



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

15th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The St Aidan's Extended Curriculum Offer

As we move into our second week back after half term, students have settled well into their learning routines, and we are looking forward to another busy half term ahead.

Here at St Aidan's, we are very proud of our extracurricular offer and all the additional opportunities that the staff provide for the students over and above the usual classroom-based learning. Last week alone we had football, hockey, cross-country, and squash competitions, as well as geography fieldwork trips, a food technology visit, music events, and more. We are committed to continuing with our offer of a wide variety of experiences for our students, and for September 2024 we will be issuing all parents with a copy of the **St Aidan's Offer**. This will map out the residential trips and visits on offer for each year group so that parents/carers can budget in advance for what they may wish their children to take part in during their time at St Aidan's.

Alongside this main offer, we will continue to run for our students, a wide array of competitions, events, day trips, and experiences. As I am sure you will appreciate every trip, visit or extra-curricular activity is organised voluntarily by the staff at St Aidan's and they continue to give hours of their own time to ensure we can continue to deliver these opportunities. However, as many staff have other commitments outside work such as families and hobbies, and also need time away from the increasing pressures and responsibilities of work, we may not be able to continue all of the residential trips and visits that we have been able to offer in the past. We have also listened to parents who have expressed concerns about the cost of these visits and the pressure they can sometimes feel to make sure their child does not miss out.

We hope that the **St Aidan's Offer** will give you as parents and carers the opportunity to plan ahead with your child so that they continue to experience life in all its fullness.

Headteacher: Mrs S Dover

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to let you know that we hope to be able to publish our whole school extended curriculum Offer in the Spring of 2024.

Please remember to purchase your tickets for the school production of The Little Mermaid in good time as tickets are selling fast for next week's extravaganza.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Holdsworth
Assistant Head

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