

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (2) commencing 14 March 2022

Assemblies

Year 12 **CGH** Assembly – Tuesday 15 March - REM

Year 13 **CGH** Assembly – Thursday 17 March - JD

Exam Clash

Please could those students that were given an exam clash letter return the signed tear off slip at the bottom of the letter to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer in the Sixth Form office as soon as possible.

Year 12 Oxford and Cambridge Open Day Trip Meeting

Anyone in Year 12 who is interested in making an application to either Oxford or Cambridge Universities should attend a short meeting in either the New Chapel or a nearby RS classroom (whichever is available) at St Aidan's at 12.45 on Monday 14 March. Details of the trip will be explained and letters handed out. See Dr Murray or Mr Melville if you have any questions.

Psychology Drop-in Session

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.

Year 13 Geography NEA support

- Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.30-1.30 at SJF in G30.
- Every Thursday lunchtime 12.30-1.30 at SA in GG1.

Come along to ask any questions about your NEA. Keep on track, check ideas out with teachers, use resources and look at past examples of work. Just drop in for a quick question or stay to work.

Year 13 Chemistry

A Level Chemistry drop-in sessions will continue to take place at St Aidan's on a Monday lunchtime in room Ch4, and on Friday lunchtime in room F18 at St John Fisher. Come along with any questions on topics, homework you want help with, or to just work in a chemistry lab with a teacher around. You are welcome to attend at either site, it does not matter which class you are in. You may stay for five minutes or the whole hour!

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Do you have an interest you would like to explore further? Or perhaps you would like to extend your learning beyond one of your A Level subjects? If so, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) could fulfil that wish. The EPQ is an opportunity for you to take the lead on developing your independent research and study skills while researching a topic that you are passionate about. You will learn report-writing and presentation skills, conduct research and analyse and evaluate your findings, and complete your project with either a written report or by creating an artefact. This student-led qualification puts you in charge and can enhance performance in your A Level subjects and beyond into higher education and the workplace.

Worth half an A Level and counting towards UCAS points, having an EPQ will help you to stand out from the crowd in university applications, plus many universities will give lower A Level offers to students with an EPQ. Research has shown that EPQ students have an increased chance of achieving an A*-B grade at A Level, and are more likely to obtain a First or 2:1 at university. Your EPQ study would start after May half term and the final EPQ project is handed in during the Spring term, well before your final A Level exams.

You can collect a sign-up form from your Senior Tutor or Mrs Robinson in GG5. There will be an assembly before Easter to find out more. Alternatively, please see Mrs Robinson in GG5 with any questions.

RYLA – Leadership Development Course

This course is an opportunity to experience and learn things about yourself, about working in a team but more importantly about leading and supervising other people. It is open to young people aged 16-17 years old. There are 2 courses which take place at Hebden Hey Scout Hostel near Hebden Bridge:

Sunday 24 July – Friday 29 July

Sunday 31 July – Friday 5 August

Anyone who is interested can email Mrs Orton at k.orton@staidans.co.uk for further information and, if you wish to be considered, please send your CV to Mrs Orton by **4pm on Tuesday 15 March**.

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Debating Club

This week Debating Club will meet on Tuesday in Hu1 from 12.30. All welcome.

Year 13

Senate and Congress have been working very hard on your behalf to organise the Ball, Yearbook and Leavers' Hoodies and we would appreciate your support in meeting upcoming deadlines:

- **Yearbook**

Two assignments with instructions have been set on Form Teams for students to upload photos by 21 March. Lanyard photos will be used if the deadline is missed. Yearbooks can be ordered at a price of £6 on ParentPay. Deadline 28 March.

- **Hoodies**

Hoodies can be ordered by completing the Microsoft form emailed to student school email addresses. This needs to be done in conjunction with a payment of £23 on ParentPay. Deadline 25 March.

- **Drone photo**

Students have requested a Year group drone photo as we were unable to do this at the start of Year 12 due to covid. This will take place on Wednesday 23 March period 4. Students should come to Bede at St Aidan's at the start of period 4 as we are using the hard courts behind the PE classrooms. We need lots of students to come along for this to work!

- **Ball**

The Ball will take place on Friday 24 June at Pavilions of Harrogate. Payment of £39.50 can be made through ParentPay from 29 April with tickets collected from the Sixth Form office on completion of a Destination form.

Reminder

Please note that students should not be using private study time for playing ball games around the school site.

Training Day

School is closed for students on Wednesday 16 March.

Thank you