

# St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

## Weekly Notices

### Week (1) commencing 2 October 2023

#### **Assembly**

Year 12 – Tuesday 3 October – Mrs Orton, Safeguarding (virtual assembly on Teams)

Year 13 – Thursday 5 October - Mrs Orton, Safeguarding

#### **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**

Wednesday P4 - please go to the usual timetabled room.

#### **Year 13 – Lanyards/ID cards**

It is imperative that all students wear their lanyard and ID cards at all times around the school sites. If any Year 13 student does not have a card they should order one on ParentPay **before 6 October**. As a one-off you will be refunded, as will anyone who has purchased a new card since the start of term until this date.

#### **Computer Use**

All students should have signed a **Computer Network and ICT Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement**. Please could we remind you that this includes not playing games on school computers. Any student found to be using computers inappropriately will have their account suspended. If you have not yet returned the signed agreement form please do so as soon as possible.

#### **Study Centre**

Students are reminded that there should be no eating in the Study Centre.

#### **SJF Main School Reception**

Please can students not enter St John Fisher via main school reception. Instead, please use the entrance into the Sixth Form Dining Room or the Collins entrance.

#### **UCAS Predicted Grades**

Envelopes were distributed on Friday in registration. If not picked-up they will be returned to the Sixth Form office where they can be collected this week.

#### **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. This form should be returned 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.

#### **January Exams 2024**

##### **Year 13 Applied Subjects (BTEC Performing Arts, Sport or Travel & Tourism/Camb Tech Health & Social Care or IT/Applied Business or Applied Science**

The January 2024 exam timetable and resit forms are on the school website (under Sixth Form/Sixth Form exam information) if any Year 13 students wish to re-sit a written unit exam. Please discuss this with your subject teacher in the first instance for advice about re-sitting and then complete and return the appropriate form to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's by **Wednesday 11 October** with the appropriate fee quoted on the re-sit form.

Applied Business/Applied Science - £33.50 per unit

Camb Tech H&S Care/IT - £42.75 per unit

BTEC Perf Arts/Sport/T&T - £40.94 per unit

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

As previously advised the deadline for Test Registration & Exam Access Arrangements was 29 September.

### William Akroyd Scholarship

Each year several students from the Sixth Form apply for a William Akroyd Scholarship. The competition takes the form of a general essay paper lasting two hours and containing twelve questions on topics of current significance. Questions are not based on any educational syllabus. They are designed rather to provide students with an opportunity to display their awareness of issues in the public domain, their capacity for independent thought about them, and their effectiveness in expressing their ideas. Candidates are required to write in response to one question. The paper is taken in school under invigilation. Both science-based and humanities-based pupils alike are encouraged to participate. This year the exam will take place in late November 2023. A short-list of candidates who have entered the competition will be invited to attend at York for interview with the governors of the William Akroyd Foundation on Friday 15 March 2024. You may then be awarded a financial prize for the duration of your undergraduate studies (usually several hundred pounds per year). It is open to students in Y12 and Y13. If you are interested in applying, see Careers staff for an application form. You must hand in your completed application form by the end of school on **Wednesday 18 October 2023**.

### Graphical Calculators

These are now available to purchase on ParentPay at a cost of £74. Purchase is optional but they do help at A-Level and even more so for Further Maths. **The deadline for orders is Thursday 12 October**.

### Biology Medics Enrichment

Friday 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 is on Friday 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.

### Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Initiative and independence are at the heart of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. You choose and arrange the activities for the different sections of the award and you plan and undertake your expedition! You will need to verify that each of your chosen activities meet the requirements of the Award and identify a suitable assessor with whom you will agree your targets. This person will monitor your progress and write your assessor report upon completion. You will upload other evidence as you go along e.g. a weekly activity log, photos, screen shots of your Strava, certificates etc.

There are 5 sections to the award:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical Recreation
- Residential Project
- Expedition

Further information about the award can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

If that sounds interesting, please click [here](#) for St Aidan's DofE Gold information. You need to check you are available on the dates of the training day and expeditions and factor in the costs. Closing date for completed applications is **27 October 2023**.

### Debating Club

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

### Sports Ambassadors

The Sports Ambassador Applications will be launched in assemblies shortly.

Prior to the applications opening, if you have an interest in sport, PE teaching or leading sports activities, the PE department are always in need of extra support to run their extensive extra-curricular sports programme. If you are interested in helping coach, officiate or manage a Year 7, 8 or 9 sports club after school for practices and/ or fixtures, please express your interest to a member of staff in the PE office.

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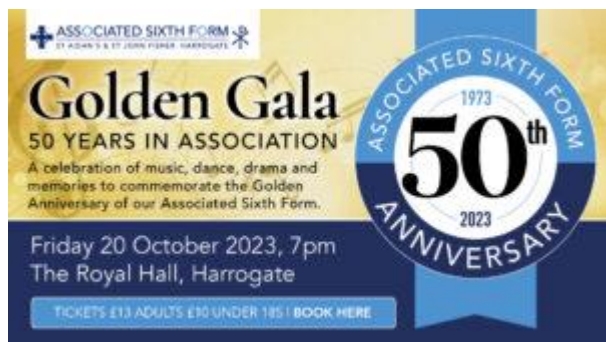
## Save the Date - Open Day, Saturday 14 October

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](mailto:associatedsixthform@staidans.co.uk) Tickets are now available via [Harrogate Theatre's website](#) or call 01423 502116.



## REMINDERS

### Vaping and Young People

A reminder that there is information for parents/carers on the Action for Children page. 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.**

### 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.

### Parking

Remember to please park considerately in the local area. Residents will contact the police if cars/motorbikes 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.

There is another equally important reason for advising us of your registration. A few days ago a Sixth Form student's motorbike was stolen when parked near school – if we had been provided with the registration number we could have alerted the student as soon as we were notified by a member of the public.

### Litter

Please be considerate of the local community and dispose of your litter in designated bins, **particularly on and around the Stray**, which should be treated with respect.

### Road Crossing

Please respect the traffic signals when crossing Oatlands Drive. Students who ignore them are putting both themselves and drivers who are obeying the lights, in a life-threatening situation.

Thank you.