



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

First, I would like to say how impressed I've been with the start the new Year 7 students have made to their time at St Aidan's. It is never easy going up to "big school" and I greatly appreciate how positive the youngsters have been.

Our focus now is to establish the everyday routines that we have at St Aidan's to help our students settle in and feel very much part of our community.

I wanted to get in contact with you to highlight some of the key events that take place during the year. The school calendar is available on the St Aidan's website (www.staidans.co.uk) along with copies of any letters we send out.

The school photos will now be taken on the morning of Monday 18th September. We will be taking individual and class photos which will be available to purchase in the usual way.

On Thursday November 9th there will be an opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor to discuss how they are settling in. This will take place after school in school. Students will organise an appointment with their Form Tutors nearer the time.

At three points in the year your child will bring home a Progress Review. Progress Review 1 will be sent home on October 19th and will focus on your child's attitude to learning in each subject using the school's CODE system (for more information about CODE please see the poster overleaf and you are also welcome to attend the Key stage 3 Information Evening on October 19th). Progress Review 2 will be sent home on February 2nd and will report both your child's attitude to learning and their current attainment. Progress Review 3 will be sent home on July 18th and will report on both attitudes to learning and attainment.

At the beginning of the summer term there will be a full parents and carers' consultation evening. This is an opportunity to get feedback from your child's teachers. This will be from 16:30 on Wednesday May 1st for forms C, D, E, G, and Wednesday May 8th for forms P, S, W and Y.

In May the Year 7 residential 'Bushcraft' trip takes place. The trip runs from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th May. Information about the trip will be sent out shortly.

On Friday 1st December students will have the opportunity to go on a trip to see the pantomime at Harrogate Theatre (this is different from the date published on the school calendar). On the final day of the winter term (Friday 22nd December) we will hold our annual Christingle service for Year 7 students which parents and carers are

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very welcome to attend. Letters will be sent out with further details about both these events after half term.

Exam week for Year 7 will be in the week commencing 17th June – further details will be given by subject teachers nearer the time.

There are many other events that take place at St Aidan's during the year which your child may be involved in, and I would encourage you to look at the school calendar on our website.

During the year you can contact the school by either ringing the school office on 01423 885814 or by email at admin@staidans.co.uk. At times important information may be sent home by email. Please make sure that the school has a working email address on record that you check regularly.

Year 7 is an exciting year with lots going. We are looking forward to getting to know our new students even better as they experience all that St Aidan's has to offer.

Yours faithfully,

David Bean

Head of Year 7

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