

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

Weekly Notices Week (2) commencing 3 June 2024

Assembly

Year 12 – **Tuesday 4 June** – on Teams, Senate Elections (Mrs Orton)

Year 13 – no assembly

Living Well

Please go to the timetabled room to register and students will then be accompanied to the hall to listen to Senate speeches.

Y12 - Senate Ballot

Voting will take place in Hu1 at lunchtime on **Thursday 6 June**. You must wear your lanyard for ID and bring a pen.

EPQ Year 12 students

EPQ students will have received an email confirming their place on the course and will have been added to the EPQ Team where there is an assignment to complete. Tutorials for EPQ start on **12 June** in the Main Hall at St Aidans. Please meet in the Sixth Form Study centre at 1.30pm to register before we move down into the main hall. The tutorials will run until the summer holiday and attendance is compulsory. Students should make sure that they check the EPQ Team regularly for important course information and updates.

Students are reminded that EPQ is a largely independent qualification and students are expected to spend approximately 5 hours independent study on their EPQ each week. Tutorials are designed to develop students' research skills to support this independent study.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Buchan (St Aidan's) r.buchan@staidans.co.uk or Mrs Nightingale (SJF) SNightingale@sifchs.org.uk.

Study Centre

Y12 students *not* doing an EPQ, please **do not** use the study centre between **1.30pm and 1.45pm on a Wednesday p4** next half term.

Save the Date - Post 18 Options Evening and Year 12 Off-Timetable Morning

There will be a presentation for parents and carers on **Monday 17 June at 6pm** in the main school hall at St. Aidan's. The Careers Department will give an overview on Post 18 options, including application details and key dates.

On **Tuesday 18 June**, all Year 12 students will be taking part in an off-timetable morning and will participate in a range of structured activities to help them prepare and apply for their post-18 choices, including beginning a digital application form on the UCAS digital platform in a tutorial at the start of June.

A letter will be coming out after half term with further details.

Studying Psychology at University

If you're thinking about studying Psychology at University or are looking to achieve the higher grades in your Psychology A level, then you will need to be doing some wider reading to support your application and enhance your grade. Below are two "super-curricular" opportunities. You don't have to be studying Psychology at A level to come along.

Thursday 6th June 6-7pm Why We Remember: The Science of Memory presented by neuroscientist Charan Ranganath

This is a live online talk hosted by the University of York as part of the 2024 York Festival of Ideas. We will be showing the talk in **PS2 from 6-7pm**, cake and drinks also provided while you watch! Please let Mrs Buchan know if you want to come.

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Thursday lunchtime, 12.45 – 1.15pm starting Thursday 13th June, Psychology for University group

Sessions will run for the last half term of Y12 and first half term of Y13 and will include additional reading that you can include on university applications, the opportunity to conduct some research and revision sessions tailored to achieving the highest grades. Please let Mrs Buchan know if you are interested so she can add you to the Teams group.

Dress Code

Please could we remind all students, and Year 12 in particular, that they should be wearing business attire to school. They are part of an 11-18 school and the students in the Sixth Form are role models for younger pupils. Whilst not an exhaustive list, students should not be wearing trainers (unless exempt), small t-shirts/strappy tops, revealing clothing or skimpy skirts.

Attendance

If you receive a Bromcom absence email it means we expected your son/daughter/student to be in a lesson and they have not turned up. If you know where your young person is, please could you let us know! This will save a lot of staff time and concern. Many thanks.

Y13 Signing In

If you are in school, not in an exam but in lessons or revising on school site, you **must** sign in in the Sixth Form Office so we know you are here.

Reminder - Year 13 Attendance

Lessons will run as per the timetable until **Friday 7 June** and teachers will be in normal classrooms. We recommend that students attend unless they have an exam that day, but we understand in some circumstances students may choose to revise off site. Year 13 student absence from lessons **from Monday 20 May** will not receive an absence notification home. We understand that once an exam has been sat, students will not attend lessons for that unit.

Students should note that there is no form time during these 2 weeks, although Senior Tutors are still available to provide any help and support needed.

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

It is school policy 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 12 Writing Trip to Wales - last-minute opportunity.

Unfortunately, one student has had to withdraw from the Y12 writing week at the National Writers' Centre of Wales, **8-13 July 2024**. The visit takes place in idyllic surroundings on the Welsh coast, with comfortable accommodation and excellent food! It is open to any student with an interest in writing, regardless of the subjects they study.

If anyone is interested in taking up this place or would like more details, please contact Mrs Parris by email (a.parris@staidans.co.uk).

Pride Club

Every Monday, Pride Club gathers at **12:35 in Hi5** to celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community within our school. Join us for engaging discussions, guest speakers, and events throughout the year. We're seeking our next group of leaders to help elevate the visibility of Pride Club. Whether you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community or as an ally, everyone is welcome. Please see Ms Reynard if you have any questions.

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School Production

We are delighted to announce that our production in **November 2025** will be Annie!



Little orphan Annie is taken from her orphanage, and the clutches of evil Miss Hannigan, to stay at billionaire Oliver Warbuck's mansion for the holidays. When Annie wins the hearts of Warbucks and his staff, they set out on an epic mission to find Annie's parents. Meanwhile, Miss Hannigan, in partnership with her brother Rooster and his girlfriend Lily, attempt to make some money out of this unique situation. The stories become intertwined as the lovable Annie's story hits the national spotlight.

Winner of 7 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the show features toe-tapping songs such as 'It's the Hard Knock life', 'You're Never Fully Dressed without a Smile' and 'Tomorrow'.

Anybody who would like to audition for the show would be warmly welcome and all the details needed, are in the poster attached – see dates below.

Auditions

Tuesday 25th June 3.45 – 5pm Y9-12 MHL

OR

Wednesday 26th June 3.45 – 5pm Y9-12 MHL

Wednesday 10th July 3.45 Call backs

Thank you.