

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (1) commencing 16 October 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 17 October – Constance Green Hall – Mrs Goacher

Year 13 – Thursday 19 October – Online via Teams – Mrs Orton

Core Learning

Please remember to swipe in/out on the Invenity 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

Please go to your normal timetabled room.

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.

Amendment to School Access Arrangements

Please be aware that the school gates are now locked from **9am to 3:15pm** each day. Parents, visitors and students without their ID cards will need to use the intercom facility to be admitted.

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.

School Ambassador

A reminder that applications for the role of School Ambassador should be submitted by **Wednesday 18th October**. Forms are available in the Sixth Form Office.

Study Centre

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

Library Notices

If any Sixth Former does not want to be automatically registered for online access to the Hodder Journals (Biological Sciences Review; Business Review; Chemistry Review; Economic Review; English Review; Geography Review; Hindsight Magazine; Modern History Review; PE Review; Physics Review; Politics Review; Psychology Review; Sociology Review; Wideworld Magazine) please let the Library know.

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.

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

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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**.

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.

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.

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

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**.

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.

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](#) 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/>

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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

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. 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

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.