

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices Week (1) commencing 15 April 2024

Assembly

Year 12 – no assembly

Year 13 – Thursday 18 April – on Teams – Mrs Walker

Living Well

Due to exams, students need to bring independent work to Living Well for 17, 24 April and 1 May.

Groups taught by Mrs Gee (normally in the Chapel) and Mr Hainsworth (normally in the Hall) should go to the Study Centre to be registered and to work.

Study Centre/Living Well

The Study Centre needs to be used solely by Year 12 during Living Well (Wednesday period 4) for the next 3 weeks whilst Year 12 exams are on. Thank you to Year 13 for their cooperation in working elsewhere.

Year 12 Mock Exams

Year 12 mock exams take place between **16 April and 3 May**. There is no study leave for mock exams. Students will be told the format of the paper and what the latest any content on the paper will cover.

Important instructions for Year 12 students re internal exams – April - May 2024

- Students are required to have their school ID lanyards when they sit their internal exams, so the invigilators are able to identify them. If you have lost or mislaid your photo ID you will need to order a replacement card prior to the start of your exams.
- Exams will start promptly at 9.00 am and 1.30 pm each day so students need to ensure they are outside the Exam Hall/Room at least 15 mins prior to the exam start times.
- It is very important that students sit in the seat allocated to them on the seating list, so we are not looking for the wrong absent students and contacting the wrong parents.
- Students should be appropriately dressed (no crop tops or vest t-shirts) no coats to be worn.
- The Porta cabin Room 1 has been allocated for Sixth Form as the room for bags & coats for students with exams in CGH.
- Please do not bring your mobile phone or wristwatch into the Exam Hall.
- Students will also need to bring their own exam equipment, e.g. black pen, pencil, ruler, calculator (if applicable for subject) etc for their exams, in a clear pencil case or plastic bag.
- Exam seating lists will be displayed outside CGH and in the Sixth Form café at SA and in Collins Entrance at SJF the day before the exam for students to check where they need to be and their seat number.
- All exams will be held at St Aidan's in either CGH, the Hatcher Room, the Bede IT Study Room, or the Careers small rooms (PODs) – all of which are in Bede House. The only exceptions are - Music in Mu3 and Music Tech in Mu1 (Music Dept at SA).
- If anyone has any concerns or queries they should contact Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer by email w.humphrey@staidans.co.uk or telephone 01423 818518.

STEP Paper

Registration for Step Paper 2 and Paper 3 opened 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 – Exam Clashes

Students with exam clashes will have received 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, **as soon as possible**.

Exam Certificates

There are still certificates to collect in the Sixth Form Office including GCSE English/GCSE Maths (June 23 and November 23 series). **Please collect as soon as possible**.

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Year 13 Leaver's Assembly and Attendance from Monday 20 May

Y13 will continue in lessons as normal until **Friday 17 May**. On that day students will be expected in lessons Periods 1 and 2. There will be a Leavers Assembly at both sites P3, students will not be in lessons in the afternoon. Lessons should continue until **Friday 7 June** but, due to exams, attendance from students will not be insisted upon and no absence emails will be sent.

Year 13 – access to your school email address after September 2024

It is school policy school that student email addresses and all linked files/Teams accounts are deleted at the end of September after a student has left school. It will not be possible after you have left to access any of the work on your school account, once it has been deleted. **Please save anything that you may need in the future to your personal account so you do not lose it.**

Year 13 Sociologists

Thank you to everyone who attended our revision sessions over the last 7 weeks. Going forwards after Easter I will be available 12:30-1:30pm for anyone who wants to come along for general help regarding paper 1 up **until Monday May 20** (the Paper 1 exam day). Come and find me in the RS office in the chapel block. Mrs Wraight.

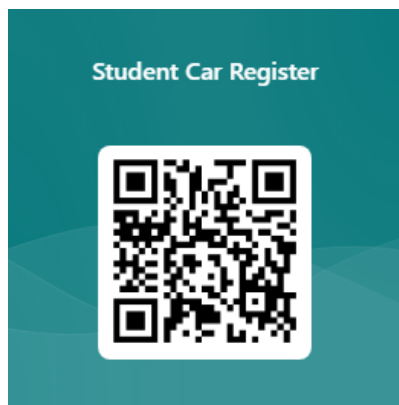
Debating Club

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**.

Car Registration

Please use the Student Car register QR code/link below to provide us with your car details. It helps students if there are any issues and we need to find the owner of a car.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1LavXUbt4f>



Sister Act at Harrogate Theatre

Sixth Form's very own Frankie Jackson is in *Sister Act* at Harrogate Theatre, 17-20 April! Tickets are still available from the Box Office. [Sister Act the Musical | Harrogate Theatre](#) Why not go along and support?

Revision advice

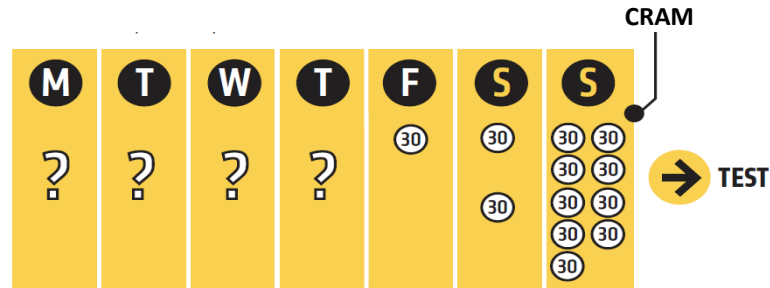
Continuing our revision tips. This advice is the result of research about effective learning methods: we hope that you find it useful and that it will help you to be more effective in your revision than reading through your notes or highlighting, which are popular but less successful approaches.

This week: **Spaced Practice**

Procrastination is part of human nature. Simply put, the human brain doesn't want to have to think hard and will take all kinds of shortcuts in order to avoid it. This usually results in putting things off until you have no other option but to do it last minute. By spacing out your revision in smaller chunks over a period of time, you will remember that material far better and will also be a lot less stressed. Putting off the work is a lot harder than doing the work

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Let's say you have a test one week and you have 5 hours to prepare for it broken down into 30 minute chunks.
Very often the process looks like this:

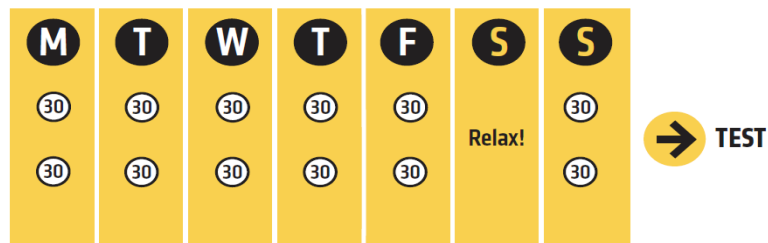


We call this process mass practice or cramming, and it's one of the least effective ways of learning anything. It may get you through the exam but most of the material is quickly forgotten.

It also tends to make people very stressed and unable to work properly.

If, for example, you do this for a mock exam in March, it's highly likely you will not retain any of what you have learned by June and will have to do the whole process again.

Instead of mass practice, a much more effective way of revising is to space out your revision like this:



By breaking up your revision into 30-minute chunks and spacing out the time between revision, you will consolidate what you have learned and retain the material much more effectively.

Space out your revision: little and often is much more effective than all at once.