

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (1) commencing 6 November 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 7 November – on Teams. Mr P Taylor on Remembrance

Year 13 – Thursday 9 November – on Teams. Mr P Taylor on Remembrance

Core Learning

Please remember to swipe in/out on the Inventory in the café, Study Centre or Library readers during Core Learning periods. We expect you to stay in the space you have swiped into for the full hour.

Living Well

Students should go to their normal room. They should take enough independent work to last for the hour. Once they have been registered all students who took their GCSEs at St Aidan's should go to Constance Green Hall. They should leave belongings in the classroom as they will be returning after about 20 minutes.

Staff Absence

If staff are absent from your lesson, you should still attend the lesson and stay.

Lanyards/ID cards

It is imperative that all students wear their lanyard and ID cards at all times around the school sites – see below.

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.

Golden Gala

This was a spectacular evening, everyone who attended absolutely loved it. Thank you to everyone involved for all your hard work.

Year 12 Autumn Monitoring

Autumn Monitoring reports for Year 12 students will be issued on Monday 6th November.

EPQ predicted grades

EPQ students were not given UCAS grades and will not receive predicted grades throughout the course. This is in response to advice from the awarding body, AQA, that EPQ grades should not be predicted. The course is completely different to any other subject in that it is a supervised, independent project rather than a taught course and there are no assessments from which to make a prediction. The careers department have verified this advice with a number of universities who have all agreed they are not expecting to see predicted grades for EPQ and have confirmed that students will not be in any way disadvantaged because of this. Students will be given effort grades throughout the course and at the end of April they will receive their mark, although this is subject to moderation.

Just 'B'

Join Richard and Claire from the 'Just 'B' Oasis' team to hear about their free confidential service that they offer right here in Harrogate and across North Yorkshire. This new service gives support to anyone that may be affected by somebody else's gambling, whether that be a family member or friend.

You may have heard about Just 'B' already. Based in Harrogate, they offer expert emotional wellbeing and bereavement support to children, young people and adults across North Yorkshire.

Richard and Claire are going to be at St John Fisher's school, in the Y12 Study Area across lunchtime on Monday 20th November so please feel free to come and join them then!

They will be able to chat to you about the service and also talk to you about gambling harms too.

We look forward to welcoming the team from Just 'B' on the day and hope that you can support their service.

Tewitt Well House and Gardens

We have received reports of Sixth Form students walking through the gardens and parking areas belonging to these flats adjacent to the Stray on a daily basis for several months now. Apparently, some elderly residents have pointed out that this is

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private property and should not be used as a short-cut, but they have been ignored. Please, please do NOT enter private property at any time without the property owner's permission. Please do not trespass and do not upset local residents.

REMINDER

The Library is for individual study only – please do group work in the café or designated P4 classroom (Mon – GG3; Tues – MA6; Weds – MA4; Thurs – RS2; Fri – EN4). Phones must be kept on silent and put away when lower school are in the Library. Food and drink are not permitted in the Library (and will be disposed of).

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. Please do not use the fire door near main reception.

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.

Geography NEA

Geography A-level students should be editing their final NEA piece. There is a drop-in session **Wednesday** lunchtime in GG1 (SA) from 12.30-1.30 every Wednesday until half term. Any questions about progress on their piece, data presentation, statistics, formatting, content or anything else - come along and ask!

Debating Club

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

Squash

Do you play Squash?

If you would like to represent the Sixth Form in an upcoming Squash tournament on Wednesday 22nd November, then please speak to or email Mr Strover at St Aidan's.

Cross Country

If anyone one would like to join our existing runners and compete for the school over the next few months, please come and see Dr Bryant in the Biology office (near the nurse's room) or leave your name for him there.

REMINDERS

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 Mobile phones and Airpods in Sixth Form specific areas and not in corridors, classrooms and walking around school.

Parking

Students should 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. Parents can also provide the details by scanning the QR code here. 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. Giving us your details can also protect you if we are notified of damage or theft.

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Student Car Register



We wish you all a happy half term holiday. Make good use of the time and recharge your batteries ready for next half term!