

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (1) commencing 18 September 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 19 September - CGH, Mrs Dowson - Bursaries

Year 13 – Thursday 21 September - CGH, Mrs Dowson - Bursaries

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 Constance Green Hall, Wednesday P4.

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.

Vaping and Young People

Within the space of a few years, it has become shockingly common for those underage to be in the possession of these devices. Often brightly coloured, often sold at off-licences and often flavoured with sweet tastes which seem almost to be designed for young people. It is of vital importance that young people are aware of the potential health implications of this new trend. Action for Children have published a page on the matter, and it is well worth a read. Please follow the link below to find out more: <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

In the Associated Sixth Form vaping or having possession of a vape on either school site, in transition between sites or in close proximity to the schools is not allowed. One full day exclusion will be sanctioned for any student who does not follow these rules.

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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.

KS5 Book Club

We're meeting in the St Aidan's library on Monday 25 September at 3.45pm for biscuits and book chat! All welcome - you don't need to be studying English!

Biology Medics Enrichment

Biology Medics enrichment starts on Friday 22 September 12.30 - 1.10 in Bi 3 - for all applying to Med or Vet school. This is aimed at Yr13 students hoping to study Medicine or Vet Sciences to help you prepare for interviews, UCAT and BMAT tests; and generally support you in your application.

Biological Sciences Enrichment

Biological Sciences enrichment starts on Friday 22 September 12.30 - 1.10 in Bi 1 - for all applying to Biological Sciences or related courses and likely to have offers of A*. This is aimed at Yr 13 students hoping to study Biology or related courses like Biochemistry or Physiology. If you are likely to be asked for an A* grade in your offer, then this will support your endeavours.

Opportunities in the Music Department

Chamber Choir

Rehearsals will start this 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

Rehearsals on Wednesday 20 September after school.

Symphonic Wind Band

First full rehearsal on Tuesday 19 September, 3:45 to 5:00pm in the Main Hall.

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

Sixth Form training sessions are:

At STA

Basketball – Monday 3.45-5pm – Sportshall

Hockey – Monday 3.45-5pm – Astro

Girls Football – Monday 3.45-5pm – 3G

Boys Football – Tuesday 12.30-1.15pm – 3G

Netball – Wednesday – 3.45-5pm – Sportshall

At SJF

Rugby – Wednesday 3.45-5pm on Grass

Students need to turn up at the changing rooms with appropriate kit to train in.

St Aidan's School Swim Team

If you would like to get involved in the upcoming school swimming galas and be involved in district competitions and qualifiers for the National School Championships, please express your interest to Miss Goacher in the PE office before Friday 22 September.

Cross-Country Running

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

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Save the Date - Open Day, Saturday 14 October

The morning is dedicated to newcomer students and their families, giving them the opportunity to tour the school and meet students and staff. We would be grateful for the help and support of current Sixth Form students from 9 am-12.00 noon to meet and greet and be a friendly face. You don't need to know everything about school or even know your way around fully -there will be maps! Please sign up on the list in form. Thanks in advance.

A Golden Gala: 50 Years in Association, Friday 20 October, 7pm at The Royal Hall, Harrogate

This will be a wonderful evening of Memories, Music, Drama and Dance and we would love to hear from our Associated Sixth Form Alumni. If you are a former Associated Sixth Former and are interested in taking part, please email:

associatedsixthform@staidans.co.uk

Tickets are now available via [Harrogate Theatre's website](#).



Reminders

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.

Litter

Please be considerate of the local community and dispose of your litter in designated bins, particularly on and around the Stray.

Thank you.