

## General Notices

- **Arrangements for Christmas and end of term**

Sixth Form Christmas Lunch – **Tuesday 17 December**

Associated Sixth Form Christmas Liturgy – **Wednesday 18 December, Period 5, CGH**

The Sixth Form timetable is suspended after Period 4 at **12.35** on **Friday 20 December**. Students who need transport at 2.25pm (when term ends for Years 7 to 11) should stay on site in private study areas.

- Thank you to students who participated in Christmas Jumper Day. Please remember to make donations on ParentPay or cash to Form Tutors. Donations will be split between Save the Children and a local homeless charity.

## Year 12 Notices

- **Living Well—Wednesday 18 December** Period 5 **Liturgy**. Please go to Constance Green Hall after lunch and sit in your form group.
- **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 - 19-22 March; Assessment Expedition - 14-18 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 **Wednesday 18 December**.

## Year 13 Notices

- Year 13 students may make an application for Home Study after Christmas based on attendance, timetable and mock grades. Forms will be issued after the holiday.

**Year 12 Assembly:** Wednesday 18 December — Head of Year, Constance Green Hall

**Year 13 Assembly:** Thursday 19 December—Proctor & Gamble, Constance Green Hall

# Careers Department Notices



## Year 13 Foundation Diploma Applicants

A reminder that applications are now due from students applying for a Foundation Diploma for 2025 entry. Complete your online applications and please remember to bring a hard copies up to the Careers Department. For any help or questions please email [careersstaff@staidans.co.uk](mailto:careersstaff@staidans.co.uk) or come and see us.

## New Careers Team Member

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Parker has now joined our team and is very much looking forward to working with all of you. Please do come up the careers department and say hello whenever you are in Bede.

## 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.*

- [Public Lectures and Events](#), University Centre Reaseheath, December-February, 18.00-19.00  
Topics include [Dog Training: myths and facts](#) and [The micro world and the wood wide web](#). Click on the relevant links.
- [Home - Futures in STEM](#), Durham University, Deadline 31 January  
Durham University is providing two years of free online academic tutoring and pastoral support to **Year 12** students— applications are now open for students considering studying, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Maths or Physics. **Applications are open until Friday 31 January 2025 at 11:59pm (GMT).**
- [MSC Summer Schools - studying healthcare](#), Medical and Dental Schools Councils, July and August 2025  
Applications open from 6 January 2025 for **Years 11 & 12**. The summer schools are funded by NHS England and organised by the Medical and Dental Schools Councils which are FREE for the attending students and are delivered in a variety of formats, namely residential, commuter and online. Dentistry— [DSC Summer Schools - studying healthcare](#)  
**Please note eligibility criteria will apply.**
- [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.
- [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.
- [Army Officer Insight Day —Imphal Barracks](#), York, 25 January 2025, 09.30-16.00  
Army Officer Insight Day North - 25 Jan 25 Registration Questionnaire. Registration closes on Monday 20 January and places are booked on a first-come, first served basis.
- [The Telegraph Media Literacy Programme 2025 :: Telegraph Media Group Jobs](#), Starts 4 March 2025, 16.00-17.00  
Four week online programme running from Tuesday 4 March 2025. Application deadline is 17.00 on 14 February 2025.
- [2025 Solicitor Apprenticeship - Manchester - DLA Piper International Careers](#), Starts September 2025  
Discover how an international law firm makes an impact in the UK and around the world and gain a government accredited Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeship (equivalent to a master's degree).