

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (1) commencing 20 November 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 21 November: on TEAMS – Mr Dinsdale Community

Year 13 – Thursday 16 November: on TEAMS – Mrs Orton Exam Protocol

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

Please go to your normal timetabled room.

Staff Absence

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

William Akroyd's Foundation Open Scholarship Essay Competition – Monday, 27 November at 9.15 am in E10 (English classroom on first floor of Bede House at St Aidan's)

The 16 students who completed application forms to enter for the William Akroyd Scholarship should have received an email from Mrs Humphrey confirming the date, time and venue of their test. Please arrive at least 15 mins before the start time of this test to enable the invigilators to read through information prior to your test. A seating list will be displayed on the classroom door on the morning of the test. You will have two hours to complete one essay from a choice of 15 questions.

Year 13 Mock Exams

Seating lists will be displayed for ALL rooms on the noticeboard in the Sixth Form café at St Aidan's and the Collins Entrance at St John Fisher at least a day before each exam and also outside CGH on the morning/afternoon of each exam. Most exams will take place in Constance Green Hall, Hatcher Room (adjacent to CGH) the Bede IT (Study) Room (on first floor in Bede) or the small careers rooms (on first floor in Bede). The only exceptions are:

- Music exam will be in MU3 at St Aidan's
- French exams will be in IT3 in St Aidan's Main School
- Music Technology will be in G16 at St John Fisher
- Art exams in Art rooms of the school you are taught (Art Teachers will confirm beforehand)

Please note:

- Students with exams in CGH should leave their bags and coats in the signposted room on the right in the huts closest to CGH which will be locked during the exams.
- It is ESSENTIAL that students wear their lanyards and bring ALL the equipment they will need for their exams (in particular, calculators and rulers) as we only have limited supplies to loan to students. If you don't come fully prepared, having to hand out spare equipment can delay the start of the exams. Please check with your Subject Teachers as to what equipment you require for your exams.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time of your exam. Morning exams begin at 9.00am and afternoon exams at 1.30pm.
- Students are reminded that they are expected to attend all lessons when they are not in exams.

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.

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.

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Year 13 Projected Grades

These will be issued w/c 20th November. Please see the below regarding EPQ.

EPQ 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.

On Monday 20th November, in RS1 at 12:45pm Mrs Wraight will be running a **'how to tackle a 30 mark essay'** revision session as it seems a long time since you did one!! In line with our revision of paper 1, the focus will be on **Education Policy**. At the session you can expect to learn some top tips for essay structure, plus get a recap of a tricky topic Globalisation and education. All are welcome. Aimed mainly at year 13 but any interested Year 12's can attend too.

On Monday 27th November, in RS1 at 12:45pm Mrs Wraight will be running a **'Sociology in a nutshell: Neo Liberal and Socially Democratic views of education'** revision session. In line with our revision of paper 1. An overview of the topic plus past exam questions and a sociologists quick guide. All are welcome.

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

Debating Club meets 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 20 November - MH8

Monday 27 November – PT18

Tues 21 November - AR11

Tues 28 November – JC20

Wed 22 November- JM12

Fri 24 November - LB15

Then we will break for mocks and continue on:

Mon 18 December - RI21

Tues 19 December - HG23

Wed 20 December - HG24

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Fri 22 December - RB6

Little Mermaid – from Wed 22 Nov until Sat 25 Nov, 7pm and a 2pm Matinee on Saturday

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.

Scan the QR code to get tickets!



REMINDERS

SJF Access

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.

SJF Dining Room

Students buying hot food at SJF must eat it in the dining room, not take it out.

Lanyards/ID cards

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

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).

Personal

Sanitary products and black tights are available from Mrs King's office in the Sixth Form Café.

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.

Thank you.