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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas holidays we would like to outline a few changes that have happened over the past few weeks in Sixth Form.

In the summer Mr. John Pickering became the full time examinations officer for the school. In the absence of a Head of Sixth Form, John has been looking after year 13 this term. This month two new positions have been introduced, Head of Key Stage 5 and assistant Head of Key Stage 5 so now John can focus on his new role. We would like to take this opportunity to publically thank John for all the years of dedicated service to the students of St. Aidan's Sixth Form. We have no doubt that he will continue to support us all in the Sixth Form.

We consider it a real privilege to work with our young men in St. Aidan's and we will work hard to ensure the very best of outcomes for each one of them. Regular dialogue between school and home is vital and we hope that we can work together to provide the very best outcome for your son.

We would appreciate your support with regard to the uniform code. From January 9<sup>th</sup> we want all students to be wearing the correct uniform. It is imperative that all students are identifiable as St. Aidan's students. Therefore, they will all need to be wearing a Sixth Form polo shirt, tie or hooded sweatshirt. No other hooded sweatshirt or polo shirt will be acceptable. Plain V-neck jumpers in Grey or Black can be worn with a shirt and Sixth Form tie. **Jeans or canvas trousers, trainers or leisure shoes and earrings are not allowed.** If your son decides to flout the uniform code he may be sent home to change. Please refer to the Sixth Form handbook if you are in any doubt.

From January 2012 the registration time in school will be moving to 8.30am. All students need to attend registration every morning; the exception will be where a student does not have a lesson P1&2. In this case they must register with Julie Haley, the Sixth Form Manager in her office before 10.45am. Some students in this situation may be asked to come in earlier to complete private study which is available to all students throughout the school day. Registration is a vital opportunity for students to meet daily with their tutor to address any concerns and receive any messages. **All students need to be on site by 10.45am every day.**

With the winter exam season starting on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, all students need to ensure they have developed an effective revision schedule for the holidays. During term time we expect a minimum of five hours of independent study for each A-level subject your son is taking. In the lead up to exams this time commitment needs to increase substantially. If you or your son requires any help or support with revision techniques or questions relating to subject content, please contact one of us or indeed any of the subject tutors at school.

“We believe that God has created each person to celebrate life to the full”



**A few dates for your diary**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 11:00am      Sixth Form Christmas Liturgy, St. John's Church, Ashbrooke Rd.  
**All welcome.**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 8.30am      Spring term begins.

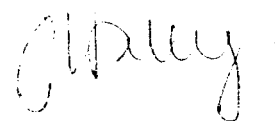
May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and all the very best for 2012.



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