

INTOUCH

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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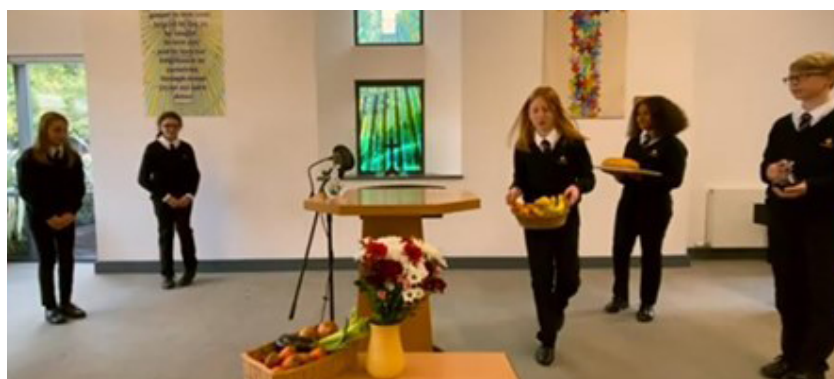
Good News from St. Aidan's



Welcome to our first edition of INTOUCH, our regular round-up of good news stories at St. Aidan's. We would like to congratulate everyone on the return to school this term; it has been a positive and welcome time. Together, we thank our staff for their commitment and dedication, our students for their kindness and determination, and our parents and carers for their superb support - thank you and many blessings to all and well done!

Harvest Festival

Last half term we were delighted to hold our virtual Harvest Festival. This was made up of worship, music, dance and reflection. Alongside the service, a collection was made via parentpay and we raised over £3,600 for Harrogate District Foodbank, St George's Crypt, Leeds, and Christian Aid.



Extra-curricular PE & Music



Extra-curricular PE has been underway in year group bubbles since the beginning of term and it has been warmly received by all students.

Our extra-curricular music timetable also briefly started up this half term and we know how excited our students were to be making music again.

Sadly new guidance requires us to stop offering after school extra-curricular activities for the time being. Therefore, with immediate effect, music, sport and other clubs that had been arranged after school have been cancelled for the duration of this national lockdown period. We will let you know as soon as we are able to offer these activities once more.

English Bake Off

A few English classes in Year 10 took part in a Bake Off-style competition to teach students about how writers structure their work (descriptive fiction - with a theme of fantasy and magic). They were given a brief to create at least 2 tiers, standing at least 30cms high, unsupported. They then talked about how this relates to writing (which it does actually remarkably closely!). The students loved this and it really stretched their thinking about writing and structure.



Senior Concert

All videos have now been received for the virtual Senior Concert! We are currently compiling these fantastic performances and are really looking forward to sharing with you this half term.

Senate



In October we had the pleasure of taking a new photo of the Senate who were elected in June 2020. Congratulations to Charlie, Emily, George, Megan, Oscar, Amy, Emilia, Jaya, Esther, Oliver, Dot, Matti and Yvette. Our senate leaders are: Emily, George and Dot.

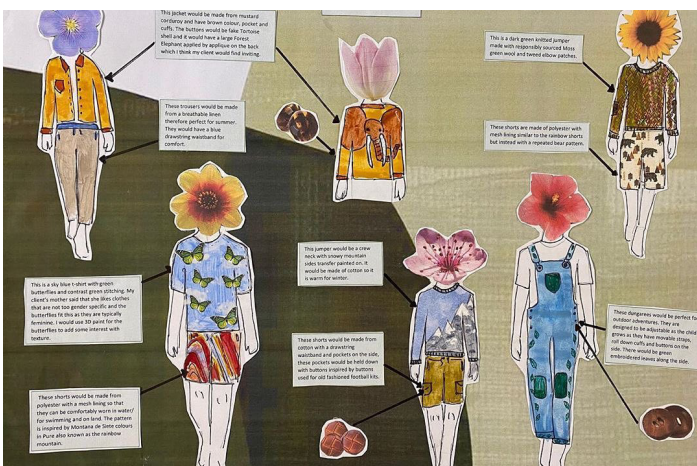
Art



Last half term the Art department were sharing with us all their fantastic projects that had been started. These ranged from outdoor work with Year 7, Year 8 sketchbook cover work, Year 9 Typography, Year 10 Geometric show drawings and much more. Our Art department has a colourful Instagram account, so do pop over and give them a follow [@st_aidans_art](#)

Fashion and Textiles

There were lots of exciting mood boards, sketchbooks and design work happening in the Fashion and Textiles department last half term. They also have an Instagram account [@staidans_fashion](#) so please do follow.



Spotlight on Screen

Our annual KS3 Performing Arts showcase could not happen this year so we went online, with students uploading their performances to make a brilliant video, edited by Sixth Form students Jack Thomas and Alex Hamshaw. This is still available to view on the St Aidan's YouTube channel. Click on the link below.



Bread Baking

Year 10 made some fantastic bread last week whilst studying carbohydrate science! We can't wait to see what everyone will be making this half term.

Open Day

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our bustling open day this year so instead we created a suite of videos to show people what life is like at St Aidan's and within our Associated Sixth Form. All videos are available to view on our YouTube account. Links can be found on the home page of the website and by clicking on the links to the right.

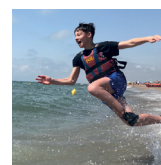
Information Evening Video

Tuesday 13th October

Virtual Tour of St. Aidan's Video

Saturday 17th October

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Life in all its fullness



We will now be sending out our new **INTOUCH** newsletter a few times per term, if not more.

We hope you have enjoyed it and we will be back with our second edition soon. If you have any feedback or thoughts please don't hesitate to contact Cath Harrison (c.harrison@staidans.co.uk).