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Welcome!

Year 6 into 7 Information Evening

Thursday 10th July 2025

Information Tonight

- **Our School Vision and Values** – Mrs. S Dover
(Headteacher)
- **Curriculum and Progress** – Mrs. M Gee
(Assistant Headteacher)
- **Life at St Aidan's** – Ms. E Reynard
(Head of Year 7)
- **Safeguarding and Attendance** – Mrs. F Johnston (Deputy Headteacher)
- **FOSA** – Mrs. C Nelson-Boden



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Our St Aidan's Vision

Living and learning according to our Church foundation and the example of St Aidan, we strive to be a centre of academic excellence where all our students flourish because of the quality care, nurture, and education they are given. Our students will develop in character to become courageous and confident. They will be brave enough to see the opportunities in every difficulty, and wise enough to promote respect and kindness through the choices they make. Guided by our Christian vision we walk together to ensure that each and everyone knows the gift of
life in all its fullness.



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Our St Aidan's Values

At St Aidan's we always try to think about our values in everything we do

Wisdom

Be open and curious: Wisdom isn't about knowing everything—it's about wanting to learn more. Ask questions, explore your surroundings, and take in all the new experiences with an open mind.

Aspiration

Set a little goal: Maybe it's introducing yourself to someone new or asking one thoughtful question. Aiming for something—even small—shows you're thinking ahead.

Learning Well Together

Join in with activities: Take part in the tasks today with energy and respect. Share your own ideas but give everyone else space to speak too.

Kindness

Include others but be kind to yourself too: Try to make sure no one is left out. A simple "Do you want to join us?" shows big-heartedness. If you feel unsure or make a mistake, treat yourself gently. That kindness builds strength.



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The St Aidan's Offer

It's Big!!!!

The St Aidan's offer has four columns and is linked to our curriculum intent, our vision, and our values. It supports everything we do here at St Aidan's to ensure our students have the opportunity to live life in all its fullness. All staff are asked to support and contribute to The St Aidan's Offer

Careers
Education

Daily clubs,
societies, and
activities

Non-Residential
Curriculum
enhancing visits
and excursions

Residential
trips



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Progress and the Curriculum

Mrs M Gee
Assistant Headteacher



Timing of the School Day

Period	Time	Length
Check-in/ Learning Ready	8.45am-8.55am	10 mins
p1 WALK time or Collective Worship	8.55am-9.15am	20 mins
p2	9.15am-10.15am	60 mins
Break	10.15am-10.35am	20 mins
p3	10.35am-11.35am	60 mins
p4	11.35am-12.35pm	60 mins
Lunch	12.35pm-1.25pm	50 mins
p5	1.25pm-2.25pm	60 mins
p6	2.25pm-3.25pm	60 mins



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Curriculum

The curriculum at St Aidan's supports our vision by providing every student with the opportunity to experience "Life in all its Fullness" (John 10:10). Rooted in our Christian ethos this vision guides us to nurture each student's spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. Underpinned by the National Curriculum, our curriculum is carefully constructed to create intrigue and interest, and to ignite in our students a passion for learning which they will carry through into their future careers. As well as being rich in knowledge, our curriculum imparts the skills that are needed for young people to achieve the very best academic outcomes which will support them to succeed in all aspects of life.

There are over 17 subjects studied in year 7. Most of these are taught in mixed ability groups but this can change year on year depending on the needs of the cohort. Maths is usually taught in ability groups.

Students will receive a planner which they can use like a diary to make notes about homework or record important messages.



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Keeping Parents Informed of Academic Progress

- Year 7 'Meet the Form Tutor' evening in the Autumn Term.
- Year group on-site Parent Information Presentation Evening every year.
- On-line Parents' Evening once per year (twice in year 11).
- Three Progress Reviews (School Reports) sent home, one each term.

Subject	Attainment			WALK Effort
	Dec 2024	April 2025	July 2025	
English	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Outstanding
Mathematics	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Very Good
Science	Greater Depth	Extending	Greater Depth	Outstanding
Religious Studies	Extending	Extending	Greater Depth	Very Good
Languages	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Outstanding
Geography	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Outstanding
History	Extending	Extending	Greater Depth	Very Good
Computing	Secure	Secure	Extending	Very Good
Art	Secure	Secure	Secure	Very Good
Music	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Extending	Outstanding
Physical Education	Secure	Extending	Greater Depth	Outstanding
Food Technology		Secure	Greater Depth	Very Good
Product Design	Extending		Extending	Very Good
Textiles	Extending	Greater Depth		
PSHE				Outstanding

