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Year 13 Information Evening 2023

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Expectations, support and monitoring

Preparation for life after school:

- Planning for Post-18 options
- Application Support

The Sixth Form Team

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum) – Mrs R McQuire

Deputy Director of Sixth Form - Mrs K Orton

Assistant Director of Sixth Form – Mr N Dinsdale

Senior Tutor Team

Miss Blewitt	Mrs Dawson
Mrs Buchan	Mr Harper
Mr Rosser	Miss Walker
Mr Paynton	Mr Taylor
Miss Goacher	Mr Walsh
Mr Maullin	Mr Cleminson
Mr Illingworth	

Sixth Form Team

Mrs King	Student Support Officer
Mrs Dukes	Careers Leader
Mrs Richmond	Assistant Careers Leader
Mrs Jackson	Career Adviser
Mrs Farrar	Work Experience Coordinator
Mrs Roberts	Sixth Form Administrator
Mrs Humphrey	Exams Officer
Mrs Bishop	Attendance Officer



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Weekly Communication

Careers Department Notices

w/c 26th September

Free 2022/23 Careers Guides for Parents

From university and apprenticeships to work experience, Success at School's 2022/2023 careers guides are packed full of advice to help support your child in making the best career choices for them. Click [here](#) for more details.

Below is a selection of opportunities offered by Universities, Colleges, Employers and Apprenticeship Providers. Please check with your Senior Tutor if you would like to participate in any of these events and there is a clash with your lesson time.

Higher Education

- **Pre Teaching Award, York St John University**, 29 October, 10-1pm
Considering a careers in teaching? The pre teaching award consists of two half days on 29 October and 23 March. Email admin.teachereducation@yorksj.ac.uk for further information.
- **Discover Lectures Live!** School of Computing and Engineering, University of Huddersfield
Collection of inspirational, topic-based lectures designed to showcase some of the innovative research taking place within Computing and Engineering. Click [here](#) for more details and click [here](#) for Discover Lectures for a variety of other subjects.
- **Legal Personal Statement Workshop, University of Law**, 5 October, 4-5pm
University of Law offering guidance, providing examples and answering questions on personal statements, click [here to book](#). The start of their Real World Lectures Series, **Is Prison An Effective Form Of Punishment?**, is taking place 26 Oct. 4-5pm.

Employment and Apprenticeships

- **Emergency Services Careers Fair**, 29 October, 12-4pm, Harrogate Fire Station
Organised by the Harrogate Fire Service and North Yorkshire Police. Careers Fair providing information on careers in a variety of industries. For further information or questions please contact School Liaison Officer Martin Powell on martin.powell@northyorkshire.police.uk
- **Job Opportunities, Sunbeams Day Nursery**, Harrogate
Looking to recruit 2 enthusiastic and fun helpers to come and work in our Out of School Club and Nursery on an evening to help out with the care of the children. You can choose to work 3-5 evenings per week 4-6pm Mon to Fri, term time only. Please contact Alison at alison.mcavoy@sunbeamsdaynursery.com or on 01423 326204

Extra Curricular and Virtual Opportunities

- **Live Webinars on Post 18 Options**, Aspire, Various Dates
Sessions will provide you with an overview of different career pathways, guidance on applying to university, apprenticeships and work experience opportunities. Click [here](#)
- **CyberFirst Student Bursary Scheme**, CyberFirst, **Deadline 21 November**
Supporting and preparing undergraduates for a career in cyber security. £4,000 per year bursary and paid cyber skills training. Click [here](#) for more details
- **Current Virtual Work Experience Opportunities**, Various Dates
Variety of opportunities over Half Term ranging from half day insights to 3 day placements, including, Architecture, Food & Nutrition, Law, Medicine, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Occupational and Radio Therapies and TV Documentary Directing.

