

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices Week (2) commencing 30 April 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – no assembly

Year 13 – no assembly

Living Well

All students should go to their lesson as usual, attendance is still compulsory during the exam period. Please take sufficient work for independent study/revision for the full hour.

Site Security

Over the Easter holiday a new perimeter fence was installed along the front of the main school buildings. This includes new electronic vehicle and pedestrian gates. The works are part of our plans to improve site security for students and staff during the school day. We have also upgraded all front and rear door locks, installed new CCTV cameras around the site and added speed bumps in car parks. These measures will give greater confidence to students, staff and carers that the site remains secure. A new student access point and footpath from Oatlands Drive onto the school site is planned for later this year.

The new gates both pedestrian and vehicular, will be locked from **9am to 3pm** each school day. Students will still be able to access the pedestrian gates using their identity card if the gate is locked. Parents or visitors to the main school site during these hours will need to use the intercom facility located at entrance points, to contact reception and be admitted. These arrangements will come into operation from **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

Vaping

Unfortunately, we are continuing to have to deal with students caught vaping or in possession of a vape on both school sites. As a reminder any student caught vaping in school or walking between sites vaping, or caught in possession of a vape, will in the first instance face a one-day suspension. A letter clarifying this policy will be emailed to parents/carers and students shortly. Vape alarms have now been fitted in many of the school toilets.

Exam Information

- 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.

- Important instructions for Year 12 students re internal exams – April - May 2023

- Students are required to have their school ID lanyards when they sit their internal exams, 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) no coats to be worn.
- PE1 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, in a clear pencil case or plastic bag.
- 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 and Music Tech in Mu1 (Music Dept at SA) and French 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 with Mrs Mooney in Ma6.

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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 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 in 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.

English Literature and Dual Drop-in Sessions

English KS5 Lit/Dual drop-in. Every Monday lunchtime EN6. A chance to bring along past essays and get support for improving your writing. Year 12 and Year 13 welcome.

History Revision

Thursday lunchtime 12.30 in Hi1 at SA - all Year 13 students welcome

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

Year 13 Leavers' Events

Associated Leavers' Service: Wednesday 17 May 1.30pm in St John Fisher Chapel

Students should attend this event only if they wish to mark the end of their school career through a service which will be celebratory but respectful of its space and context. Other students should use the time for independent revision in school.

St Aidan's Leavers' Assembly: Friday 19 May P3 - 11.30am in the Main Hall

Normal Sixth Form dress code is required. After the assembly, students will be free to leave.

Year 13 Attendance from Monday 22 May

Lessons will run as per the timetable until Friday 9 June and teachers will be in normal classrooms. We recommend that students attend unless they have an exam that day, but we understand in some circumstances students may choose to revise off site. If students are coming in simply to revise, they should sign in at the Sixth Form office at their home school. Year 13 student absence from lessons from Monday 22 May will not receive an absence notification home. Students may begin study leave following the Leavers' Assembly on Friday 19 May. We understand that once an exam has been sat that students will not attend lessons for that unit.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

The Ball will take place at the Pavilions in Harrogate on Friday 23 June from 7pm till midnight.

- Tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay of your home school priced at £43.00, to include a Bucks Fizz reception, two course dinner, photobooth and disco.
- Tickets are now available to collect from the Sixth Form offices. Once payment has been made you need to go to the Sixth Form office of your registered school to collect your ticket (tickets are available through the day), advise of your menu choice and any dietary requirements and put your name on the table plan: tables seat a maximum of 12 people. You cannot reserve seats for friends, they have to come in person to reserve their place.

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- **Your ticket will be issued to you once you have handed in your destination form.**
- The deadline for purchasing a ticket is Friday 19 May.

The menu is either Chicken in White Wine Sauce or Butternut Squash Risotto followed by Chocolate Brownie

Reminder

- Students should not be playing on the Astro turf after school
- Please park considerately in the local area, particularly on Wheatlands Road East. Residents will contact the police if cars are parked without consideration and are causing an obstruction. Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you