



ST AIDAN'S & ST JOHN FISHER ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parents

ENTRY TO ST AIDAN'S & ST JOHN FISHER ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM SEPTEMBER 2009

I write to explain the arrangements for entry to the Sixth Form in September.

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST: GCSE results are received at school. I will be available from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Thursday in room A1 Sixth Form Office (by Collins Entrance) if you need advice, but the formal discussion of courses will take place on 1 and 2 September. If any change of subject is required please write to me or email at sasjf6th@staidans.co.uk by the enrolment day at the end of August.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER/WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER: All students should attend for interview and confirmation of courses by appointment in the Sixth Form Common Room at St John Fisher.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: All St John Fisher students should attend a Welcome Mass and induction session from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Year 13 will be attending for enrolment at 1.00pm – 3.30pm and Welcome Service. Students are required to be in business like dress.

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: All Year 12 students starting the Sixth Form will attend school for a full day's programme from 8.45am to 3.35pm. Students should bring a cheque for £40 made payable to St Aidan's and St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form and 4 passport photographs.



I would like to stress some general points for the year ahead. We do need constant attendance to ensure the maximum success in Sixth Form exams, especially since all courses will now require AS-level module exams to be taken next summer. National guidelines advise that 40 hours of learning time per week are required for students to achieve their full potential. Please help students to settle into a routine that allows them to double the work that they do in school. Off-peak holidays are posing an increasing threat to the prospects of our students and I would ask you to try to avoid them during the next one or two years. Part-time jobs can also interfere with academic work. Whilst there can be no objection to employment at weekends, midweek employment is disruptive to any habit of work and should be avoided.

More and more students wish to use cars or motor bikes to come to school. We accept this, if it is necessary, but insist that they are parked off-site and NOT used to travel between school sites.

Students are required to dress to convey a business-like impression; this means collar and tie and smart trousers for boys and blouse with smart trousers or skirts for girls. Denim may not be worn. We reserve the right to send home students who are dressed unsatisfactorily.



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Students will receive a planner in September which they and you will be asked to read. I will then require parent and student to sign an undertaking to be bound by the stated conditions. Each student will also be required to provide, before admission on Monday 7 September:

- 4 passport photographs
- a deposit of £40, part of which is returned on leaving when all books have been returned to school

I would be most grateful for your support in ensuring that this is achieved so that we can concentrate immediately upon academic work in September.

I do hope that these procedures and this information will help to lay firm foundations for your son or daughter's success in the Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Sixth, St John Fisher