

# St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

## St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 20 September 2021

### Exam Information

#### Admission Tests for Oxford and Cambridge, Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT), Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)

Please see Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible if you need to be entered for any of the above tests. You will need to **complete an entry** form in order for the school to register you online for the above tests.

Test Registrations Open:

- 1 September 2021 – for all tests.

Modified Paper Deadline Date:

- 30 September 2021 – for requests for modified papers by students (e.g. enlarged print/coloured paper etc) for all tests.

Test Registration Deadlines Dates:

- 1 October 2021 – Biomedical Admissions test (BMAT) or Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA) – Standard Fee.
- 15 October 2021 – University of Cambridge Pre-interview Assessments or University of Oxford Admission Tests (Please note: for BMAT/TMUA - higher late fee applies).
- 15 October 2021 – deadline to apply for reimbursement of registration fees.

Access Arrangements Deadline Date:

- 15 October 2021 – for requests for exam access arrangements (e.g. extra time) for all tests

Test Dates:

3 November 2021 AT 9.00 AM – BMAT, CAT, ECAA, ENGAA, MAT, MLAT, NSAA, OLAT & Philosophy Test

4 November 2021 AT 9.00 AM – ELAT, HAT, PAT, TMUA, TSA (Oxford) & TSA S1 (Cambridge)

- NB: The following tests are computer based and will therefore be taken by students in the Bede IT room - BMAT, TMUA, TSA & TSA S1
- Test venue for all other written tests: tbc but will be held at St Aidan's.

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £61.00 (Standard Fee) £95.00 (Higher Late Fee)
- TMUA - £57.00 (Standard Fee) £79.00 (Higher Late Fee)
- All other tests are free to enter

### General Information

#### Year 12 Computer Access

St John Fisher students with lessons at SA need to log onto a computer at SA initially to register.

- Username is 16(first 5 letters of surname) (first letter of forename)
- Password is passwordpassword

St Aidan's students with lessons at SJF need to activate their SJF school log in on Office 365. They can do this from any computer

- Username is 16(first 5 letters of surname) (first letter of forename)@sjfchs.org.uk
- Password is password

### Debating Club

Anyone interested in debating should come along to Hu1 from 12.30 on Tuesday. No previous experience required. See Dr Murray if you have further questions.

### Psychology drop-in Sessions

Year 12 and Year 13 Psychology drop-in sessions are on Tuesday lunchtimes 12:40 - 13:20 in PS3 (SA) and G33 (SJF). Come and get help with your work, have a quiet place to study (Psychology) or just simply come for a chat anything psychological. Feel free to bring your lunch.

### Law Ambassador Programme for Year 12 students:

Please contact Mr Taylor at [p.taylor@staidans.co.uk](mailto:p.taylor@staidans.co.uk) if you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity. The programme has been designed by a prominent law school in Leeds to introduce you to the world of law. Applications are due by 6 October and can be emailed to Mr Taylor or the supervisor at BPP Law School, Bethan Oates, at [BethanOates@BPP.com](mailto:BethanOates@BPP.com) The launch event will take place on 3 November in Leeds (details TBC).

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## **St Aidan's Chamber Choir - 30th Anniversary Year**

Auditions are now open for the acclaimed and nationally known St Aidan's Chamber Choir. It is a choir of around 50 members, a mixture of both Year 12 and Year 13 students. Applicants of all abilities are invited, admission to the choir being by audition. Many choir members have very limited experience of choral singing when they first join the Chamber Choir, but they learn very quickly! Follow [this link](#) to watch a short video about how the Chamber Choir works and to hear it in action.

Rehearsals are twice a week, on Monday after school 3.45 - 5.00 and Wednesday lunchtimes. If you would like to audition, please fill in an audition form, available from the Music Department, write your name in an audition slot on the music department notice board and come down to the music department 10 minutes before your time, bringing with you the completed audition form. You should expect to be able to sing something short of your own choice, with or without accompaniment; an accompanist will be provided but due to time constraints there will be no time to rehearse. Your choice of music can be in any style, although clearly something in a "classical" or "music theatre" style would be most appropriate! If you have any questions please see Mr Pallant.

## **St Aidan's Symphonic Wind Band**

Our senior wind band is open to all woodwind, brass and percussion players based at St Aidan's. Generally playing music of Grade 5 and above, the band practices in St Aidan's Main hall on Thursdays after school until 5pm. During the year, the band performs at St Aidan's concerts and other events in the community. Do come along and give it a try!

## **Pastoral Parents' Evenings**

The Year 12 Pastoral Parents' Evening scheduled for 20 September and the Year 13 Pastoral Parents' Evening scheduled for 27 September have both been cancelled. Information which would have been shared with parents/carers at these events will be sent in due course.

## **16-19 Bursary**

Information regarding the 16-19 Bursary has been given to all Year 12 and Year 13 students via assembly and can also be found on the St Aidan's website <https://www.staidans.co.uk/sixth-form/bursary-applications/>. Applications are welcome from all eligible Year 12 and Year 13 students, the deadline for applications is Monday 27 September. Please note you do not have to have been in receipt of a bursary in Year 12 to be eligible to apply for a bursary in Year 13. Any queries please see Mrs Gumbley in the Sixth Form Office.

## **Year 13 UCAS Predicted Grades**

Teachers will shortly be submitting predicted grades for UCAS. Please make sure that you ask your teacher for confirmation of your UCAS predicted grades.

## **Open Day Saturday 16 October**

On Saturday 16 October we will be holding an Open Morning for students wishing to join the Sixth Form. This is an opportunity for prospective students and their parents/carers to come and look round the school and meet staff and existing students. Although we appreciate we didn't hold an in person Open Day last year we would be grateful if current Sixth Form students could help in school on the morning of Saturday 16 October. Further details to follow.

## **Driving to school**

Please note:

- If you drive to school please register your car with the Sixth Form Office via the sheet in the form registers.
- You should not park within the school grounds either in the Main School car park or Bede car park.
- If you park on the adjacent streets please park considerately and respect the local community.
- You should not return to your car during the day or use your car for travelling between the two sites and should only return to your car at the end of the school day.

Thank you