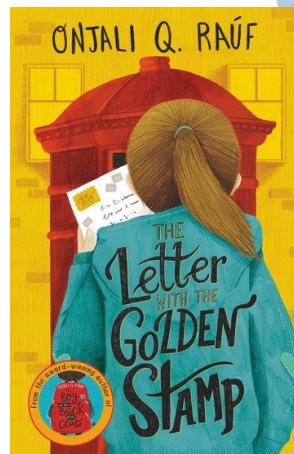


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Transition Work

English

- “The Letter With The Golden Stamp” by Onjali Q Rauf.
- We will be discussing the book in September, mainly in our morning WALK literacy sessions.
- Your child **will not be tested** in any way on their knowledge of the book, but we hope that they enjoy reading it over the summer holidays, whether independently or with you.
- Recommended reads for students moving from Year 6 to Year 7.
- Hand-written letter to their form tutor that introduces themselves.

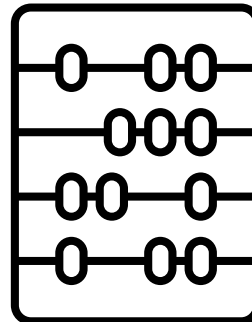


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Transition Work

Maths

- List of suggested activities to prevent a loss of skills over the summer e.g. recapping times tables and number facts.
- Maths Quiz - This is not intended to be a test so please feel free to discuss and help students as much as they need.
- We are looking at potentially using KS2 data to create learning groups which we feel will suit your child best.



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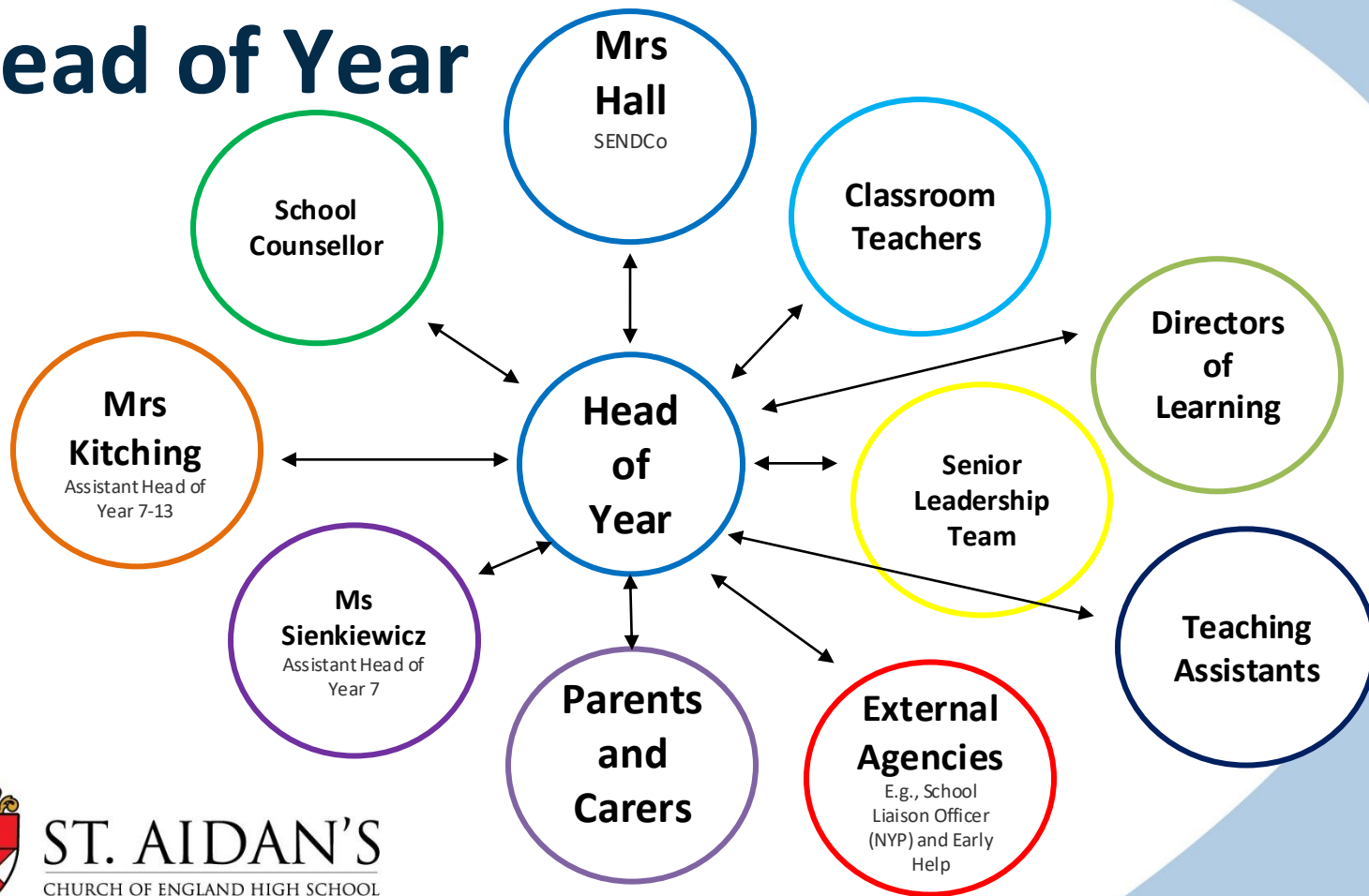
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Life at St Aidan's

