



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

16th June 2024

Dear Parent /Carer

Transition Information

We would like to take this opportunity to once more welcome you and your child to the St Aidan's family. We are very much looking forward to your child joining us in September and have enjoyed meeting many of them at their primary schools over the last few weeks- they certainly seem excited and ready for the next big step in their education and have asked us some brilliant questions!

There are a number of opportunities for you and your child to visit St Aidan's over the coming weeks:

- 19th June- selected students have been invited to attend a morning in school together so that they can meet each other before the full transition day. Details of this morning have already been sent out to those involved.
- 3rd-4th July- Spotlight, our Key Stage 3 performing arts show will take place in Constance Green Hall at 7pm. Details of how to buy tickets for this will be sent out shortly.
- 6th July- you are warmly invited to a fun afternoon at Family Fest, a fund-raising event organised by our brilliant parent group FOSA, where there will be games, stalls, a football tournament, music and much more. Again, more details to follow.
- 11th July- Transition Day for all students and Parents/Carers' Information Evening.

Transition Day

The full day induction for all new Year 7 pupils is on Thursday 11th July. Details for the day are as follows:

- Arrival is at 8:30am at our main reception.
- Pupils should wear their current school uniform with a pair of trainers that are suitable for outside use (rather than school shoes).
- Please can pupils bring with them:
 - £3.30 to cover the cost of lunch (snacks will be provided at break) or a packed lunch
 - A refillable water bottle
 - A pen or a pencil
- Collection is at 3:30pm from Constance Green Hall. Children will only be released to a responsible adult or sibling and you will have the opportunity to confirm who this will be when we request this information in advance of the day.

This will be followed by an Information Evening for parents/carers where we aim to give you lots of helpful information and advice to aide your child's transition to secondary school. The evening will take place in Constance Green Hall at 6.45pm and last approximately an hour.

ParentPay and our first trip!

ParentPay is the cashless payment system that we use for meals, trips and any other payments that arise. Shortly you will receive an email from ParentPay, not from St Aidan's, with instructions on how to activate your ParentPay

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account; please look out for this and activate your account as soon as possible. In the very near future we will be sending you details about our exciting Year 7 residential trip to Northumberland which will take place in October; activating your ParentPay account will enable you to spread the cost of the trip should your child wish to participate in it. We hope that as many Year 7 students as possible will join us on this educational team building experience.

Form groups

Starting secondary school is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and we wholeheartedly encourage this in the transition process. We will be welcoming students from over 50 primary schools, some of whom do not know any other pupils, and we look forward to seeing all Year 7 students develop new friendships as they meet their new peers. However, in order to help us put the form groups together we would like to give you the opportunity to name two friends that your child would be happy to be in a form with if they wish to do so. We cannot, unfortunately, guarantee that we will be able to fulfil everyone's requests, but we will do our best to put students with one of the friends they name. Please fill in the form below to give us this information **by Monday 24th June**.

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Home School Agreement

Attached to the bottom of this letter is the Home School Agreement which sets out the commitments of school, parents/carers and students so that we can work together to ensure that your child's time at St Aidan's is happy and successful. Please read it with your child and acknowledge your agreement by indicating in the form above.

Preloved Uniform Sale

On Friday 28th June members of FOSA (Friends of St Aidan's) will be running a preloved uniform sale for parents/carers of our incoming year 7 students.

The sale will be held on the outside courts that are to the left of the Chapel building in school between 12:30 – 2:30pm. (We have gazebos in case the rain has not dried up by then!) The pedestrian gate that is nearest to Wheatlands Road East will be open to enable you to access the sale. Please do not try and park on the school site as it is a staff training day, and the car park gates will be closed.

Thank you for your careful attention to the information in this letter. As ever, if you have any questions please contact us at admissions@staidans.co.uk.

We look forward to getting to know our new students and their families over the next few weeks and hope to see you all at one of our events soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C King
Assistant Head (KS3)

Ms E Reynard
Head of Year 7

Home School Agreement

School Ethos

Recognising its historic foundation, St Aidan's will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with local churches at parish and diocesan level. At the heart of our vision sit our WALK values: Wisdom, Aspiration, Learning well together and Kindness which underpin all we do at St Aidan's.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience of life in all its fullness that it offers to all its pupils.

SCHOOL

Agrees to:

- ◆ Foster the stated ethos of St Aidan's.
- ◆ Contact parents/carers if there is a significant problem with attendance or punctuality.
- ◆ Inform parents/carers when it has significant concerns about their child's work or behaviour.
- ◆ Send home regular Progress Reviews.
- ◆ Ensure that staff set, mark and monitor homework at reasonable levels.
- ◆ Arrange an Annual Parent/Carers' Evening when progress will be discussed.
- ◆ Keep parents informed about school activities through the website and emails, InTouch and notices about special events.

PARENT/CARER

I/We agree to:

- ◆ Support the ethos of St Aidan's.
- ◆ See that our child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped.
- ◆ Abide by Government regulations that holidays are not sanctioned during term time.
- ◆ Let the School know about any concerns or problems that might affect my/our child's work or behaviour.
- ◆ Support the School's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- ◆ Support the School's Homework Policy.
- ◆ Attend Parent/Carers' Evenings and discussions about my/our child's progress.
- ◆ Inform St Aidan's if my/our child is absent from school.
- ◆ I give permission for my son/daughter to use the internet at school to support his/her learning, education or research and understand that students will be accountable for their own actions (specific details are set out on the school website in the Acceptable Use Agreement and BYOD policies).

PUPIL

I agree to:

- ◆ Support the ethos of St Aidan's and embrace the vision of WALK.
- ◆ Attend School regularly and on time.
- ◆ Bring all the equipment I need every day.
- ◆ Wear the School uniform and be tidy in appearance.
- ◆ Do all my homework and classwork as well as I can.
- ◆ Be polite, kind and helpful to others.
- ◆ Look after the school environment.
- ◆ I understand that I must follow the guidelines set out on the school website for using the Internet and School Network.

SIGNED (HEADTEACHER)

SIGNED (PARENT/CARER)

SIGNED (STUDENT)

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