

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (B) commencing 10 September 2018

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Personal Statement Workshop - Wednesday 12 September P4 in the New Chapel

Year 13 students who missed the personal statement workshops during the Sixth Form Conference in June or who want some further help with writing their statement are invited to attend this workshop on how to write a winning personal statement with Rob Rattray from Leeds Beckett University. Please be in the New Chapel for 1.30pm

Medics, Dentists and Vets - Friday 14 September lunchtime in the Careers Department

Year 13 students applying for these courses are invited to meet with last year's Year 13 students who have successfully got onto these courses to learn from their experiences of the application and interview progress. Please be in the Careers Department for 12.45pm

Y13 Oxbridge Meeting

Could any Year 13 at St Aidan's considering an application to either Oxford or Cambridge come to a short meeting in Hu1 at 12.40 on Monday 10 September. See Dr Murray if you have any questions.

Exam Information

University Admission Tests

- Biomedical Admission tests (BMAT)
- Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)
- Oxford or Cambridge Admission Tests

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

Registration Deadline Dates:

- 1 October 2018 – Biomedical admission test (BMAT) or Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)
- 15 October 2018 – University of Cambridge Pre-Interview Assessments or University of Oxford Admission Tests.

Test Date:

- 31 October at 9.00 am in Constance Green Hall at St Aidan's.

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £46.00
- TMUA - £30.00

All other tests are free to enter

GCSE RE-SITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE & MATHS – NOVEMBER EXAM SERIES

Students who did not attain grade 4 or above in their GCSE English Language and/or Maths in June 2018 and who need to be entered for a re-sit exam in November 2018 will be automatically entered for the appropriate GCSE re-sit if they are in a Y12 GCSE re-sit class. All other students will need to complete a re-sit form which are available from the Sixth Form Offices at both schools and on the school websites under Sixth Form/Exam Information. There is no charge for Y12 students re-sitting for the first time if they failed in June 2018. Y13 students wishing to re-sit again or any Y12 students who gained a grade 4 or above but wish to re-sit in an attempt to improve their grade will be required to pay the exam re-sit fee of £36.50 per subject. Forms should be returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's by Wednesday, 26 September.

Please note: Students who joined Y12 from another school should ensure they speak to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible to discuss their re-sit entry so she can check the details of the re-sit you should be entered for.

General Information

Geography Independent Investigation – Year 13

Welcome back Geographers. A reminder to bring a printed out copy of your project to your first year 13 Geography lesson this week. The full first draft hand in deadline is Friday 14 September. Failure to meet this deadline will result in compulsory attendance at Coursework Catch Up on Monday evenings between now and half term.

Peer Listening

There will be a FINAL opportunity to attend training for this year's Peer Listening programme. This will take place on Friday 14 September in GG5, starting promptly at 12.40. For those of you who have already attended training at the end of last year, please look out for the Peer Listening rota on the Sixth Form Café notice board. Peer listening will commence in week 3 of this term. **You will also need to pick up a copy of the Peer Listening handbook** from GG5 during lunchtime on Friday 14 September.

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Debating Club

Come along to **Hu1 from 12.30 on Tuesday 11 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're an experienced debater or entirely new to debating, everyone is welcome. See Dr Murray for further details.

Year 13 Gold DofE

Please could LAB groups who undertook their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition in July collect Ian's assessor comments from Miss Phillpotts in Languages.

Year 12 Gold DofE

Anyone interested in taking part in the prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme please see Miss Phillpotts in Languages for a letter. There will be a full information evening about what the Award entails but feel free to come and ask any questions. No previous DofE experience necessary.

Swing Band Auditions

Swing Band auditions are happening on Friday 14 and Monday 17 September at lunchtime. 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, tenor and baritone sax, trumpet, trombone and keyboard and guitar. Or please see Mrs Elliott if you are interested, but don't play one of the above instruments.

Year 11 and Sixth Form LGBT+ Group

Every Thursday, at 12:30 we meet in Hi4 to provide a safe space for LGBT+ students within St Aidan's. Whether you want friends, support or to get involved with making the school more LGBT+ friendly, please feel free to come along! Anyone, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation is welcome.

Opportunity for Sixth Form Politics Students

Anyone who is interested in writing politically please contact 12kendal@staidans.co.uk. For Year 12's this is a great opportunity for your university applications (it seems a long way away but it is better to start now) and will also help with your studies due to knowledge and a network of Year 13's who can help you. Year 13's are equally welcome.

Entry to St John Fisher School

New gates have been installed at SJF, these are locked during the school day on the chapel playground and at the technology car park. All Sixth Form students should enter and exit SJF through the Collins entrance next to the Sixth Form office. If a lesson is in one of the outside classrooms such as Geography in G30 or Psychology in G33 you will need to enter through the Collins entrance, walk down the RE corridor and then turn right and enter the chapel playground through the outside door between G4 and G5. There will be staff available in school and in the Sixth Form office for any student who needs help.

Sixth Form Café and Deli Bar

The Sixth Form café and Deli bar will be open during break and at lunchtime.

Thank you