

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 19 February 2024

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 20 February – on TEAMS – Lent (Mrs Holt)

Year 13 – Thursday 22 February – on TEAMS – Lent (Mrs Holt)

Living Well

Please go to the normal classrooms as below:

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

STEP Paper

Registration for Step Paper 2 and Paper 3 opens on **1 March 2024** and costs £93 per paper. Dates for the exams are **5 June** (STEP 2) and **24 June** (STEP 3) both starting at 9.00 am (3-hour papers). Please let Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, know if you wish to enter for either or both of these exams.

Summer 2024 student individual exam timetables

Student exam timetables will be given out during registration on **Tuesday 20 February** to all Y13 students and those Y12 students who study Level 3 Applied courses or AS/Core Maths with exams this summer. Students with exam clashes will also receive an individual exam clash letter detailing how their clash will be resolved and they should return the tear off slip at the bottom of their letter or email Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, to acknowledge receipt of this.

- Please Note: Y12 internal exam timetables will be given out during the **week commencing 26 February** once details are finalised for these with subject departments.
- Please check the personal details quoted on your individual exam timetables and let Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, know as soon as possible if anything needs to be changed or if you think an exam entry is missing or have other exam related queries.

A copy of the Exam Information Handbook for students/parents is available on the school websites under Sixth Form/Sixth Form Information. Please ensure you read this to familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations of exams.

Exam Certificates

A reminder that SA Year 13 students can now collect their exam certificates from the Sixth Form office in Bede House and SJF students from the Sixth Form office at St John Fisher if they did the following courses/sat exams in June 2023:

- AS Maths/Core Maths
- Applied Business/Applied Science
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Travel & Tourism
- Camb Tech Health & Social Care
- Camb Tech IT
- Food Science & Nutrition
- GCSE English/GCSE Maths

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AI and Assessments

Please see the attachment for important information on AI and its potential misuse, issued by the JCQ – Joint Council for Qualifications.

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.

Rooms for Quiet Study Period 4

Monday - GG3

Tuesday - MA6

Wednesday - MA4

Thursday - RS2

Friday - EN4

Year 12 Spring Grade Reviews and Parents evening

Y12 Spring Grade Reviews will be issued to parents/carers and students by email on **Monday 19 February**.

Parents evening is on **Teams on Thursday 22 Feb 4:30 – 8:00pm**. Students should be making appointments with staff.

Year 12 students considering signing up for an EPQ

Our Year 13 students are approaching the end of their EPQ course and as part of the qualification they must complete a 10-minute presentation in a marketplace format to an audience covering the whole process/experience of the course from choosing the title to what their research has shown. The presentations will be taking place on **Wednesday 21 February** in Constance Green Hall from 4-6pm. You are most welcome to pop into the hall and walk around looking at all the different topics and speak with any of the students about the process, this might help you on deciding if you would like to complete the course later this year. There will be a launch assembly and an opportunity to sign up for the EPQ this half term.

Y13 Geography Revision Sessions

Please refer to the letter and timetable that was emailed home before half term. Sessions will start on **Thursday 22 February** and will run from **3:45 – 4:45pm in GG6 at SA** – all students welcome.

Date	Topic	Teacher
Thursday 22 February	Globalisation	Mrs Lennox
Tuesday 27 February	Regeneration	Mrs Lennox
Wednesday 6 March	Coasts	Mrs Orton
Monday 11 March	Hazards	Mrs Orton
Monday 18 March	Superpowers	Mrs Duckworth
Tuesday 9 April	Water	Mr Normington
Wednesday 17 April	Carbon	Mrs Stone
Thursday 25 April	Health, Human Rights and Intervention	Mr Cleminson

Please also note that there are a drop-in revision sessions on **Wednesday lunchtimes (12.40-13.20) in GG1 at St Aidan's**, all students are welcome to attend if they have specific queries or questions that they would like help with – see below.

Year 13 Geography Drop-in

Every **Wednesday lunchtime 12.40-13.20** from now until exam leave. Come along to **Gg1 (SA)** and have the chance to practise exam questions, get feedback on answers, or ask questions about content. You can stay for the whole session, and bring along your lunch, or just pop in and ask the question you need and leave (unless you have been told to turn up and stay by your Geography teacher...). All Y13 Geographers from any SA or SJF class are welcome. Mrs Stone and/or Mrs Duckworth will be delighted to see you.

Sociology Revision Sessions

Weekly revision skills sessions will be hosted by the Sociology Department on **Mondays at 12:30pm**. At St Aidan's these will be held in RS1 and at St John Fishers they will be held in G33, they will be about 30/35 minutes long and will start promptly. The sessions are aimed at Year 13, but Year 12 are welcome to attend if they wish. Different sociology teachers will be leading different sessions. See you there, any questions to Mrs Wraight.

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- Methods in Context 19/02/24 RS1
- Theory 26/02/24 RS1
- Crime 04/03/24 RS1
- Research Methods 11/03/24 G33
- Education 18/03/24 RS1

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.

Biology Revision Sessions

Biology Revision Sessions for Year 13 on Friday lunchtimes, 12:30-1:10pm in Bi3, covering tricky topics and exam question practise.

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.

Year 13 Leavers Hoodies

Y13 leavers hoodies will be on ParentPay on **Monday 19 February** for two weeks. They will be £26. Please order promptly if you can so that they come in plenty of time for us to wear them before study leave.

The colour options are: black, burgundy, light grey, ash (darker grey), baby blue, red, purple, dark green, navy.

The size options are: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL

You can decide what size, colour and name you want on the back on ParentPay (it is case sensitive so capital letters will be printed as capitals and same with lower case), but please do not use more than 12 characters.

Year 13 Yearbook

The Year 13 yearbook will go on ParentPay for two weeks from **Monday 19 February** at a cost of £6.50.

Reminders

Walking Between Sites

Please walk appropriately and safely between the two schools. You must use the pedestrian crossings rather than crossing at other undesignated points in front of cars, both for your own safety and out of respect for drivers.

Fire Evacuations

- Sixth Form students will not now assemble on the blue yard but will be in form order following signs on the fence on the left of the astroturf as you look from main school (lined up facing years 7-11).
- SJF students will assemble to the right of the astroturf entrance closest to the Chapel block (where support staff previously assembled).

Important Dates for Y12

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| • Week commencing 19 February: | Spring Grade Reviews issued to Parents |
| • Thursday 22 February: | Year 12 Parent's Evening |
| • Tues 16 April – 3 May: | Year 12 examinations |
| • Thursday 6 June: | Post-18 Options Evening |
| • Week commencing 17 June: | Summer Grade Reviews issued to parents |
| • Week commencing 17 June: | Student Review with Senior Tutor |
| • Tuesday 18 June: | Year 12 Careers Conference |
| • Friday 19 July: | Last day of Year 12 Timetable |
| • Thursday 15 August: | Sixth Form Results Day |
| • Thursday 22 August: | GCSE Results Day |

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| • Week commencing 18 March: | Reports & Grades issued to parents |
| • Wednesday 15 May: | Associated Leavers' Service |
| • Friday 17 May: | Year 13 Leaver's Assemblies |
| • Friday 7 June: | Last day of Year 13 timetable |
| • Friday 28 June: | Leaver's Ball, Pavilions of Harrogate |
| • Thursday 15 August: | Sixth Form Results Day |

Thank you.