

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 20 March 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – **CGH** assembly - Tuesday 21 March – RSB – Making the most of opportunities

Year 13 – **Virtual** assembly –Thursday 23 March - Careers – Finance and responding to offers

Exam Result Information

- GCSE English & Maths exam certificates from the November 2022 exam series have now arrived in school and can be collected from Mrs Humphrey in the Sixth Form Office in Bede House (for SA students) and from Mrs Mackinnon in the Sixth Form Office at St John Fisher (for SJF students).
- Results for Applied Business and Applied Science units sat in the January 2023 exam series were issued to students on 2 March. If students were not in school on this day they can collect their results from the Sixth Form office of the school they register with.
- Please note that Cambridge Technical Health & Social Care and IT results have also arrived in school. Students can collect their results from the Sixth Form office of the school they register with.
- BTEC Sport and Travel & Tourism results are due on 23 March.

STEP Paper

Registration for Step Paper 2 and Paper 3 opened on 1 March and costs £93 per paper. Dates are 8 June (STEP 2) and 21 June (STEP 3) both starting at 9.00 am (3-hour papers). Please let Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, know if you wish to enter.

Maths Drop-in Session

There is a Maths drop-in session Wednesday Period 4 with Mrs Mooney in Ma6.

Year 13 Geography Revision

Every Monday lunchtime from 12.40-1.30 in Gg1 (St Aidan's). Focus on exam technique. All Year 13 Geographers welcome. Bring lunch with you or eat before.

Psychology Revision

Psychology revision sessions (Psychology block St Aidan's). Tuesday (Y12 content) and Thursday (Y13 content) lunchtimes from 12:40-13:15. All welcome, bring your lunch so we can start promptly.

Year 13 Sociology Revision

The Sociology Department will be running weekly sessions for exam skills (10-mark focus) and content revision for Year 13 students. All sessions except the one on the 21 March will be in **RS1 in St Aidan's at 12:30 pm** and will run for approximately 30 minutes.

- Media: Tuesday 21 March G5 St John Fisher
- Crime: Wednesday 22 March
- Research Methods: Wednesday 29 March

All Year 13 Sociology students are welcome to attend.

Year 13 A Level Business Revision

- Drop-in sessions are available for all Year 13 students studying A Level Business. If you need any help with revision for your exams; **bring your problem(s)** along on a Friday lunch time to BU1 and we will have a chat and talk it through. 12.45 – 1.20 p.m.
- A Level Business revision sessions take place every Tuesday at lunchtime in F14 at SJF from 12.40-1.20pm. They are delivered by Mrs Campbell and the focus is on retrieval of knowledge learned and exam practice. All Business students studying Business at SA and SJF are very welcome to attend.

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Debating Club

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

Rooms for Quiet study Period 4

The following rooms are available for quiet study Period 4:

- Monday P4 - PS1
- Tuesday P4 - PS3
- Wednesday P4 - CH3, HI3, HI4, ML2, ML5, ML6, PS2, PS3
- Thursday P4 - EN3, EN5, EN6, EN8, PS2
- Friday P4 - CH2, GG3, GG5, HI1, HI2, HI3, MA6, PH6, RS2

Cleaning Jobs

Cleaning jobs are available here in School. £11.87/hr, 4-6pm, 3 nights per week, term time only. You would be responsible for cleaning classrooms and corridors, ensuring that areas of work allocated are cleaned to the highest standard. Application forms are available from Main Reception. The closing date for applications is 4pm Wednesday 22 March. Please email recruitment@staidans.co.uk for more information.

Airbus Virtual Work Experience: 3 - 14 April 2023

Airbus in the UK is once again opening its virtual doors and inviting students to take part in the Airbus digital work experience programme from **3 - 14 April** (further information can be found via <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/aerospace-work-experience>).

- The programme enables Airbus to provide accredited work experience to young people, aimed at students aged between 14-19, no matter where they live.
- Anyone can register to join - **Registrations close on 29 March.**
- The purpose of this programme is to encourage and inspire students to consider studying STEM subjects, as well as giving them an understanding and insight into the exciting world of aerospace and the career opportunities this could lead to.

Foodbank

We have a collection point for Harrogate Foodbank in our main reception area. Donations have fallen recently but demand has increased massively in our area. If you are able to donate anything over the next week or two, the Foodbank team would be hugely grateful:

- Tinned foods - fruit, meat, beans, spaghetti, soup, tomatoes
- Noodles, red and brown sauces, instant mash, sponge puddings
- UHT or dried milk, 1 litre fruit juice
- Toilet rolls, shower gel, shaving gel, soap

Yearbook

- Year 13 students are invited to send photos of your time in the Sixth Form taken in a school context (on school trips or around the school premises) to Mrs Caine at marketing@staidans.co.uk Please make sure you write 'Yearbook photographs' in the subject line of the email. These need to be good quality photographs, not out of focus, too dark, appropriate (if we are in doubt about this, they will not be included) and they must have been taken while in the Sixth Form not during time spent in lower school. The deadline for these photos is 11am on Friday 24 March.
- The Yearbook will be on ParentPay for pre-order from Monday 20 - Thursday 30 March

Senior Concert

Well done everybody involved in the Senior Concert, you were fabulous!

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Revision advice

Over the next few weeks we will be including revision tips on the Weekly Notices. This advice is the result of research about effective learning methods: we hope that you find it useful and that it will help you to be more effective in your revision than reading through your notes or highlighting, which are popular but less successful approaches.

This week: Retrieval Practice

Retrieval Practice means trying to remember material you have learned as opposed to re-reading it. Two of the least effective ways of studying are reading over stuff and highlighting it, which are also two of the most common things students do when revising.

Reading over material and highlighting it can give a false sense of mastery and make you think you have learned it when in reality, you will often forget that material a week later.



A far more effective technique is to put everything away and test yourself on what you remember from a particular unit or chapter. By regularly making yourself try to retrieve it from memory, you will build a far stronger memory of it in the long term.

STEP 1	Make a list of all the important information you need to know from a particular unit or chapter.
STEP 2	Close the books and create a quiz using flash cards or app.
STEP 3	Try to retrieve everything you remember.
STEP 4	Go back and check all your answers.

It is important to remember to space out your learning and not only do this once.
Repeated exposure to learned material helps you to retain it better.

Retrieval Practice: paradoxically, forgetting leads to better remembering

Thank you