

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 21 March 2022

Assemblies

Year 12 **Virtual** Assembly – Tuesday 22 March

Year 13 **CGH** Assembly – Thursday 24 March

EEP

All Year 12 students should go to Constance Green Hall Wednesday period 4 for a presentation about driving safely. Please arrive by 1.30pm to ensure a prompt start.

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.

Maths Drop-in Session

There is a Maths drop-in session on Wednesday period 4 in Ma1 with Mr Daly for Year 13 students.

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 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 Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes 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!

Debating Club

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

Amnesty International UK - It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

Amnesty meet in DL1 every Wednesday at 12.30, all welcome. We will continue with fund raising for all victims of war: Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan. Well done to the fine students at St John Fishers who have already been raising money for Amnesty, partly by selling yellow and blue ribbons. We have been thinking of some of the following: Raffle of promises/privileges, Non-uniform day perhaps, Cake/sweet stall.

Creative Writing Magazine

The Library is starting a creative writing magazine. Hushed Tones will feature reviews, poems, stories, songs, sagas, jokes and tales. If students (or staff!) would like to feature, hand your writing in at the library helpdesk or email it to library@staidans.co.uk. Feel free to include illustrations. We can't wait to have your work on our shelves.

School Toilets

In order to improve the comfort and security of younger students using the school toilets throughout the day, we have made some adjustments to the provision of toilet facilities in school.

From Monday 21 March, two sets of toilets in school will be for year 7 and 8 only. Students in years 9-13 will not be allowed to use these toilets. The remaining toilets will remain for the use of all year groups but these two will be exclusively for year 7 and 8. The reason for this is after recent incidents and reviews of CCT footage, it is clear that younger students are often reluctant to use toilets if older students are in there.

The toilets for Years 7 and 8 exclusively are as follows:

- Maths corridor opposite Clair Kings office
- DT toilets close to Technology/ Music corridor

There will be clear signs from Monday indicating who can use the toilets.

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Expectations and Responsibilities: Part One

As we stated in the letter issued last week, we realise that some students and parents may not be aware of some of their responsibilities as Sixth Form students or have forgotten about them since they were introduced early in the year. To help with this, we will be including a section in the Weekly Notices each week before Easter.

Please read the following carefully and make sure you understand exactly what is required.

Lanyards and security

It is **essential** that all students wear their Associated Sixth Form lanyard and ID card visibly throughout the school day on either site and between sites. In this very easy way students allow any member of staff to identify them as part of the Association and to ensure that we do not have intruders on site. If a student allows onto either school's site anyone who is not a member of the Association, whether a friend from elsewhere or unknown, this is a significant security concern and sanctions will have to be imposed.

If a lanyard has been forgotten, students should collect and complete an identification sticker **immediately** on arrival at school, which should be worn throughout the day. These are readily available from either Sixth Form Office.

Students should also note that exam invigilators are required to confirm the identity of candidates so ID cards **must be brought to all examinations** held in school. We do not want to cause a distraction from focus at the start of any exam by having to discuss the lack of ID or trying to confirm that you are who you say you are and are sitting in the correct place.

Appearance

As with lanyards, adherence to the Sixth Form's smart dress code allows staff to be confident that students are members of the Association. It also means that students represent the Sixth Form appropriately to the younger pupils and in the local community. The majority of our students are excellent in their compliance with this request but we would like to remind you that **trainers of any colour and branded sweatshirts, hoodies and t-shirts are not acceptable wear**. There should be a clear distinction between casual weekend wear and school clothes.

Blue and Yellow Day

On Friday 25 March students are invited to wear blue and yellow to show their support for the people of Ukraine. If you would like to donate to the [Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#), you can do so using the link or through your school ParentPay account or, for example, directly to organisations such as the [Red Cross](#). There will also be a collection on the day if you would like to donate in cash.

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.

Thank you