

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices

Week (2) commencing 11 December 2023

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 12 December – TEAMS - Dr Holt

Year 13 – Thursday 14 December – CGH - Dr Holt

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

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 is 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.

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.

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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 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.

Studying the best science at University

- a presentation about studying Chemistry by Isobel Davies, Tuesday 12 December 12:45pm in Ch3

Isobel is a former St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form student, who is currently embarking upon her second year studying Chemistry at The University of Oxford. Isobel is coming to talk to a limited number of students about the following aspects of university life:

- experience of higher education
- how life has been at Oxford
- interesting/ challenging aspects of science qualification
- future plans beyond University with such a qualification
- advice on succeeding in exams and 6th Form

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.

Y12 School Ambassadors

Please meet in the café at **8.50am Wednesday 13th December**. Please make sure you have registered before you come across.

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

Fitness Suite Access

If you would like the opportunity to access the school's fitness suite on a lunch time or after school until 5pm, please attend one of the following gym inductions: **Wednesday 13th December 12.30pm, Thursday 14th December 12.30pm or Friday 15th December 12.30pm**. You will not be able to access the gym facility without attending an induction first. Please see Miss Goacher in the PE office to sign up or alternatively email h.goacher@staidans.co.uk.

Parent/Carer and Student Information - Nitrous Oxide

Nitrous Oxide is now (from November 8th) controlled as Class C under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Unlawful possession will result in an unlimited fine, a visible community punishment, or a caution. Repeat serious offenders could receive a prison sentence of up to 2 years, and those involved in unlawful supply or production could receive up to 14 years in prison. Licenses are not required for legitimate use. [MEDIA FACT SHEET: NITROUS OXIDE BAN - Home Office in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Arrangements for Christmas and end of term

- Sixth Form Christmas Lunch - **Tuesday 19 December**
- Associated Sixth Form Christmas Liturgy – **Wednesday 20 December**, 1.30pm, CGH
- The Sixth Form timetable is suspended after Period 3 on **Friday 22 December**. Students who need transport at 2.30 (when term ends for Years 7 to 11) should stay on site in private study areas.

Thank you.