

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 1 June 2020

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Year 13 Destinations 2020

Thank you to all the Year 13 students who returned their destination questionnaire last week. We still have a few outstanding so if you have not returned yours can you please do so ASAP - **You need to complete the relevant section on the Destination Form at the end of these notices and email back to careersstaff@staidans.co.uk**. or just email the details to Careers - which ever is easier for you. This helps the Sixth Form get an overall picture of what students are planning to do next year and assists the Careers Department to identify students who still may need additional support and help.

Year 12 - UCAS Apply for 2021 Entry

Before we entered lockdown, you will have all had the opportunity to attend an 'Introduction to UCAS' tutorial which focused on how to manipulate the UCAS website to research apprenticeships, gap year opportunities and undergraduate degree courses together with their entry requirements.

UCAS Apply is now open for 2021. This is the website through which you will complete your UCAS application forms ready for submission through school from 8 September. Under usual circumstances, you would all attend another tutorial in the Summer term within which you would register for UCAS Apply and begin to complete your UCAS application form under the guidance of the Careers Department and your Senior Tutor. Obviously, this year we will be supporting you virtually, rather than physically.

We will be sending out guidelines on how to register and apply during the week commencing 1 June. However, before then, you need to be giving some thought to the all-important Personal Statement. To help you with this we have produced and emailed out to you the following resources which can also be found on the Year 12 Careers Department page of the school website:

- Wider Reading and Super-Curricular Engagement for UCAS Personal Statements
<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Wider-Reading-and-Super-Curricular-Engagement.pdf>
- Writing Your Personal Statement
<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Writing-your-Personal-Statement.pdf>
- Healthcare and Veterinary Personal Statements
<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Healthcare-and-Veterinary-statements-2020.pdf>
- Commonly Used University Admissions Tests
<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Admissions-Tests.pdf>

We hope that you will find these helpful in understanding the required content of your Personal Statement and what you can be doing over the coming weeks in readiness for writing your first draft. UCAS also have some helpful guidance which includes a series of short videos:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement

Please remember that you can contact a careers advisor if you would like more individual information, advice and guidance at careersstaff@staidans.co.uk. We are all working remotely at this time and will be very happy to help. Further resources will be sent out in the near future, including fact sheets on:

- Applying for Performing Arts courses
- Applying for Employment and Apprenticeships
- CV's and application letters
- Organising work experience and volunteering

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Stay in touch with Universities

The following universities have notified us this week about virtual and digital events they are holding so students can find out more about their courses, university, applications, open events etc and they are also on hand to answer any questions Year 12 or Year 13 students or parents may have.

Coventry University - Virtual activities

<https://www.coventry.ac.uk/study-at-coventry/parents-and-teachers/outreach/>

Edge Hill University - Virtual subject talks

<https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/studentrecruitment/year-12-13-college-and-access-virtual-outreach/?tab-1=timetabled-live-sessions-from-monday-1st-june>

Lancaster University - Taster lectures in Languages, Media, Sociology, Social Work and Medicine

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days/visit-us-events/>

Leicester University - Writing a Personal Statement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtMqq1ixIJE&list=PLkBZZhQeuA80RRX0f914N2lHuZkUqs85n&index=9&t=0s>

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/discover/>

Newcastle University - Discover

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https://www.newcastle.ac.uk/visit-us/visit-us-events/utm_campaign=Teachers%202020&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=88221342&hsenc=p2ANqtz-MJrj5ISLpfzth_gaQr-NvMcNkVE3ZLvqdCJfudR8vmZh78pDTt4e7R07lI8dlhgMD7qTBwmv6hotQAVkJRIm2gXBIMQ&hsmi=88221342

Northumbria University - Evolve Sessions

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/visit-northumbria/virtual-evolve-sessions/>

Southampton University - 5 in Five

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcepN_lvQVyLacETRVZhU2Q/featured

Apprenticeships and Employment

EY - Business Academy

<https://ukcareers.ey.com/students/programmes/work-experience/ey-business-academy>

PWC - Employability Skills Toolkit

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/our-purpose/empowered-people-communities/social-mobility/employability-skills-toolkit.html>

Free online STEM Courses from the University of Leeds

Short courses you can do from home are available in the following subjects:

- Food and Science of Nutrition - From the Farm to You
- Ecology and Wildlife
- Atmospheric Chemistry - Planets and Life beyond Earth
- Exploring Cancer Medicines

For more details please see

http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130580/supporting_students/809/stem_online_taster_courses

Virtual Work Experience for Year 12 students with TATA Consultancy Services.

TATA Consultancy Services are global leaders in IT, digital and business. This is an exciting and challenging 5-day virtual work experience opportunity, Mon 13 to Fri 17 July 2020 (9am – 4pm approx.) This will include a self-led digital project; access to daily learning content, skills sessions and videos, daily live webinars and Q&A sessions with STEM role models, project support and insight into a range of STEM careers through digital mentors. You will also develop key workplace skills such as problem solving and project management.

We are able to offer 10 places to Year 12 students interested in IT, digital, technology, business, or project management. Please email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk if you would like to be considered.

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Speakers for Schools - Virtual Career and Motivational Talks

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>



[Upcoming Vtalks - Speakers for Schools](#)

Speakers for Schools are excited to present our weekly VTalks schedule! This schedule will be updated weekly and talks will be targeted to different age groups and is accessible via the links below. To view anonymously, click the on Vtalk link in the schedule below and select: (Watch on the web instead > Join anonymously). View tips on participating in the Vtalk live stream www.speakersforschools.org

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 25 MAY 2020

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Tues 26 May 10am Add to calendar	Baroness Mary Goudie, Life Peer & Campaigner	Baroness Mary Goudie will be joining us to talk about her career and passion for tackling social injustices. Mary is happy to answer questions from students and looks forward to an interesting discussion!
Wed 27 May 10am Add to calendar	Dr Wanda Wyporska Executive Director, The Equality Trust	Dr Wyporska will tell students her experience of being a young carer and how she got started in her career journey. Wanda will also discuss the topic of inequality in the UK.
Fri 29 May 10am Add to calendar	Nick Boyle, CEO of Lightsource BP	Nick is the CEO of Lightsource BP, an innovative solar company, and will be joining us to discuss his own career and motivations, and provide insights into low carbon businesses and technologies.

