

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices Week (2) commencing 26 February 2024

Assembly

Year 12 – Tuesday 27 February – CGH: K Orton - using mark schemes and examiner reports

Year 13 – Thursday 29 February – CGH: Representatives from Procter & Gamble will present their plan to host a UK pilot scheme in Harrogate over the summer holidays for interested students. Successful students will be invited to further mentoring and paid internship opportunities whilst at university, which if successful, would lead to an unconditional offer of graduate employment.

Living Well

Students should go directly to Constance Green Hall for the presentation below:

Anthony Nolan Presentation

To support students in learning about ways that they can be potential lifesavers, a presentation will be delivered by The Hero Project, an education programme run by blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan. This will take place on **Wednesday 28 February** to Year 12 students during Living Well. Any Year 13 student who is free is welcome to attend.

The presentation does not contain any graphic content, but it does touch on subjects which some students may find sensitive. We will advise students at the start of the session that they can leave if they feel uncomfortable at any stage.

The presentation will introduce the concept of altruistic donation, highlight why donation matters, what is involved in donating and how people sign up as potential donors. There will also be time for students to ask questions about what they've heard.

School are also holding a donor recruitment event on **Thursday 7 March** from 11-1.30 in the café. At this event Year 12 and Year 13 students can complete both the form and the swab on the day in person.

If you would like to find out more about Anthony Nolan and The Hero Project, please visit www.anthonynolan.org/education

Make Your Mark 2024

Make Your Mark gives all young people aged 11-18 in the UK the chance to have a say in the biggest issues facing the youth of today. Make Your Mark takes place annually supported by Local Authorities, schools, UK parliament and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport. St Aidan's Sixth Form will take part in Make Your Mark 2024 in Form Time on **Monday 26 February**.

Movement around the site at St John Fisher

Please can students adhere to the one-way system at St John Fisher. It has been put in place to create a calm atmosphere and to prevent issues on the corridors. Recently Sixth Form students have begun to ignore it, particularly around the area behind the main hall and students trying to get to Science via technology from Student Services.

In addition, some students are still attempting to leave the site via the fire doors near reception. This is not allowed. These doors are only to be used in the instance of an emergency evacuation.

Y12/Y13 Applied Business/Applied Science Exam Results

Students who sat an exam in January 2024 will be able to collect their unit results envelope from the Sixth Form Office at their home school from **8.30am on Thursday 29 February**.

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 were 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.

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- 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

Oxbridge Application Workshops Series

Year 12 students considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge in the Autumn are invited to attend a series of supporting workshops starting on **Tuesday 27 February at 12.45pm** in the Careers Department.

Email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk if you would like to attend.

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 13 SUBJECT REVISION SESSIONS

A full summary list will be available next week. Current sessions are:

Art/Graphics/Photography

In **AR3, AR4, AG1 at SA**, all lunchtimes **12:30pm – 1:30pm and frees** (unstaffed open classroom). With staffed support on **Tuesday 12:30-1pm; Wednesday and Thursday 1:00pm-1:30pm; Thursday 3:45pm-4:30pm**.

Biology

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

Business

In **F14 at SJF – Thursday 12:40pm – 1:10pm**

English

Mondays 12:30pm – 1:30pm in En5 at SA.

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Geography

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

Date	Topic	Teacher
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 (12:40pm-1:20pm) 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 12:40pm-1:20pm** 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.

Maths

F8 at SJF Monday 12:30pm

F3 at SJF Thursday 3:35pm

Every Wednesday P4 Mrs Foster will be running a drop-in session for Year 13 A-Level students at **SA in Ma2**. 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.

Politics

Hu1 at SA on Thursdays 12:35pm -1:10pm - 29 February, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March and 2 May

S4 at SJF on Thursdays 12:35pm-1:10pm – 11 April, 18 April, 25 April, 2 May

RS

RS3 at SA – Essay Planning, Tuesdays from 12:30pm-1:30pm

G1 at SJF – Thursdays Week 1 only, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Sociology

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.

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

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 are now on ParentPay and will be available to purchase for one more week. 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

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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

Yearbooks are now on Parent Pay for purchase **until Monday 4th March** at a cost of £6.50. Students are invited to send in their own photos to be included in the yearbook. All photos must be in a school setting (on site or trips photos are fine) and appropriate for a school document (must not include anything that could upset anyone).

All photos must be emailed to Mrs Caine **by Friday 1st March** at k.caine@staidans.co.uk. Not all photos are guaranteed to be included, so it's advised to send a few really good ones rather than lots of options (which will be too time consuming for Mrs Caine to look through). Thank you.

Reminders

Mobile Phones

Please can you put your phones away whilst in the Library at break and lunchtime. This is important to set a good example for younger students who are also using the Library.

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).

Lost Property

Does this watch belong to anyone? Found in the study centre.



Thank you.