



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

23rd April 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

We hope that you have had a happy and peaceful Easter. As we arrive back and our older students continue to prepare for their formal exams, we are excited to begin the preparations for welcoming you and your Year 6 student into the St Aidan's family. Below is some important information that we would like to share with you; if you have any questions about anything at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at admissions@staidans.co.uk

Pre- Loved Uniform

FOSA (Friends of St Aidan's) are holding a pre-loved uniform sale this **Saturday (26th April) between 10am – 2pm**. The sale will be in a classroom at the front of the school, just off the main car park. Come and meet our friendly FOSA team who will be able to help and advise you. Payment will be taken by card, but please bring cash as a backup.

The school uniform policy can be viewed on our website under Parents Info, Policy Documents.

Information Gathering

We will contact you during next month with details about the registration process to our MIS. We will also issue a separate communication with questions for you to answer that will assist us in making your child's transition to secondary school as smooth as possible.

The St Aidan's Offer

At St Aidan's we offer numerous opportunities to our students beyond the usual classroom-based learning. As part of our extended curriculum offer, the St Aidan's Offer, there are two extra-curricular activities in the Autumn term that we wanted to highlight to enable you to plan ahead.

1) Year 7 Residential Trip – October 2025

During the Autumn term all Year 7 students are invited and encouraged to attend a three day/two-night residential trip to Northumberland. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know each other better and to learn about the story of St Aidan and its many links to the school. The approximate cost of this trip will be £250 - £280 and further details will be provided either before or during the parent/carers information evening on Monday 30th June.

2) Year 7 Pantomime Trip – November 2025

We are planning to take our Year 7 students to Harrogate Theatre on Thursday 27th November to watch the pantomime production. Our previous Year 7 students have very much enjoyed being part of this Christmas 'event.' The approximate cost of this trip will be £12 - £13. We will need to book tickets in September, therefore you can expect further details in the run up to the new academic year.

(Please note that cost information for both events is approximate and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.)

Travelling by Bus

There are a number of bus companies that offer routes to service some of the geographical areas that were previously covered by traditional school buses prior to funding being cut to denominational schools.

Details of the routes and the relevant bus operator can be found on the Transport page of our website under the Parents Info section.

Please note that the services are operated independently of the school, in choosing to use them parents/carers enter into a private contract with the chosen bus operator. We allow many of these buses onto our site to drop off and pick up students for logistical purposes, however the school does not have any accountability for the buses or the service that they provide.

If you are considering travel by bus, we encourage you to research options sooner rather than later as tickets for the next academic year on certain routes can sell out quickly once they are released. Please contact bus operators directly to check routes, timetables and pricing for September.

Important Dates

The key dates below outline our transition events, and we will provide further information to these in due course.

The dates for your diary are:

- Parent/Carer Meetings (where requested) - Thursday 12th June
- Half Day Induction for selected students - Thursday 19th June 2025
- Primary School visits for selected students - May - July 2025
- Full Day Induction for all students - Monday 30th June 2025
- Parent/Carer Welcome Evening - Monday 30th June 2025
- Family Fest Day - Saturday 5th July 2025

Handbook and InTouch

Mrs Dover will shortly be sending your child their personalised copy of the Year 7 Handbook which includes lots of useful information that we hope they will enjoy reading. In the meantime, please do have a look at the latest copy of the school's InTouch newsletter; it gives just a taste of all the wonderful opportunities that being a student at St Aidan's can bring. InTouch can be found within the Parents Info section of our website.

Yours faithfully

The Transition Team