

INTOUCH

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to our first edition of InTouch for this academic year and we hope that you will enjoy reading about all the wonderful activities that are happening already this year. We are very pleased to be offering many of our extra-curricular activities as far as we can and we would like to thank all our staff and students for their commitment, kindness and hard work in so many ways. Very well done and wishing you all well.

Food Technology Feasts

Our Year 8, 10 and 11 students have been cooking up some tasty dishes during the first few weeks of term. Year 8 have been making healthy stir fries and stuffed peppers, Year 10 have been baking some delicious cakes and Year 11 have been working on their GCSE practical with some Italian treats!



Sports Round Up

It has been wonderful to see our teams back in action so quickly during the Autumn Term. Competitive netball matches have been played by Sixth Form, Y11 and Y10 as well as football and hockey. Our Associated Sixth Form Rugby Team played in the first round of the cup and secured an outstanding win against Ripon Grammar. There will be more matches taking place over the coming weeks and we would like to thank the students for their attitude, determination and approach to all these sporting fixtures.



Visit to Brasenose College, Oxford

A group of 18 students in Y13 from across the Associated Sixth Form enjoyed an open day visit to Brasenose College on 16 and 17 September. After a long gap since the last face-to-face open day, it felt like a novelty going to a live event. The experience was enhanced by the glorious autumnal sunshine. We stayed in college accommodation and were treated to meals in the dining hall. We were looked after by student-helpers one of whom was former student Louis Connell, who is about to enter his third year studying Law. The programme put on by Brasenose involved college tours, sample lectures and opportunities for questions. Overall, it provided students with an invaluable, informative and enriching trip in wonderful surroundings.

Year 9 and 10 Netball

On 24-26th September our Year 9 and 10 netball teams went to Shropshire for a PGL Netball Tournament at Boreatton Park. The girls took part in a full schedule of games as well as adventure activities off the court. Year 9 and 10 won the tournament and the 10B team came third. A huge congratulations to everyone who took part.



FOSA Sponsored Walk

Friends of St Aidan's have been raising money for the school. On September 11th 2021 they hiked around the Harrogate Ringway, a 20 mile circular route around the area. The walk was challenging but with splendid views of the Yorkshire countryside along the way! FOSA have raised £2400 towards the new school mini bus! Thank you so much Team FOSA.



Show Starters Launch

On Monday 20th September we launched Show Starters in school. Students have been busy sending in audition tapes over the summer and the cast has been announced. We can't wait to watch a spectacular show in November. Keep checking the website for ticket details!



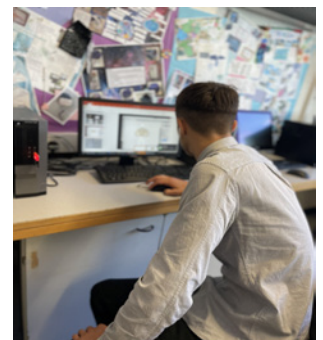
YSA Cohort 2021-2022

Congratulations to our new starters for 2021! We would like to wish you all the very best on your courses and placements during this academic year.



Fashion and Textiles

Year 13 have been doing some fantastic work by experimenting with a variety of media and materials to communicate initial design ideas for prints and garments. This has included sketching, collage and using Photoshop on the computers.



Extra-Curricular Sport is back!

We are delighted to welcome back Extra-Curricular PE and Sport to St. Aidan's. The full timetable can be found on the website.



Extra Curricular Music Is Back!

We are delighted to be offering a full programme of Extra-Curricular Music. The timetable covers Junior Choir, String Ensemble, Chamber Choir, West African Drum Ensemble, Junior Band, Senior Choir, Swing Band, Symponic Wind Band, SAJE - to name a few! Full details covering times, days and who can attend can be found on the home page of the school website.



National Brass Band

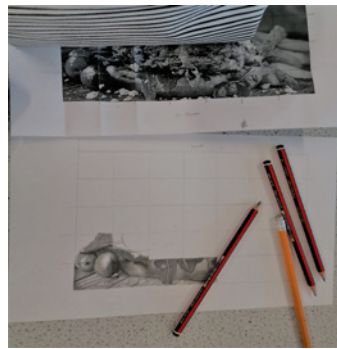
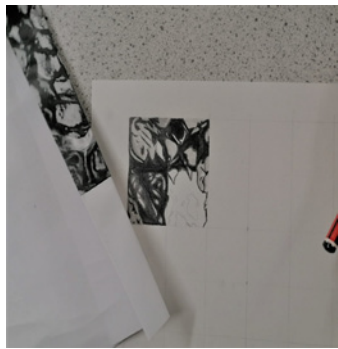
Tewit Silver Band qualified in March 2020 to compete at the National Brass Band Championship. After a break in playing due to COVID-19, the event successfully went ahead this weekend. We were delighted to win and become third section National Champions.

To achieve this, the band has worked incredibly hard. Our students: Andrew, Euan, Ben, Peter and George all contributed to this success. Fantastic dedication, commitment and outstanding playing.



Amazing Art!

Year 10 Fine Art students have worked incredibly hard to record high levels of detail and tonal value; they have made a very impressive start to their GCSE course and Year 8 students have been investigating the proportions of the human figure; learning how many heads fit into the length of the body. Do you know how many heads you can fit from the head to toes of your body?



Upcoming dates for your diary

12th October New Intake Presentation Evening

13th October St Aidan's Music Association (SAMA) AGM (virtual)

14th October New Intake Presentation Evening

15th October Training Day (school closed to students)

16th October 9.30-11.30am Sixth Form Open Morning
12.30-4pm Main School Open Day

18th October Interform Cross Country (throughout the week)

20th October KS3 Information Evening (virtual)

21st October Senior Concert 7.30pm

23rd October Half Term Begins



What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. (Micah 6, verse 8)

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 admin@aidans.co.uk