Ms E Reynard
Head of Year 7



Head of Year



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Year 7

- 279 students
- 10 forms: FLOURISHED e.g. 7F
- 10 Form Tutors
- 2 Non-Residential Trips
- 1 Residential Trip



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Uniform

- ✓ Blue St Aidan's jumper
- ✓ Black trousers
- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ St Aidan's tie
- ✓ Black socks
- ✓ Black school shoes (shoes or plain black trainers)



Please don't buy...

- Non St Aidan's hoodies
- Leggings as school trousers
 - No trainer socks!



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PE Uniform



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Lost Property

- **Please name everything!**

Using Sharpies and/or name tags means belongings can be easily identified.

- **Lost Property**

This is a designated area in the centre of school for any items that are found.

- **Lockers**

*We don't have lockers so students will be carrying their belongings with them during the day. There may be space in **some** form rooms, and we do have bag racks around school.*



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Lost Property

Top tips:

- ✓ A backpack rather than a shoulder bag for their day to day belongings.
- ✓ An easily identifiable PE bag...not the classic black Nike one!
- ✓ A clearly labelled coat.



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The St Aidan's Offer: Trips

Northumberland – October 2024

- Monday 20th October – Wednesday 22nd October **or**
- Wednesday 22nd October – Friday 24th October.
- Walking across the Causeway to Holy Island.
- 2 night stay with PGL at Ford Castle.
- More information to follow on letter.

Pantomime - December 2025

- Harrogate Theatre pantomime.
- During the school day – date tbc.

Great Yorkshire Show – July 2026

- During the school day.



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Arbor

For all queries, email arbor@staidans.co.uk

You will be able to see timetables, attendance, behaviour, school reports. You can update personal information for yourself and your child so we always have the most up to date contact and medical information for them.

To fully complete their registration at St. Aidan's they will need:

- ✓ Student Details – Preferred names, Ethnicity, Religion, Language
- ✓ Student Contact Details – Home Address
- ✓ Family, Guardians & Contacts – **Please make sure there are at least 2 people who can be contacted in an emergency.** Existing contacts for older siblings already at school aren't automatically updated so these will also need to be added.
- ✓ Mode of Travel to School
- ✓ Meal Preferences & Dietary Requirements
- ✓ Medical – Medical Conditions or Allergy Information, GP Surgery
- ✓ Consents e.g. photo



