

INTOUCH

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to this latest edition of InTouch, which contains yet more signs of school life returning to something which we would recognise as 'normal'. It has been heartening to see extra-curricular activity again breathing life into school halls, classrooms and sports fields, and creativity flourishing in so many areas of the school. We are conscious that students, staff, parents and wider families alike have been through uniquely testing times in the past year, and we would like to thank our whole community for holding together in mutual support during these turbulent and changing times. Year 11 and 13 are especially on our minds at present as they approach the end of one phase of their education and embark on another. As we all anticipate more optimistic and settled times, our ultimate hope at St Aidan's continues to rest on the eternal changelessness of God and the fullness of life that He brings. Thank you for the part you all play in making St Aidan's what it is.



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'The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.'
John 1:4-5

Summer Interform

During the first week back after Easter break, Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed Interform sports in the sunshine!

Year 7 girls played football on the astro pitches, Year 8 and 9 girls competed in Hockey tournaments, whilst Year 7, 8 and 9 boys battled it out in Interform Basketball.



The 1st place forms for each year group are as follows:

Boys Basketball Winners - 7Y, 7C, 8S, 8G and 9W.

Girls Football Winners - 7W and 7D.

Girls Hockey Winners - 8S, 8C and 9S.

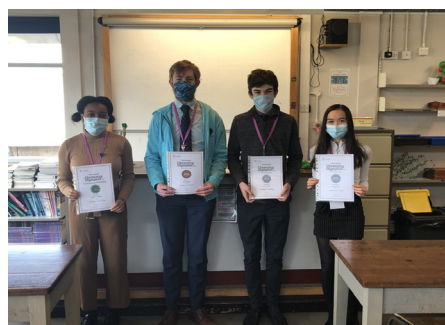
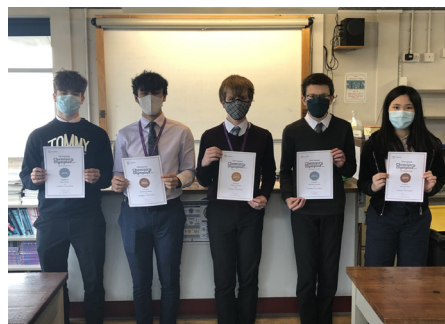
Well done to all form teams for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship.



Chemistry Olympiad

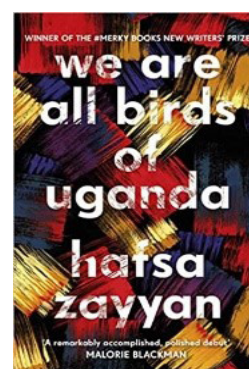
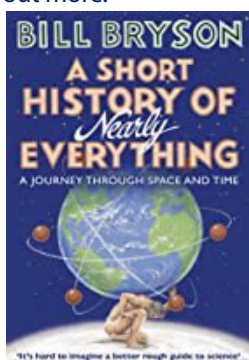
The Chemistry Olympiad is an international competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. 7,160 students entered the UK competition this year. Round 1 of the competition is a 2 hour paper based examination. The questions posed often stimulate much debate on, and enthusiasm for, chemistry - raising awareness of what the subject is all about. Tackling the Round 1 paper also provides a good opportunity to develop some of the skills required for study at university and beyond.

This year a number of our Associated Sixth Form students entered. All students performed very well, with four achieving Bronze awards (Sam Watson, Lois Wong, Kieran Ramdeehul, Alyssa Parris), five achieving Silver awards (Yvette Wong, Aga Oledzka, Ben Chumas, Ben Handley, Patrick Giblin), and one student (Thomas Adamson) managing to achieve a Gold award which is fantastic! Well done to all students who took part.



Reading Corner

We are delighted to recommend some exciting reads to delve into during the month of May. Please click on the book covers to find out more.

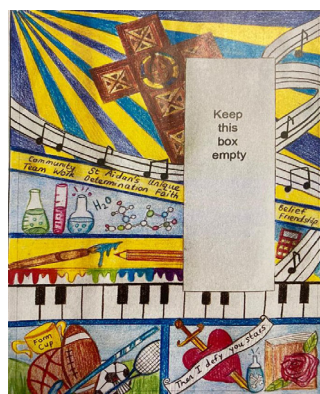


Planner Designs 2021

The Art Department is pleased to announce the names of the Winners, Highly Commended and Commended entries for the Planner Design Competition 2021 for Year 7 and Year 9. The Year 7 winner will be printed as the Key Stage 3 planner cover for next year and Year 9 winner will be used on Key Stage 4.

