



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

8th July 2024

Curriculum and Pastoral Staffing Structure

I have quickly realised that winding down for the summer is not something that happens here at St Aidan's; we are very much still in full swing with trips going off all over the world, all manner of sport fixtures being attended, the incredible Spotlight production taking place, and the continued high-quality learning remaining at the forefront of our focus every day. You will be able to read more about all these activities and everything we have been achieving this half term in our latest edition of InTouch which is also out today.

We are now able to share with you the staffing for the faculty structure in place from September 2024, along with confirmation of our Head of Year staffing and new non-teaching Assistant Head of Year roles.

Mathematics and Commerce Faculty	
Director of Learning: Commerce	Mr D Walker
Head of Computing and IT	Mr G Butcher
Head of Business and Economics	Mr M Perry
KS3 Lead for Maths	Mrs J Mooney
KS5 Lead for Maths	Mr Hardy

English and Communications Faculty	
Director of Learning: Communication	Mrs S Byrne
Head of Media Studies	Mrs F Trought
KS3 Lead for English	Miss K Blackburn
KS5 Lead for English	Mrs L Taylor
Literacy Lead	Mrs A Parris

Science Faculty	
Director of Learning: Science	Mr M Symes
Head of Biology	Dr Bryant
Head of Physics	Mr J Wilson
KS3 Lead for Science	Mrs S Hooper

Humanities Faculty	
Director of Learning: Humanities	Mrs A Lennox
Head of History & Politics	Dr F Murray
Head of Geography	Mrs C Robinson
Head of RS	Ms K Wilson

Head of Chaplaincy	Mrs L Shores
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Headteacher: Mrs S Dover

Social and Cultural Faculty	
Director of Learning: Social and Cultural Studies	Mr A MacCallum
Head of languages	Mr D Weare
Head of Psychology	Mr B Paynton
Head of Sociology	Mrs Y Wraight

Performing Arts Faculty	
Director of Learning: Performance	Mrs V Elliott
Head of Dance	Miss S Miller
Head of Drama	Mrs E Levahn
Head of Music (job share)	Mrs L Collett Mrs J Leonard

Art and Technology Faculty	
Director of Learning: Art and Technology	Miss C Metcalfe
Head of Product Design and Engineering	Mr N Botterill
Head of Food Technology and Textiles	Miss M Walker

Health and Wellbeing Faculty	
Director of Learning: Health and Wellbeing	Mr J Strover
Head of Sport Studies	Miss S Wadhams
Head of PE	Mrs H Goacher- Richardson

SEND Faculty	
Director of Learning Support: SENDCO	Mrs J Rowland
Assistant SENDCO	Mrs R Hall Miss M Chanter

Head of Year 7	Ms E Reynard	Assistant Head of Year 7	Mrs L McKenzie
Head of Year 8	Mr D Bean	Assistant Head of Year 8	Mrs S Sienkiewicz
Head of Year 9	Mr G Huband	Assistant Head of Year 9	Mrs N Connell
Head of Year 10	Mr P Alker	Assistant Head of Year 10	Mrs C Holbrook
Head of Year 11	Ms H Strickland	Assistant Head of Year 11	Mrs M Kitching
Head of Year 12	Mr L Margerison	Assistant Head of Year 12	Mrs A Dinsdale
Head of Year 13	Mr N Dinsdale	Assistant Head of Year 13	Mrs L Dodds

The responsibilities of the Senior Leadership Team are as follows.

Headteacher	Mrs S Dover
Deputy Headteacher	Mr I Addison
Assistant Headteacher: Director of Sixth Form	Dr L Holt
Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour, Culture and Enrichment	Mr D Holdsworth
Assistant Headteacher: Learning and Professional Development	Mrs M Gee
Assistant Headteacher: Assessment, Progress and Reporting	Mrs C King
Assistant Headteacher: Inclusion and Student Wellbeing	Mrs K Douglas
Senior Leader: Quality Assurance and School Improvement	Mr T Hainsworth

Headteacher: Mrs S Dover

Further information about staff roles at St Aidan's can be found on our website and will be updated ready for September 2024.

As a reminder, the new Autumn term starts on Tuesday the 3rd of September for our new year 7 and year 12 students. All other students will return to school on Wednesday the 4th of September 2024. Our final day of this academic year, Friday the 19th of July, will end at 12:30pm for year 12 students and 2:30pm for all other year groups. The bus company are aware of the earlier finish time at both St Aidan's and St John Fisher.

The St Aidan's Offer

St Aidan's has a rich tradition of offering a wide variety of activities outside of the curriculum to enrich the education of its students. This year staff have led residential visits both in the UK and abroad including to Oxford and Cambridge, London, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Iceland, and the USA. We are aware however, that over the past few years, some trips that have run previously have not been offered due to a range of circumstances. We are sorry to those year groups who may not have had as rich an offer as in previous years and hope that you can understand that this has largely been due to matters outside our control.

Over the past few months, we have been reviewing our offer of extended curriculum activities for 2024-25 and beyond, including those trips and visits that are run voluntarily by staff and take place off site or outside of the normal school day. Our priority has been to ensure that they have a credible educational purpose linked to our WALK values, and that they complement the aims of our school vision to ensure that 'each and everyone knows the gift of Life in all its fullness'. We have also had to consider financial costs, the impact on the education of those students still in school, and the demands placed on staff to lead and support trips by being away from their own families and personal commitments. Our intention is to provide an exciting programme of opportunities as our students pass through the school. The proposed 'St Aidan's Offer' of trips and educational visits across years 7-13 can now be found on the school website. In addition, the extensive subject related extracurricular activities including those in PE and the Performing Arts, will continue with programmes to be published at the start of the new school year in September 2024.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read another rather lengthy message from me. I hope that the final two weeks of the term continue to see our students flourish and that everyone is looking forward to a well-earned summer break.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Siân Dover

Headteacher