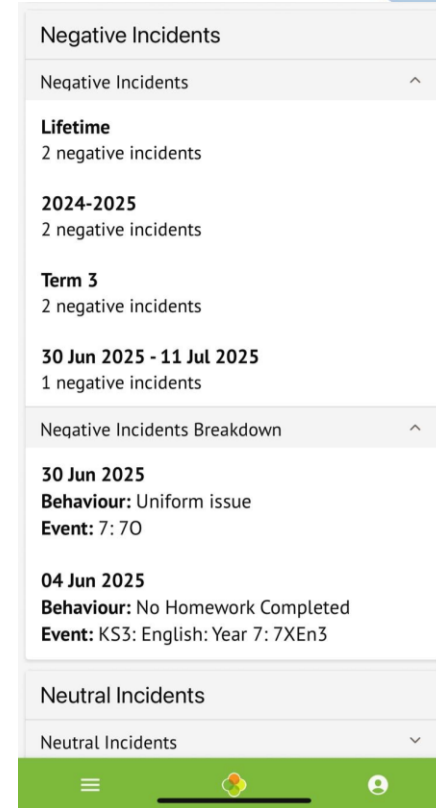
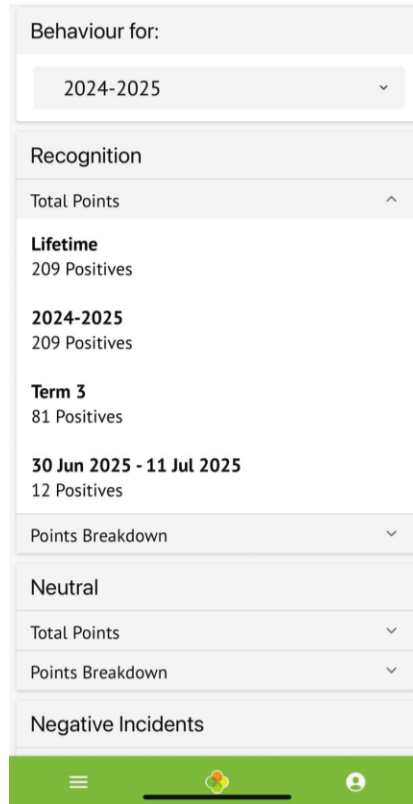
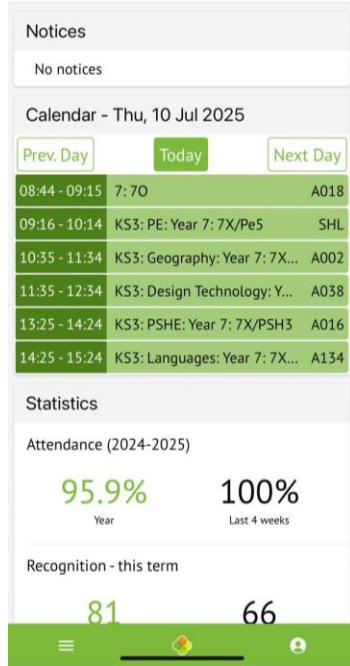
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Final thoughts...

WhatsApp

- In our experience, WhatsApp groups are a bad idea.
- “Add Everyone” Groups are an issue.

Year Team Contact

- Key emails: E.Reynard@staidans.co.uk and S.Sienkiewicz@staidans.co.uk
- We endeavour to respond within 48 hours.
- If something is urgent, please ring reception.

**Welcome to the St Aidan's
community!**



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Safeguarding and Attendance

Mrs F Johnston
Deputy Headteacher



Attendance

Please report **daily** any absences to Attendance Officer either by telephone or email.

We ask that where possible you book any dental or medical appointments outside of the school day.
Please report medical appointments/planned absence in advance to our Attendance Officer.



01423 885814



attendanceofficer@staidans.co.uk

We are unable to authorise any term time holidays



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Safeguarding



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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at St Aidan's but our dedicated safeguarding team are recognisable by their white lanyards

Communication

Telephone

Email (we will use the details provided on the student registration form. Please email admin@staidans.co.uk if any contact details change)

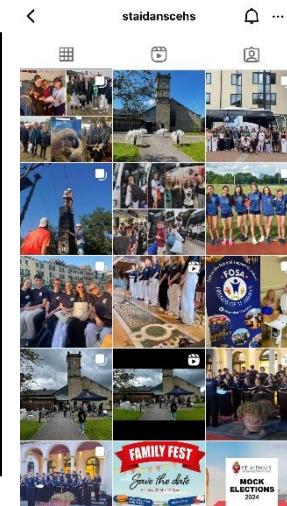
Website – updated with parental letters/information/ETA from trips/cancelled clubs etc.

InTouch – monthly newsletter

Social media – updated with cancelled sports fixtures, snow day information, ETA for trips etc.



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Communication

If you would like to contact a member of staff, please email: admin@staidans.co.uk, and mark FOA one of the following depending on the nature of the enquiry:

Form tutor
Head of Year
Directors of Learning

Or call 01423 885814 to leave a message for the relevant member of staff.



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Mobile Phones

- **Your child does not need a smart phone for St Aidan's.**
- Any phones that are on school site must be turned off and in their bags at all times.
- If your child does have a smartphone, we would strongly recommend close and regular monitoring of their phones.
- We would also suggest students charging their phones downstairs at night.



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Tuesday 2nd September

This is their second transition day, and first day of the school year.

There are only two year groups in school.

- ✓ St Aidan's uniform
- ✓ School bag
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ A bottle of water
- ✓ They don't need their PE kits

They will participate in collective worship, team building and a tour of the school. They will have normal lessons in the afternoon.



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Friends of St Aidan's (FOSA)

Mrs C Nelson-Boden



FOSA



friendsofstaidans@gmail.com



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Thank you!

Should you have any further questions or
require additional information,
please do not hesitate to reach out.



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