

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 1 April 2019

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Careers Information

Interested in the Film Industry?

Screen Yorkshire, based in Church Fenton near Wetherby, who have recently filmed Series 3 of ITV's Victoria amongst many other high profile productions, have launched an initiative called **Beyond Brontës** <https://www.beyondbrontes.co.uk/> to try to increase diversity within the film industry. Representation by ethnic minorities and those from working class communities remains very low and their programme aims to support young people in the Bradford District and wider Leeds City Region area to gain the skills, confidence and connections to succeed in the sector. **Beyond Brontës** offers targeted support including internships, careers information, one to one support, training and mentoring. Register your interest via their website for more information.

Medical Sciences talk

A representative from the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of Newcastle will be in school at lunchtime on Monday 8 April to talk about courses and opportunities in Medicine, Dentistry, Biomedical Science, Food and Nutrition, Psychology, Sports Science and Pharmacy. The talk will be in the Careers Department and start at 12.45pm.

Apprenticeship/Employment Vacancies

The Careers Department have been notified of the following apprenticeship vacancies:

- Balfour Beatty - various roles including Engineering, Quantity Surveying, IT and Business

Please contact the Careers Department if you would like further information about these opportunities. Details of current vacancies are also available on the Careers Department website: <http://www.staidans.co.uk/departments/careers/vacancies/>

Exam Information

Year 13 students - request to complete an online questionnaire about your future plans

Please can you spare 10 minutes to complete this questionnaire about your plans for the future. It is from psychologists -Suzi Dundas and Kathryn Asbury from the University of York who are studying how young people imagine and make plans for their future career. By taking part students can make a real difference by helping them to understand how best to support young people in achieving their goals. You can find the questionnaire here it is completely anonymous

https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_26xr8Egc8gINbQF

Year 13 Students with Exam Clashes – Summer 2019

All students who have an A Level exam clash this summer were given a letter detailing arrangements to resolve the clash with your exam timetables and school reports before the half term holiday. If you have not already done so, please could you ensure that you either e-mail Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, on w.humphrey@staidans.co.uk to acknowledge receipt of your letter or return the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter. If you have lost your letter, please come to the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's for a replacement copy as soon as possible.

Year 13 Students – STEP Maths Entries – June 2019

Registration for STEP Maths exams has now opened and any students who need to sit a STEP Maths paper this summer should collect an application form from Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's. The cost is £52 per paper and it would be appreciated if application forms can be returned with the appropriate fee as soon as possible but at the very latest by Friday 12 April when school closes for the Easter holidays.

The dates of these exams are as follows:-

STEP 1 – 10 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

STEP 2 – 17 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

STEP 3 – 21 June at 9.00 am – 3 hour paper

Reminder to Year 12 & 13 students

Please note that the Sixth Form Examination handbook is available on the School website under <https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Sixth-Form-Examination-Handbook-2018-19-with-appendices-from-JCQ.pdf>

General Information

Debating Club

This week Debating Club will be held on **Tuesday from 12.30 in Hu1**. All welcome.

PPE Society

There will be a short meeting on **Friday 5 April at 12:40 in Hu1** for anyone in Year 12 interested in getting involved in running the PPE Society. Come along to find out more about what this entails. See Dr Murray if you have any questions.

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Year 12 EPQ Presenters

Please come to set up in Constance Green Hall at 3.35 on Monday 1 April. If you would like to leave your presentation materials somewhere safe during the day, please bring them upstairs in Bede House Monday morning during registration where there will be a room set aside to store them for the day. Please note, you no longer need to be there Tuesday lunch time but you do need to be there from 3.45 - 6pm Tuesday to complete your presentations. Any problems please come and see Ms Strickland ASAP.

EPQ Showcase

This year's EPQ Showcase will be held in Constance Green Hall on Tuesday 2 April, 4-6pm. We would be delighted to welcome students, friends and family to come and support the students presenting and even offer feedback on some of the projects. We hope to see you there.

Sixth Form Communion Monday 8 April

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

Revision advice

Over the next few weeks we will be including revision tips on the Weekly Notices. This advice is the result of research about effective learning methods: we hope that you find it useful and that it will help you to be more effective in your revision than reading through your notes or highlighting, which are popular but less successful approaches.

This week: Retrieval Practice

Retrieval Practice means trying to remember material you have learned as opposed to re-reading it. Two of the least effective ways of studying are reading over stuff and highlighting it, which are also two of the most common things students do when revising.

Reading over material and highlighting it can give a false sense of mastery and make you think you have learned it when in reality, you will often forget that material a week later.



A far more effective technique is to put everything away and test yourself on what you remember from a particular unit or chapter. By regularly making yourself try to retrieve it from memory, you will build a far stronger memory of it in the long term.

STEP 1	Make a list of all the important information you need to know from a particular unit or chapter.
STEP 2	Close the books and create a quiz using flash cards or app.
STEP 3	Try to retrieve everything you remember.
STEP 4	Go back and check all your answers.

It is important to remember to space out your learning and not only do this once.
Repeated exposure to learned material helps you to retain it better.

Retrieval Practice: paradoxically, forgetting leads to better remembering

Thank you