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UCAS

UCAS update

The school deadlines are:
**Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary applications—
26 September
All other UCAS applications,
17th October**

St Aidan's Year 13 Students
The process for handing in your UCAS application form is as follows:

Ensure your UCAS online application has all sections marked as complete including your personal statement

Print off a hard copy of your application as a PDF

Complete a Cover Sheet, which can be downloaded [here](#). This must be signed by a parent/carer

Bring your printed UCAS application and your cover sheet up to Careers to be checked and signed

Hand in your application form to the Sixth Form Office

UCAS Quality Standard 2009

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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 ~~juwade~~ readers so allow enough time. Students must then swipe in/out of the ~~juwade~~ 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 purple](#) 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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Year 13

- Study becomes even more challenging
- Expectations of independent study increase
- Planning for Post-18 options is a focus alongside academic work
- Applications and offers for university, apprenticeships, gap year programmes

Support Structure in Year 13

Autumn Term: UCAS - grade projections and applications
Parents Evening
Mock examinations

Spring Term: Applied General exams – some subjects
Mock results
Report and projected grades sent home
NEA/coursework deadlines

Summer Term: Formal Year 13 examinations
Results and guidance on destinations

Responsibilities and Expectations

- To always value one another
- Commitment to studies and open communication
- Behaviour and appearance in school and the local community
- Driving and parking responsibly
- Punctuality and attendance

Attendance

- Affects achievement and well-being
- Is essential for safeguarding
- Home will be emailed if students are absent from a registered session without prior authorisation
- If concerns arise, we will support students through an open dialogue between home and school



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Core Learning/Private Study

To support study habits and attitude to learning

- Core Learning: Swipe into Study Centre, Café or Library
- Blanks: independent study - Study Centre, Library, Café or Department areas

Core Learning Programme

- Independent work
- To develop and consolidate learning
- Alongside regular homework
- Unlike formal homework it won't receive a mark/grade but will be monitored
- Often involves extra reading or online tasks

Home Study Agreement

- Formal agreement :student, parent/carer and school
- After Oct half term, after UCAS application submitted or post-18 plans finalised
- Dependant on record of attendance, effort, reliability
- Available at the end of the day once timetabled lessons have been completed
- May be rescinded

Achieving Potential

- Organisation and time management
- Independent study, extended learning and consolidation
- Effort: attendance and deadlines
- Work with teachers and Tutors; involve parents/carers
- Self-reflection - Identify active learning and revision strategies
- Be resilient, aim high

2023 Student Destinations

- 66% of Year 13 students secured a place at university
- 23% are taking a planned gap year whilst they consider their next steps
- 7% are seeking/have secured employment or an apprenticeship
- 4% are continuing in further education,
e.g., a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design at college

2023 Student Destinations

Popular Universities

Northumbria
Newcastle
Manchester Metropolitan
Lancaster
Liverpool
Leeds Beckett
Manchester
York
Sheffield Hallam
Birmingham

Employers





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The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

Careers Department



Employment & Apprenticeships

Further Education

Higher Education

Gap Years

Work Experience



Deadlines



UCAS

Application
deadline

SEP

Research
Maniacs
Calendar
ResearchManiacs.com

29

Medics, Dentists,
Vets, Oxbridge

OCTOBER

20

All other
UCAS
applications



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Deadlines



FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN



DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS



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2024 Key Dates

Jan

The majority of apprenticeships with an Autumn start date begin to be advertised

Feb

Student Finance opens
– apply before 27th May

May-June

deadline to submit firm and insurance choices

Confirm gap year plans

July

4th UCAS Extra closes (tbc)

5th Clearing opens (tbc)

Aug

Results Day

Sept-Oct

Start work or off to university

Year 14 UCAS applications



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Apprenticeships



 **Apprenticeships**
National Apprenticeship Week
5th to 11th February 2024

Support



Wider Reading and Super-Curricular Engagement for Personal Statements

University admissions tutors tell us that the most valuable part of a personal statement is the section which details your academic enrichment outside the A Level curriculum. Your subject teachers can offer many ideas for how you can enhance your subject knowledge. However, below are some more general examples of how you can further your interests during Year 12 in readiness for drafting your UCAS personal statement at the beginning of Year 13. Remember, this is not an exhaustive list, more a suggestion of places to start your research:

Videos

Videos are a great way to engage with your subject, particularly if you are a visual learner. Examples of the organisations offering short talks and presentations in video format from influential international experts include:

- [ted](#)
- [bigthink](#)
- [youtube](#)

Online courses

Many universities offer massive open online courses (MOOCs) across a wide range of disciplines. These are available via individual university websites, and online course providers, for example:

[Future Learn](#) [Class Central](#) [edx](#) [coursera](#)
[cosmolearning](#) [openlearn](#) [openculture](#) [Alison | Free Online Learning](#)

If you are unsure which organisation is running a course you are interested in you can also search using multiple criteria at [mooc list](#).

