

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (1) commencing 4 December 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 5 December – on TEAMS – Mrs Orton

Year 13 – Thursday 7 December – no assembly due to Mocks

Living Well

Students should go straight to the locations as outlined below (two groups stay 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

A reminder that Sixth Form students who arrive after 8.45am should enter school via the Sixth Form Café, not Main Reception.

End of School Day – Exiting School

There are now new arrangements for students exiting school at the end of the day. Sixth formers can leave school through any door, including the Sixth Form Café but, like all other students, **not** through Main Reception.

IT in school

We have been making improvements to the wireless hardware in school as well as updates to the software which keeps students safe in school. This has improved connection speed and security for school devices but has also resulted in some issues with other devices connecting in certain parts of school. The network office are working with teaching staff to restore safe access for those students who urgently need it and we hope that a more lasting solution will be in place soon

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.

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Careers Notices

Careers notices will now be communicated every other week. There are extensive resources published on the careers section of the school website to help students research post 18 options. Presentations and factsheets are available on a range of topics including Employment and Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education, Work Experience and Gap Years. To book a careers appointment please email: careersstaff@staidans.co.uk with details of your availability.

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.

Year 13 A Level Maths Drop-in Sessions

Every Wednesday P4 Mrs Foster will be running a drop-in session for Year 13 A Level students. She will be focussing on a different topic each week. There is a full programme of topics on Teams (Year 13 - Resources tab) but we'll be happy to change it if/when we get any requests from students.

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.

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 18 December - RI21

Tues 19 December - HG23

Wed 20 December - HG24

Fri 22 December - RB6

REMINDERS

Food on School Site

Please could we remind students not to bring or order take aways onto the school site.

SJF Access/Exit

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.

As previously notified, students should **not** exit through the main doors at reception or the fire doors.

SJF Dining Room

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

Computer Use

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.

Thank you.