

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (2) commencing 13 November 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 14 November – CGH Miss Gee

Year 13 – Thursday 16 November – CGH Miss Gee

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 Constance Green Hall.

Staff Absence

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

UCAS Applications

We are delighted that so many students met or nearly met the 20 October deadline for submitting UCAS applications to the Sixth Form Office. If yours is still outstanding, please get it to us asap, or if you know you are not applying to university this year, please let us know so we don't chase you.

Just to clarify, all applications received by UCAS before their deadline of 31 January 2024 are given equal consideration. Courses are not 'filled' by earlier applicants and those applications still to be submitted are at no disadvantage whatsoever. We have the 20 October deadline specifically because we know it can take weeks to complete the process from our side and therefore, we have to make sure we have time to process the 350+ applications in good time.

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.

Year 13 online interviews

As we do not use Zoom in school and are extremely short of quiet, individual office space we would kindly request that students conduct online interviews from home, informing school via the attendance officer email

attendanceofficer6thform@staidans.co.uk. In situations where it is not possible for students to find a quiet space away from the school building we would ask that they speak to the Careers Department at least a week beforehand to see if a space in school is available.

Children in Need Auction

Year 13 are invited to the traditional Children in Need auction in the cafe on Wednesday 15 November period 4. Students who do EPQ but want to attend are able to do so but must register with their EPQ teacher before coming over to the café.

Children in Need Friday 17 November

Children in Need is our biggest fundraising event of the year and Sixth Form students are invited to come to school in appropriate fancy dress, preferably home-made, with cash donations being collected in form. The Sixth Form timetable is suspended period 5 and students should stay on the school site to participate in one of the organised activities - football, netball, Kahoot, board games, film. It will not be possible to send automated absence emails this lesson.

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Just 'B'

Just 'B' are based in Harrogate and are known for offering expert emotional wellbeing and bereavement support to children, young people and adults across North Yorkshire. Join Richard and Claire from the 'Just 'B' Oasis' team at St John Fisher's school, in the Y12 Study Area at lunchtime on **Monday 20 November** to hear about their new service which gives support to anyone that may be affected by somebody else's gambling, whether that be a family member or friend. They will be able to chat to you about the service and also talk to you about gambling harms too.

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.

Debating Club

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

KS5 Book Club

The next meeting is on **Monday 20 November** in the SA library after school. All welcome! We're a lovely bunch of Year 12s and Year 13s with no requirement to be an English student! Biscuits provided!

Squash

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

Year 13 Yearbook photos

Mrs Caine will be coming into Year 13 forms on the following dates to take individual head shot photos for the Yearbook. If you are late and miss her we will use your lanyard photo instead.

Mon 13 November - BP2

Tues 14 November - MW3

Wed 15 November - MA5

Mon 20 November - MH8

Tues 21 November - AR11

Wed 22 November - JM12

Fri 24 November - LB15

Mon 27 November - PT18

Tues 28 November - JC20

Then we will break for mocks and continue on:

Mon 18 December - RI21

Tues 19 December - HG23

Wed 20 December - HG24

Fri 22 December - RB6

Little Mermaid

Join us for a magical musical adventure with some of Disney's most beloved characters. Will Ariel the mermaid find true love with Eric, or will the evil sea witch Ursula trap her voice and soul forever? Featuring all the songs from the beloved original animated movie and a script full of charm and wit, this is a production that will bring joy to all. Suitable for all ages of humans, merfolk and other sea creatures! Performances in Constance Green Hall.

Wed 22 Nov at 7pm

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Fri 24 Nov at 7pm

Sat 25 Nov at 2pm Matinee

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Scan the QR code to get tickets!

REMINDERS

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.

Library Study

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).

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.

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.

Thank you.