University Reading Lists

Many university websites publish sample reading lists for first year courses which can be a useful introduction to a subject at undergraduate level. In addition, excellent resources have been

CAREERS – SIXTH FORM – HIGHER EDUCATION

There are over 50,000 degree courses available at over 395 UK institutions so it is essential that you undertake some serious research to ensure you find the right degree course for you. The Careers Department have provided all the following information to help you with applying for university, conservatoire and college. Try a university degree, before you apply, and make sure it's the right course for you. Sample lectures across a wide range of subjects given by professors and academics from universities across the UK.

[Year 13 Results Day Advice](#)

[Cover Sheet for Post 18 Applications](#)

Higher Education Presentations

[An Introduction to Higher Education](#)

[Researching Higher Education Presentation](#)

[Student Finance and Budgeting Presentation](#)

[Studying in Scotland](#)

UCAS Information

[UCAS Parent Information Tool](#)

[Year 13 Results - What Next...?](#)

Useful Factsheets

[Personal Statement Preparation](#)

[Personal Statement Tips](#)

[Wider Reading and Super-Curricular Engagement](#)

[Volunteering Opportunities](#)

[Admissions Tests](#)

[Choosing a University Course](#)

[Healthcare and Veterinary Applications](#)

[Performing Arts Applications](#)

[Applying for Law](#)

[Applying for Teaching](#)

ALSO IN CAREERS

RESOURCES FOR STAFF

WELCOME TO THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

CAREERS - YEAR 7

CAREERS - YEAR 8

CAREERS - YEAR 9

CAREERS - YEAR 10

CAREERS - YEAR 11

CAREERS - SIXTH FORM

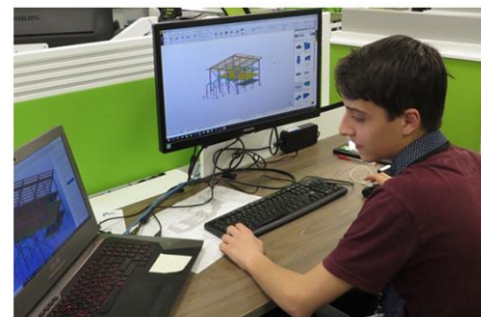
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CAREERS - SIXTH FORM - FURTHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT, APPRENTICESHIP

WORK EXPERIENCE

SPECIALIST AND SEND PRO



WORK EXPERIENCE

[For Current Virtual Work Experience Opportunities - Click Here](#)

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Website



EMPLOYMENT, APPRENTICESHIPS AND GAP YEARS

[Cover Sheet for Post 18 Applications](#)

Employment and Apprenticeships

Employment opportunities and apprenticeships are available to students across a wide range of industries such as Business, Finance, Law, Retail, Construction, Engineering, Health Care, Hospitality, to name a few.

Apprenticeships are an option for many students who want to start their career directly after GCSEs or A Levels. Students will spend the majority of their time with an employer, whilst also continuing to study for further training and qualifications.

The Careers Department is often notified of vacancies with local companies which can be communicated to students who have registered with us as seeking particular employment opportunities.

The Careers Department can also help students with searching for job opportunities, CV writing and application support, interview preparation and practice, and organising work experience.

[Year 13 Results Day Advice](#)

Apprenticeship Resources

[ASK Assembly Jan- Feb 23](#)

[Apprenticeships Factsheet](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Government Apprenticeship Advice](#)

[Prospects Apprenticeships](#)

[The Apprenticeship Guide](#)

[List of Local Apprenticeship and Training Providers](#)

[UCAS Guide to Apprenticeships](#)

[Resource Hub | National Apprenticeship Week](#)

Degree Apprenticeship Resources

[Degree Apprenticeships Factsheet](#)

[Degree Apprenticeships Presentation](#) [High Fliers Research](#)

[Degree Apprenticeship Presentation](#)

[Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Employer Listing](#)

[The Graduate Market in 2022 Presentation](#)

General Recruitment Search Engines

[UCAS Career Finder](#)

[Government Apprenticeship Finder](#)

[Government Job Search](#)

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UCAS References



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.



