

# Sixth Form Notices

Week commencing 9 December 2024

## General Notices

- **Training Day** St Aidan's students are not expected in school on **Weds 11 Dec** due to a staff training day. St John Fisher teachers are aware and will adapt their lessons accordingly. New content will not be introduced on this day. Students are already aware of their ongoing Core Learning and wider reading and work for their subjects, they may choose to complete this work at home.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** Students are encouraged to come to school in their Christmas jumpers on **Thurs 12 Dec**. Donations on ParentPay or cash to Form Tutors. Donations split between Save the Children and a local homeless charity.
- **Library No food or drink** is permitted in the library—any areas.
- **Arrangements for Christmas and end of term**  
Sixth Form Christmas Lunch – **Tues 17 Dec**; Associated Sixth Form Christmas Liturgy – **Weds 18 Dec, P5 1.25pm**, CGH. The Sixth Form timetable is suspended after Period 4 at **12.35pm** on **Fri 20 Dec**. Students who need transport at 2.25pm (when term ends for Years 7 to 11) should stay on site in private study areas.
- **Dress Code** Thank you to the vast majority of our students who adhere to our dress code. Could we just remind students that they should not be wearing sweat pants/joggers/loungewear to school.

## Year 12 Notices

- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme** is recognised around the world, highly regarded by employers and academic institutions alike. Excellent opportunity for young people to pursue new or existing interests, develop practical and interpersonal skills and to help others. Allows participants to complete the Gold Award any time before their 25th birthday but we aim for students to complete it mid-way through Year 13 and to receive their Awards at the Palace as a group. Takes place largely in Year 12, with a reduced level of commitment in Year 13. We endeavour to organise activities and expeditions at times that will not impinge on pre-examination study time or field trips.
- **Expedition and Training dates: Practice - 19-22nd March; Assessment Expedition - 14-18th July 2025**
- The cost of registering for the Award and for undertaking the Expedition is in the region of £530\* Tents and stoves are provided. \*Please note once your child has been accepted, any monies paid are non-refundable.
- If you are interested in taking part speak to **Mr Walsh** in the Biology office. Closing date for completed applications is **Weds 18 Dec**.

## Year 13 Notices

- Year 13 mock examinations **end on Tuesday 10 December**.
- **Art Photography** students have their exam on **Friday 13 December**.
- **Morning exams** begin at **09.00** and **afternoon exams** at **13.30**. Students should ensure they are outside their exam room **at least 15 mins before the start of their exam** to enable the invigilators to advise of the exam rules prior to the exam.
- Seating lists for each exam are displayed on the exams **noticeboard in the Sixth Form café at St Aidan's** and in the **Collins entrance at St John Fisher** and outside the exam hall/room on the day. All exams (with just the exception of Music Technology) take place at St Aidan's.

**Year 12 Assembly:** Weds 11 December — no assembly due to training day

**Year 13 Assembly:** Thursday 12 December—Mrs Gee on TEAMS

# Careers Department Notices





## Year 13 - UCAS Final Reminder

A final reminder to the small number of applicants who have outstanding UCAS applications - your application **must** reach the Sixth Form Office by Friday 13 December.

## Upcoming Events—Reminder

John Bowers KC from University of Oxford will be coming in to deliver a masterclass for any Year 12 or 13 students considering law this **Thursday 12th December, 12.45-1.15pm**. If you would like to come along to this event please email [careersstaff@staidans.co.uk](mailto:careersstaff@staidans.co.uk) to secure your place.



**Law  
Masterclass**  
**John Bowers KC**  
**Barrister and part-time Judge**  
**Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford**  
**Careers Department**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**12.45-1.15pm**  
Please email [careersstaff@staidans.co.uk](mailto:careersstaff@staidans.co.uk) to secure your place. You are welcome to bring sandwiches.

## Extra Curricular and Virtual Opportunities

*NB: if you would like to attend an event during lesson time, you must first secure permission from the Sixth Form team.*

- [The Telegraph Media Literacy Programme 2025](#), Telegraph Media Group, Starts March 2025, Deadline 14 February  
Telegraph Media Group is launching a Media Literacy Programme aiming to break down barriers to careers in journalism and provide an insight into what it is like to be a journalist at an award winning multimedia news brand. The programme will run for four weeks beginning Tuesday 4 March 2025, 4-5pm, every Tuesday. Click [here](#) for details and how to apply.
- [Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Programmes, IBM, 2025 Start](#)  
Level 4 Junior Management Consultant and Level 6 Design and Technology Solutions apprenticeship programmes available with global technology and consultancy firm IBM. Click [here](#) for further details and to register your interest.
- [Winter Webinar Series, University of York, 11 Dec & 14/28 Jan, 18.30-19.30](#)  
Interested in Physics, Engineering or Technology? University of York have a winter webinar series covering a wide range of topics. [Designing New Materials with Quantum Mechanics](#), [Bringing the Stars down to Earth](#) and [Engineering at the Nanoscale](#). All webinars take place 18.30-19.30. Click on the relevant links to register your place.
- [Medicine Virtual Work Experience and Taster Events, University of Southampton, February and April 2025](#)  
LIVE Medicine virtual work experience delivered through Teams. 19 and 20 February, click [here](#) for further details. Applications open 23 December. Also Widening Access to Medicine Taster course with virtual work experience, 8-10 April 2025. 3 day hybrid course. Click [here](#) for further information and how to apply.
- [Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme Virtual Event, Mishcon de Reya, 10 Dec, 17.00-18.00](#)  
Are you considering a career in law? Gain invaluable insights into a solicitor apprenticeship programme with Mishcon de Reya, one of the UK's most prestigious law firms. Click [here](#) to register for this event.
- [Access to Leeds, University of Leeds, Deadline 12 February](#)  
Contextual admissions programme for undergraduate degrees at Leeds. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.
- [Aspiring Professionals Programme, Social Mobility Foundation, Deadline 13 December](#)  
APP supports high achieving Year 12 students across the UK to access top universities and careers via professional mentoring, tailored skills sessions, application support and internships. Click [here](#) to check eligibility and to apply.