

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (2) commencing 12 October 2020

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Face Coverings

Last week, St. Aidan's and St. John Fisher were given the very clear guidance by the Public Health Team at North Yorkshire County Council that we should 'strongly recommend' that face coverings are worn by all staff and students who are able to wear one (that is, not face mask exempt) in communal areas. The guidance does not apply to classrooms where lessons are taught but does apply to all other areas in school. This has come about because of increased levels of infection in our region.

It is entirely in keeping with the ethos of the school that, for the benefit of others, we are content to put up with the inconvenience of wearing a face covering while the circumstances prevail and the guidance applies to us. The risks associated with contracting coronavirus can be very serious and you will also be aware that, in our community at St Aidan's and the Associated Sixth Form, we need to be especially careful in respect of those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

We expect that all in the Associated Sixth Form will show the lead in following all the measures that are in place at this time, including the strong recommendation to wear a face covering, and to do so without the need for prompting. In all areas outside classrooms we expect Sixth Form students to wear a face covering: in corridors, toilets, the library, study centre and, except when seated and eating or drinking, in the café or marquee. There is no requirement to wear a face covering in outdoor spaces.

The advice that we have been given by the public health authorities is based on evidence that face coverings may be significant in helping to prevent the transmission of coronavirus and we should therefore use face coverings in our efforts to protect those in our community. We want to keep all students in school if at all possible (for example, without disruptive periods of self-isolation) and to do all we can to limit the spread of the virus.

Please, wear a face covering that you have brought from home and do so without the need for prompting. Thank you.

Careers Information

Year 13 - The 7 Step Guide to completing UCAS applications

- **Step 1**

- Write your personal statement and show it to your Senior Tutor.
- Book a careers appointment should you require advice and help from a Careers Adviser.

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Writing-your-Personal-Statement.pdf>

- **Step 2**

- Complete your UCAS form and add in your personal statement.

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/UCAS-Apply-2021.pdf>

- **Step 3**

- Complete the Cover Sheet (copy emailed to students on 8 October). This information will help your Senior Tutor write your reference.
- Bring this with a copy of your completed UCAS form to the Careers Department to be checked and submitted. Or email the Careers Department to let them know you have completed your UCAS form and we can check it online.

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- **Step 4**
 - When your UCAS form has been checked by the Careers Department press **Pay and Send** on UCAS.
- **Step 5**
 - The Sixth Form Office will arrange for your reference to be written and then send your form to UCAS.
 - This can take up to 2 to 3 weeks and UCAS will email you to acknowledge receipt of your email.
- **Step 6**
 - UCAS will send your application to your universities who will correspond with you via **UCAS Track**
 - You need to check this on a regular basis regarding interviews, auditions and offers.
 - If you have not initially applied for 5 courses, you can add on extra ones via UCAS Track up until the 15 January.
- **Step 7**
 - Wait until you have received all your offers before accepting one as your firm and another as your insurance.
 - You have until May 2021 to do this.

At any step if you need any help please contact your Senior Tutor and/or the Careers Department - we are all here to help you.

The **deadline** for handing in your UCAS form is **Thursday 15 October**. If this is going to be a problem, then please discuss with your Senior Tutor as a matter of urgency.

Interested in Law, Policing, Criminology?

The following events are being held by the University of Law:

- Criminal Investigation Day - Wednesday 28 Oct 10.00-12.30
- Twilight Lecture – Does everyone get a fair trial? - Tuesday 3 Nov 16.00-17.00

Students must individually book their places via <https://www.law.ac.uk/landing/criminal-investigation-day>

Ripon Cathedral - callout for Christmas Fair volunteers!

Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fair is to be held over the weekend of 20 and 21 November between 9:30 and 16:30. Ex St Aidan's student and now Ripon Cathedral's Fundraising & Events Officer is seeking volunteers for 2-hour shift/s, helping at the Childrens' Christmas Experience, the Outside Food and Drink Stalls or Front of House, welcoming and directing guests as they arrive.

All volunteers will receive a reference letter and contact details to include in their CV. Contact Careers for further specific 'job role' information or apply direct to Georgina Melvin georginamelvin@riponcathedral.org.uk

Exam Information

Oxbridge Registration Forms

Please note that 15 October is the final deadline for Oxbridge registration. Please return any forms to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office.

Year 13 Applied Subjects – January Exams

Timetable and resit forms are on the school website if any Year 13 students wish to resit a Unit exam please discuss this with your teacher as a matter of urgency and complete and return the appropriate form asap.

General Information

Year 13 Parents' Evening Thursday 15 October

Please speak to your subject teachers to make appointments for you and your parents for your remote consultations on Teams. Please see your school e-mail for further details.

Year 13 Maths Support

Mrs Hunter will be available in MA2 every Wednesday period 4 to support Year 13 students with Maths. No booking necessary, just drop in.

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Litter

Please ensure that any litter is placed in the bins provided.

Staff Training Day

Please note School is closed for students on Friday 16 October.

Thank you all for the positive way in which most of you are conducting yourself in school during these challenging times. We appreciate that the space you have in school is more limited than you would like but, as you appreciate, this is to ensure that the year groups are kept separate. Both the Study Centre and the Library are areas for quiet study as we need to ensure that all students are able to work purposefully during the time they are not in lessons.

- **Year 13** we are working hard to find ways to provide you with food during the morning in the marquee - along with heating too. We know the decisions we make, and continue to make, will not make everyone happy but please be assured we are doing our very best to try to support you all in this difficult period.

Thank you