandwich to Hu1 on **Tuesday 5 December**. All welcome.

Staff Training Day

Monday 4 December - School closed for students.

Thank you