

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (B) commencing 18 May 2020

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Year 13 Students - Deadline for applying for Student Finance is FRIDAY 22 MAY

If you have not already applied for student finance please do so ASAP as the deadline for applications is next Friday. Even if you have not yet confirmed your course and university please still apply before 22 May to ensure you have finances in place for September - the money will go where you go!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-can-apply-now-for-2021-student-finance>

Year 13 Destinations 2020

All Year 13 students should have now received by email a destination questionnaire. 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 may still need additional support and help. **Please complete and return the questionnaire at the end of this newsletter, if you have not already done so, to careersstaff@staidans.co.uk as soon as you can.**

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**
<https://www.coventry.ac.uk/study-at-coventry/parents-and-teachers/outreach/>
- **Leeds Beckett University**
<https://leedsbeckett.ac.uk/SchoolsandColleges/Our-post-16-programmes/Online%20Resources/>
- **University of Leicester - Wednesday Wisdom Webinars**
<https://myleicester.le.ac.uk/form/FSOwebinars>
- **University College London - Free Pre-University study course**
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/ucl-study-prep>
- **UniTaster Tuesdays** - a range of events at various universities taking place on Tuesdays
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

IGD's Digital Employability Skills Webinar - Thursday 21 May 11.00-11.30am

The world pandemic has brought into sharp focus the vital role of food production, distribution and retail management. From Specialist Buyers and Business Strategists to Production Engineers, Logistics and Supply Chain Coordinators and Food Scientists – students will meet a variety of experts - the real food industry heroes who are keeping the nation going! IGD (Institute of Grocery Distribution) have developed online resources alongside industry professionals to bring their free skills training to students at home! In just 30 minutes, these fun and interactive sessions will inform and inspire students about a broad range of exciting careers and the routes into these roles. Students will experience a professional webinar and hear from industry professionals LIVE – learn about their jobs, the skills they use at work and the impact of coronavirus on their role.

We recommend all students, regardless of their career aspirations, consider taking part in this opportunity. Please email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk if you would like to register for the 30-minute webinar and follow-up employability skills activities.

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Speakers for Schools - Motivational Career Talks

Speakers for Schools continue to offer their varied programme of free livestreamed VTalks from some of the UK's leading professional experts. To listen to these talks please go

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

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 18 MAY 2020

| DATE | SPEAKER | INFO |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Mon 18 May 10am | Aleida Rios, Group Head of Engineering, BP. | Why choose Engineering as a career? John, a graduate who works at BP, interviews BP's Group Head of Engineering, Aleida Rios on how she got into Engineering and how students can build a career they enjoy. |
| Mon 18 May 2pm | Penguin VTalk Featuring: Malcolm Gladwell, journalist, author, and public speaker | How to Talk to Strangers Author of five international bestsellers, Malcolm Gladwell, joins academic and author of Don't Touch My Hair, Emma Dabiri, to discuss the consequences of mis-communication, how to interview others and the art of storytelling. |
| Tues 19 May 10am | Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV | Join Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV and Founder, Speakers for Schools in his very own Virtual Talk! |
| Tues 19 May 2pm | Kathrina Mannion, Director of Environmental Policy, BP | Kathrina will discuss her career and current role in Environment and Policy. She will also discuss her motivations and career progressions. Kathrina used to be a Senior Advisor for the government so has a really interesting career story. |
| Wed 20 May 10am | Dr. Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects | What does an Architect do? Dr Maria Faraone will explore with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career. |
| Wed 20 May 2pm | David Dein, Former Chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association | David's presentation is aimed at 15-18yr olds and features the phenomenal success of the Premier League since its inception. David will also impart inspirational messages about how to be successful. |
| Thu 21 May 2pm | Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP | Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. By 2040, another 2 billion people are expected to be in the world, while energy demand is projected to rise by around a third, equivalent to adding another new China and EU's worth of energy demand on top of what's required today. How can we tackle this dual challenge? |
| Fri 22 May 10am | Tom Dore, Head of Education, British E-Sports Association | Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, Tom's session will aim to demystify the esports sector and let students know about the opportunities that exist. |

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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

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 for 2021 entry goes live later this month which 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 a step by step guide to registering for UCAS Apply and then completing your UCAS application form in the coming weeks. 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

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.

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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@sasjf.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.
- 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.

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

We are really sorry that you have not had a traditional send-off but next Friday, 22 May, we will put a link on our website to YouTube where you will find your Year 13 St Aidan's Leavers' assembly. We hope that you enjoy it!

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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Year 13 Destinations 2020

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) |
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| Institution: | | | |
| Course: | | | |
| Grades/Points required: | | | |
| Year of Entry: (please indicate 2020 or 2021) | | | |

I plan to have a gap year:

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| What will you be doing? | |
| Where? | |
| Organisation used: | |

I plan to go into full time employment/apprenticeship:

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| 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.