General Information

Year 12

We hope that you and your families are well. Thank you for all the work you have been completing since lockdown, we know just how hard most of you are working. We do also appreciate that it can be challenging to complete tasks remotely but staff are working hard to provide appropriate material for you to study in these uncertain times. Thank you also for completing your exams so efficiently. You will be receiving WWW and EBI feedback from your teachers and need to make sure you are continuing to complete work on Moodle/SJF website.

Please note the location of the learning resources:

- At St Aidan's all work can be found on Moodle [click here](#).
- At St John Fisher the work can be found via the homepage news feed [click here](#).

There are also the Core Learning resources which have been available throughout the year.

If you need to reset your Moodle account please e-mail moodle@sasif.uk and someone will come back to you.

Home Learning:

We suggest that every Monday morning students and parents/carers do the following: -

- Log into your school email (you should be doing this every day) - make a note of anything significant/important in your planner.

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- Check the weekly notices - make a note of anything significant/important dates in your planner.
- Log into Moodle/SJF website. For each teacher complete an inventory of work that you have done and work that you still have to complete to help you plan your week. Note any upcoming deadlines in your planner.
- Contact teachers if you are unsure about anything (SA Frequently Asked questions on Moodle or the daily Moodle helpdesk, SJF staff email)
- Make sure parents/carers know that you have uploaded/sent work to your teachers.

It is really important that you try to stay on top of your work and that you ask for help from your teachers if you are struggling.

Installing Microsoft Office

Details below of how to install Microsoft Office:

1. Go to the school website
2. Click on STAFF/STUDENT LOGIN top right
3. Click on Email
4. Sign in to your account
5. Click the 6 white dots top left
6. Click Office 365 (blue text with an arrow)
7. Now click Install Office towards the top of the page
8. All students have 5 licenses

Support

The Go-To for healthy minds in North Yorkshire is a new website providing support, advice and signposting for those who are feeling anxious or struggling with their emotional well-being around the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please visit the website. <https://www.thegoto.org.uk/>

Year 12 EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification will launch after May half term with tutorials and workbooks available on Moodle to complete, as well as information on how to access online courses which will help develop independent research skills. If you have signed up to complete an EPQ please check Moodle after half term and continue to check your school email on a regular basis.

Senate Elections: An Exciting Opportunity

The Senate is the Sixth Form Student Council which represents the St Aidan's Sixth Form, the Association and the student body as a whole. The Senate represents students in weekly meetings and negotiations with Senior Staff. Senate members represent the school at public events and organise charity and social events, including the Leavers' book, hoodies and ball. They need leadership skills, initiative, energy and must be organised. They need to be able to explore ways of involving students in the wider life of the school and to help develop co-operation with and integration of the new Year 12.

On Monday 1 June application forms will be sent to all Year 12 with a further schedule explaining this year's election process. So, over half term, please have a think about whether you would like to stand for Senate and why you might be suitable. Twelve students are elected and there is always a minimum of two places given to students who joined St Aidan's from other schools after Year 11 so, if you were new to us in September, please don't let that put you off. There has never been a better or more important time to be part of the leadership of the Sixth Form: we hope you will consider putting yourself forward for this challenging but extremely rewarding role.

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

We are very sorry that we are not able to be together for our final assembly. However, we hope that you enjoy your 'lockdown' final St Aidan's assembly. Follow the link on the school website to YouTube or click here

<https://youtu.be/2XniKq26umY> and enjoy!

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Yearbooks and Hoodies

Keep an eye on weekly notices after half term to find out how we will distribute yearbooks and hoodies.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball – Saturday 19 December 7.00 pm until Midnight

The Pavilions of Harrogate is booked on Saturday 19 December for the Year 13 Leavers' Ball.

- The cost is £39.00, to include a Bucks Fizz reception, two course dinner, photobooth and disco.
- The menu is either Chicken in White Wine Sauce or Butternut Squash Risotto followed by Chocolate Brownie.
- Tables seat a maximum of 12.
- If you would like to go please can you make your payment via ParentPay by Friday 3 July.
- You need to email your choice of main course and advise us of any dietary requirements. You should agree with other Year 13 students who you want to sit with and include this in your email. Remember we cannot include anyone on your table who has not paid for their ticket.

SA students should email: sixthformoffice@staidans.co.uk

SJF students should email: attendance6thform@sjfchs.org.uk.

With best wishes, keep well and look after each other.

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Please complete the section below that applies to you

Name:

Email:

Mobile:

I plan to go to university or college:

	Firm Choice	Insurance Choice	Unconditional (if applicable)
Institution:			
Course:			
Grades/Points required:			
Year of Entry: (please indicate 2020 or 2021)			

I plan to have a gap year:

What will you be doing?	
Where?	
Organisation used:	

I plan to go into full time employment/apprenticeship:

Company:	
Position:	
Start date:	

I have no plans in place at the moment

Careers Advisers are still available to offer information, advice and guidance so if you would like to talk to one of us then please let us know and we will get in touch with you ASAP

Many thanks for completing this questionnaire and please now email back to careersstaff@staidans.co.uk

Wishing you every success.