

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (2) commencing 27 November 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 28 November: on TEAMS: KCO – Sexual harassment and bullying

Year 13 – Thursday 30 November: no assembly – mock exams

Living Well

Students should go straight to the new teacher/classroom they went to last week (apart from the 2 groups who stay with Mrs Gee in the Chapel):

Tutor Group	Room
AD26	Stay in Chapel
AD27	Bi1
AR10	RS1
BP1	Main Hall
JC19	RS3
JM13	Ph5
LB14	En9
MA25	En8
MH9	Ec1
MW4	Main Hall
ND16	Stay in Chapel
PT17	En2
RB7	RS5
RI22	Bi2

Late Arrival

Sixth Form students who arrive after 8.45am should enter school via the Sixth Form Café. From Monday 27 November, only students in years 7-11 who are late are to enter through Main Reception.

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.

Staff Absence

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

Important Notice for Students Exiting St John Fisher

Students should **not** exit through the main doors at reception or the fire doors. This has previously been made very clear. It is not acceptable that students are continuing to do this and being disrespectful to reception staff in the process. Sixth Formers should remember that they should be setting an example of good behaviour to younger students and act accordingly. We would be grateful to parents/carers to reinforce this with students.

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)

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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 need all outstanding UCAS applications to be handed into the Sixth Form Office **before the end of November**. They must be completed, paid and sent online as well. If we do not get these in, we cannot guarantee they will be submitted before the UCAS deadline OR we may not have time to write references for them.

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.

Creative Writing Trip - Wales - 8-13 July 2024

We have one remaining place on the very popular creative writing trip to Wales. This trip is open to any student in Year 12 (you don't have to be studying English) and is a fantastic opportunity to develop your own work under tuition from established writers of fiction and poetry. This is a wonderfully restful way to end Year 12, with comfortable accommodation and excellent food. If you are interested, please see Mrs Parris in the English Department.

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.

Debating Club

Debating Club is a vibrant, lively and enjoyable place to develop invaluable public speaking skills. These skills will enhance university applications and employment potential. No previous experience is required. All welcome. Bring a sandwich to Hu1 from 12:30 every Monday.

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.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for their amazing costumes and conduct. The Sixth Form were an absolute credit to our school community. If anyone else would like to donate it's not too late via Parentpay. Thanks for all the support.

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.

Monday 27 November – PT18

Tues 28 November – JC20

Then we will break for mocks and continue on:

Mon 18 December - RI21

Tues 19 December - HG23

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Wed 20 December - HG24

Fri 22 December - RB6

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.