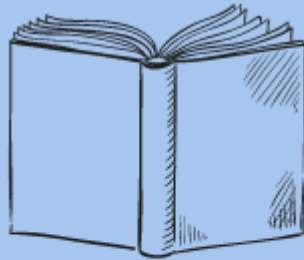
If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

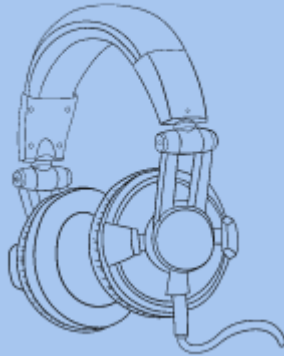
'Super Curricular' Activities

Read



Watch

Listen



TED

BIG THINK

BBC
SOUNDS

Music Week



GRESHAM
COLLEGE

The
Economist

 **Alison**

**New
Scientist**



BBC
NEWS

BMJ

OpenLearn  **NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC**



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Application Process – allow 3 weeks

**Print pdf copy
of application
form and pay
online**



**Complete
application
cover sheet**
signature from home



**Checking by
Careers team**



**Submit to
Sixth Form
Office**



**Reference is
written and
attached**



**Application
released to
UCAS**



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Applications Cover Sheet




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Year 13 Results Day Advice

Cover Sheet for Post 18 Applications


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Application Deadlines:
 Music Conservatoires 22nd Sept
 Oxbridge, Medicine, Vets, Dentists 29th Sept
 All other UCAS/UCAS Conservatoires 29th Oct
 Art Foundation Diplomas 24th Nov

Post-Sixth Form Applications Cover Sheet

Name _____ **Checked by:** _____
Tutor Group _____ **Date:** _____

Formal Examinations taken in Year 12:

Subject e.g., Applied Business	Grade Achieved

Predicted Grades at A Level or equivalent:

Subject	Predicted Grade

UCAS or College Courses:

Institution (uni or college)	Course	Entry Requirements

Student Checklist – have you...

Used an appropriate email address?	
Provided a nominated access, (someone who can speak on your behalf)?	
Used the correct exam centre codes? St Aidan's 48237 SJF 48241 Sixth Form 48239	
A Level/equivalent subjects shown as examination results pending?	
Had your personal statement checked? <small>(If applying for a vocational course e.g., medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, physics, and teaching you must have had this initialled by Careers)</small>	
Paid for your application by credit card ?	
Printed a pdf version of your application form and had this checked and initialled by Careers (SA) or Sixth Form Office (SJF)?	

You must answer YES to all of the above questions before you hand your completed application form to the Sixth Form Office - incomplete forms or forms without signatures will be returned to you.

To ensure that your reference can be accurately written, please include any information in the spaces below. *Please note, by sharing this information you are consenting to it being included in your reference.*

Extenuating Circumstances - optional, this section may be left blank

If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted on your education and achievement - past and present. **You must be clear if any of these circumstances have already been considered by examination boards.** E.g., a disability, serious, acute or chronic illness, bereavement or significant adverse personal circumstances.

Supporting Information - DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK

Outline any other recent activities specific to your application and **relevant to the course(s)** applied for that you think universities/ colleges should be aware of. **Include titles and give a brief overview of key learning points.** Use an additional sheet if necessary.
 E.g., relevant work experience, super-curricular activities (wider reading, visits, talks, lectures, podcasts, summer schools, MOOCs), subject-specific recognition (awards, academic performance).



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Post Application Process

**UCAS
acknowledge
receipt**

**UCAS send
application to
chosen
institutions**

**'Extra'
courses*
added before
15th January**

Decisions
Conditional
Unconditional

**Post Applicant
Open Days**

**Firm and
Insurance
choices made**

Golden Gala



Golden Gala

50 YEARS IN ASSOCIATION

A celebration of music, dance, drama and memories to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of our Associated Sixth Form.

Friday 20 October 2023, 7pm
The Royal Hall, Harrogate

TICKETS £13 ADULTS £10 UNDER 18S
AVAILABLE VIA HARROGATE THEATRE BOX OFFICE





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