

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (2) commencing 11 September 2023

**Congratulations and thanks to all students for the way in which you have started the term.
We are looking forward to an exciting year.**

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 12 September - CGH, Mrs Dover, Headteacher

Year 13 – Thursday 14 September - CGH, Mrs Dover, Headteacher

Y12 Timetable Changes

No timetable changes will be made during w/c 11 September. If you are still wanting to make changes after this week please come to the Sixth Form Office w/c 18 September.

Core Learning

You should swipe in/out for Core Learning using your ID card. This will not work properly until you have first registered your card. Please do this at either of the two screens in Main Reception by clicking on 'student' and scanning the card. Then click in on your class. Please note - it will take 10 minutes to sync with the Inventory readers so allow enough time. Students must then swipe in/out of the Inventory readers in the cafe, Study Centre or Library during Core Learning periods. We expect you to stay in the space you have swiped into for the full hour.

If you experience any problems with the system, do not worry but please let us know in the Sixth Form Office.

Living Well

All Year 12 students should go to their timetabled rooms on Wednesday Period 4. If you are in 12AD26 or 12AD27 please go to Constance Green Hall.

GCSE English and Maths re-sits in November 2023

Any students not in a GCSE English Language or Maths re-sit class in school who wish to re-sit either GCSE English Language or GCSE Maths in the November 2023 exam series in order to get a higher grade must see Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer for the Associated Sixth Form, as soon as possible to collect a re-sit entry form and return this by 25 September 2023 with the appropriate fee. Mrs Humphrey is based in the Sixth Form Office in Bede House at St Aidan's.

NB: The school are required to submit entries for this exam series to the Exam Boards by 4 October 2023 or penalty fees apply.

Admission Tests for Oxford and Cambridge, Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT), Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)

Please see Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible if you need to be entered for any of the above tests. You will need to complete an entry form in order for the school to register you online for the above tests.

- Test Registrations Open: 1 September 2023
- Modified Paper Deadline Date: 15 September 2023 – for requests for modified papers by students (e.g. enlarged print/coloured paper etc) for ALL tests.
- Test Registration & Exam Access Arrangements (e.g. extra time, rest breaks, use of a word processor etc) Deadline Date: 29 September 2023 for ALL tests

Test Dates:

18 October 2023 at 9.00 am – BMAT, TMUA, ENGAA, NSAA, TSA & TSA S1 (paper based exams)

19 October 2023 at 9.00 am – CAT, ELAT, GAT & MAT (online exams)

20 October 2023 at 9.00 am – HAT, MLAT, PAT and Philosophy Test (online exams)

Test Venue will be confirmed to students after deadline date has passed but all tests will be held at St Aidan's.

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £78.00 (Standard Fee)
- TMUA - £78.00 (Standard Fee)

All other tests are free to enter.

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Airpods

We encourage and ask our Sixth Form students to act as role models to our younger pupils. Please could we ask Sixth Form students to only use Airpods in Sixth Form specific areas and not in corridors and walking around school.

Debating Club

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

Opportunities in the Music Department

Chamber Choir Auditions

If you are interested in joining this year's Chamber choir, please see the information and audition sign-up sheet in the music department. The Chamber choir is a highly successful 6th form only SATB choir and this year's choir will have the opportunity to go on tour in July 2024. Auditions are Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th September and rehearsals will start the following week on Mondays after school and Friday lunchtimes. For more information please follow the link

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Chamber-Choir-audition-information-2023-24.pdf>

Swing Band

Having just returned from their successful tour of Belgium and Netherlands we are looking for some new players! The Swing Band rehearses on a **Wednesday (starting Wed 13th September)** after school and auditions will be taking place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th lunchtimes. If you are grade 5 or above, enjoy playing and listening to jazz and would like to be part of this busy, award-winning ensemble. Please sign up for an audition on the Swing Band notice board in the Music Dept. We currently have spaces for alto and tenor sax, trumpet, guitar and drum kit. Or please see Mrs Elliott if you are interested. Looking forward to seeing you!

Junior Band

When: Fridays 12:50 to 13:25

Where: Mu 4/5

Who: Anyone who plays a wind or percussion instrument, usually Y7-9.

What: we play music to have fun. We have some very easy pieces so that beginner players can join us and then we help everyone develop as we play some tunes that are (a bit) harder.

Why: to be part of the rich musical life of St. Aidan's; to develop strong friendships; to have fun; to come on junior music residential; to showcase your talent; to develop your ensemble playing; to play your instrument in a different way from practicing on your own; to make your parents and family proud; to find your tribe; why not?

There is no audition to play in Junior Band if you play a Band instrument then just come along to Friday rehearsal.

If you would like further information or need an early lunch pass, **please see Mr Elliott** in the music department.

For more information on opportunities in the department please follow the link

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Extra-Curricular-Music-Dance-Timetable-2023-2024.pdf>

Sixth Form Sport

The following clubs will be held during the first two terms of this academic year:

- Basketball – Monday after school – Sports Hall
- Football – Tuesday lunchtime – 3G
- Hockey – Monday after school – Astro turf
- Girls Football – Monday after school – 3G
- Netball – Wednesday after school – Sports Hall

Students just need to turn up to the changing rooms at the correct time, there is no need to sign up. Students should wear the appropriate school PE kit for the clubs. Lunchtime clubs start at 12.30 so students get lunch after the club.

Cross-Country Running

Anyone interested in cross-country running please see Dr Bryant in the Biology Office.

Parking

Remember to please park considerately in the local area. Residents will contact the police if cars are parked without consideration and are causing an obstruction. Please scan the QR code which you can find in the Sixth Form Café, Sixth Form Office and Careers Department to provide us with details of your car registration, make and model.

Thank you.