The Winning Entry for Year 7 was Eve Dinsdale (left) and for Year 9, Beth Hardingham (right).

Highly Commended was awarded to (left to right below) Seth Kennerley Year 7, Charlie Norwood Year 7, Beth Umpleby Year 9 and Charlie Richardson Year 9.



Commended for Year 7: Alice Williams, Amelia Thankappan, Darcy Hutchinson, Emily Dunn, Emily Umpleby, Esme Daltry, Hope Garnham, Immy Willetts, John Regnier, Katherine Makin, Maisie Harvey and Zoe Towson.

Commended for Year 9: Abi Norton, Aneeka Bhadal, Annabel Ingham, Eliza Green, Flossie Davis, Lola Thomas, Martha Ellis and Seren Melling.

The competition entry work was done during lockdown and all students should be proud of the outcomes. A lot of very strong entries despite everyone doing this at home without the normal access to Art materials and teachers. Great job all!

Savoury Specials!

This term, students in Food Technology have started by exploring savoury dishes. Year 10 have been making watercress and salmon roulades, learning about functional and chemical properties of fats in foods - gas in a liquid form. Year 9 have been creating savoury spring rolls, with some fantastic results!



FOSA Fundraising Success

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the FOSA minibus appeal. We have raised over £2,000 so far. Please see your ParentPay account if you would still like to donate.



Colourful Creations

There has been some very colourful art projects taking place in the Art Department.

Year 7 have been creating some geometric art with oil pastels, inspired by the work of Brazilian artist, Beatriz Milhazes. Year 8 have been working with mixed media to create pieces based on their idols, inspired by Loui Jover's artwork.



Extra Curricular Music is back!

After a long absence, the Music department was delighted to announce the return of live, 'in-person' music-making at St Aidan's in a measured way from Monday 19th April.

It has been great to welcome back into school our team of peripatetic vocal and instrumental teachers to deliver individual lessons live after a year of online lessons, and we have enjoyed hearing live music ringing around the music department again!



We very much hope that all instrumentalists and singers will take their courage (and their instruments!) in both hands and come along to help to make St Aidan's resound to student music again, especially Year 7 for whom this will all be quite new. It is hoped that we might be able to put on some kind of performance later this term.

[Click here for the Extra Curricular Music Summer Timetable.](#)



Summer Sport begins!

It has been so wonderful to see the Extra Curricular Summer Sports begin again, with many students staying after school to take part.

Athletics, Rounders, Cricket and Tennis were all back for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 to enjoy in the afternoon sunshine. Glorious!

For full details on Extra Curricular PE for the summer term, please click [here](#) to view the timetable.



St Aidan's Music Association



Every year senior ensemble members leave school and dedicated parent supporters leave the Music Association. New committee members are always welcome, with meetings held approximately once every half term. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who can volunteer to help at concerts and events on an occasional basis. We are particularly keen to welcome new members of the committee this year to help us to rekindle music at St Aidan's in these challenging times.

If you would like to join the committee or feel you have time to support us in any way, please email us at music@staidans.co.uk

SAMA also has a charity fundraising account with easyfundraising.org.uk. Our aim is to raise vital funds to support music activities at St Aidan's.

Easyfundraising is completely free for SAMA and our supporters, as it enables the stores and online retailers to donate their money, whilst you shop with them!

Click [here](#) for further details and how to donate. Thank you in advance for your valuable support.

Upcoming dates for your diary

11 May: Year 7 Parents' Evening (P, S, W, Y)

14 May: Sixth Form Public Exams begin

17 May: Year 10 Mock Exams begin

17 May: Year 8 Exams begin

17 May: Year 12 Mock Exams begin

17 May: Year 13 Voluntary Timetable commences (to 28 May)

17 May: Year 11 Voluntary Timetable commences - Catch up and Scheduled Assessments

28 May: Students break for May Half Term



We hope you have enjoyed this edition of **INTOUCH**.

Thank you for your feedback so far; please do send any further comments or suggestions to Cath Harrison (c.harrison@staidans.co.uk)