

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 4 April 2022

Assemblies

Year 12 **Virtual** Assembly – Tuesday 5 April - KCO

Year 13 **Virtual** Assembly – Thursday 7 April - KCO

EEP

All Year 12 to go to Constance Green Hall, Wednesday period 4 for the Easter Liturgy. Please arrive by 1.30 pm for a prompt start.

Important instructions for Year 12 students re internal exams – April/May 2022

- Students are required to have their school ID lanyards when they sit their internal exams after Easter so the invigilators are able to identify them. If you have lost or mislaid your photo ID you will need to order a replacement card prior to the start of your exams.
- Exams will start promptly at 9.00 am and 1.30 pm each day so students need to ensure they are outside the Exam Hall/Room at least 15 mins prior to the exam start times.
- It is very important that students sit in the seat allocated to them on the seating list so we are not looking for the wrong absent students and contacting the wrong parents.
- Students should be appropriately dressed (no crop tops or vest t-shirts) as the windows will be open in Constance Green Hall and students won't be able to wear their coats.
- PE2 (one of the huts by CGH) has been allocated as the room for bags & coats for students with exams in CGH.
- Please do not bring your mobile phone or wristwatch into the Exam Hall.
- Students will also need to bring their own exam equipment, e.g. black pen, pencil, ruler, calculator (if applicable for subject) etc for their exams.
- Exam seating lists will be displayed outside CGH and in the Sixth Form café at SA and in Collins Entrance at SJF the day before the exam for students to check where they need to be.
- All exams will be held at St Aidan's in either CGH, the Hatcher Room, the Bede IT Study Room, or the Careers small rooms (PODs) – all of which are in Bede House. The only exceptions are - Music to be held in MU3, Music Tech in Mu1 and Mu3 (Music Dept at SA) and Spanish to be held in IT3 & IT4 (Languages Dept in SA).
- If anyone has any concerns or queries they should contact Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer by email w.humphrey@staidans.co.uk or telephone 01423 818518.

Maths Drop-in Session

There is a Maths drop-in session 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.

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Booksale/Swap

The Library has started a small booksale of spare books, including many classics. You can purchase them for 20p each or swap for another book. Please think of the Library if you are having a clear-out of your bookshelves at home, as we can either add these to our collection or share with other schools and charities.

Supporting Harrogate Foodbank

Our regular collection point for the Harrogate Foodbank is in Reception. For the months of April and May we are asking **Year 12 and Year 13 to take primary responsibility for donations**, though **any members of our St Aidan's community** - staff or students - **are warmly invited to donate at any time**. Please bring in non-perishable, in-date food (e.g. tins, pasta, rice, coffee, dried milk) and basic household necessities (e.g. washing-up liquid, shampoo, shower gel) and place them in the labelled basket in Reception. We are not asking for heaps of food this time but the occasional item which will cost many of us very little but could be part of an essential food package to a needy household. You can find out about Harrogate Foodbank's latest needs by checking out their Facebook page. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Responsibilities and Expectations: Part Three

Relations with the Local Community

The people who live in the local area are our neighbours and we are keen to enjoy positive relations with them. Most students who visit local shops are mindful of this and respectful in their conduct both on the streets, in shops and in the Stray area but we do receive reports of undesirable behaviour and littering and we would be grateful if all students could avoid this by being more considerate and thoughtful, as we hope they would be in the vicinity of their own homes. This is especially relevant when gathering in groups and respecting the rights of local residents to use the same footpaths and facilities.

Smoking or Vaping

St Aidan's and St John Fisher are both non-smoking communities and sites and we extend this policy into our immediate local area; the same position holds with regard to vaping. We ask students not to bring smoking or vaping equipment to school and accessing materials in school at any time will lead to sanctions. As a further deterrent and to foster good relations with local residents we require that any smoking or vaping occurs at lunchtime off site and well away from either school: we request a distance of a mile away. As guidance, students should at least be on the opposite side of Wetherby Road, onto Leeds Road, in Harrogate town centre or as far away as Woodlands crossroads. Again, students who are unable or unwilling to meet this requirement can expect action to be taken.

Use of cars

As students move through the Sixth Form, some pass their driving test and will have access to their own car. The means of transport they have used previously are still available to them of course and from an environmental perspective we strongly recommend that cars are not used. We are unable to accommodate students' cars on site so if a student feels they have to drive to school, cars must be parked on adjacent streets and with consideration for the local residents, for example ensuring that access to driveways is unimpeded. We ask students who drive to school to register their cars with the Sixth Form Office.

We also ask that students do not return to their cars throughout the day, including lunchtime. There is no need to do so – food and drink are available in school. Driving away from and back to the local area with a car full of friends creates an unfortunate impression and also increases accident risks. Furthermore, many students who choose to drive to local fast food outlets or supermarkets are then leaving litter in our local streets, which is again unacceptable.

It is also not acceptable for students to drive between the St Aidan's and St John Fisher sites at any time during the school day.

In addition, we are aware that some students choose to use their cars as a social meeting place at lunchtimes, sitting in cars with friends, playing music and meeting in groups. Again, whilst we understand the attractions of demonstrating independence, the effect of this on local residents is unpleasant and at times intimidating. Local residents have been encouraged to report to the Police any behaviour which may be considered anti-social, including dangerous driving.

Thank you