



6th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are thrilled to announce a unique opportunity that has arisen for our pupils in partnership with Nissan and Sunderland College. St Aidan's and St Anthony's are honoured to have been chosen to work in partnership with two of the most outstanding providers in Sunderland and can now offer 10 places per school for their renowned skills academy.

Nissan's Skills Academy: Starting in September 2024, Nissan's Skills Academy will offer a unique chance for pupils to study specialised advanced manufacturing and engineering qualifications, Cambridge National Level 2 in Engineering Manufacture and Cambridge National Level 2 in Engineering Design with Sunderland College, alongside GCSE English Language, English literature, Maths, Combined Science, RE and Geography.

The programme is designed to provide pupils with hands-on training, mentorship from industry professionals, and a comprehensive understanding of automotive technology, business operations, and innovation. Pupils will engage in workshops, practical sessions, and collaborative projects that will equip them with skills beneficial for both their academic and professional futures.

It is important to note that the North East region has a strong automotive sector, with advanced manufacturing employing 57,000 people, making it the largest industrial sector in the area. Sunderland, in particular, is home to a significant number of employments in advanced manufacturing, with 15,000 employments. This growth sector is expected to create more and better job opportunities, and it is projected that the UK will need 1.8 million new engineers, many of whom will be in advanced manufacturing.

The programme will be delivered 2 days a week at Sunderland College and 3 days a week at school. The pupils will be mixed (St Aidan's and St Anthony's) and lessons will take place at both St Aidan's and St Anthony's, therefore pupils will be expected to work across both schools. Pupils will continue to be part of both communities, attending collective worship, assemblies and enrichment. There will not be any financial implications for this programme, all costs will be covered by St Aidan's and St Anthony's.

To ensure a fair and thorough selection process, we invite all interested pupils to apply for this bespoke programme, application information can be found on the school websites.

The application process involves the following steps:

1. **Application Form:** Pupils must complete and submit an application form. This form requires basic personal information, academic details, and a short personal statement explaining their interest in the programme and how they believe it will benefit their future goals.
2. **Deadline:** All application materials must be submitted to Mrs Gardner, St Aidan's or Mrs Dudley, St Anthony's by **Tuesday 25th June 2024**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
3. **Interview Process:** Once applications have been reviewed, selected pupils will be invited to participate in an interview process. The interview panel will evaluate the applicants based on their enthusiasm, potential, and suitability for the program.

We encourage all pupils with an interest in the automotive industry, engineering, technology, or STEM to apply. This is a rare opportunity to gain first-hand experience from one of the world's leading automotive companies, and we are confident that our pupils will greatly benefit from this partnership.

The above information will be shared with Year 9 pupils at both schools:

St Aidan's Tuesday 11th June and St Anthony's 12th June.

Draft timetable of how lessons would look:

Week A:

Week A	8:30-8:50am	8:50-9:45am	9:45-10:40am	11:00-11:30am	11:30am-12:25pm	12:25-1:25pm	1:25-2:05pm 1:25-1:55pm	2:05-3:00pm 1:55-2:50pm	3:00-4:00pm 2:50-3:50pm
Monday	Morning Meeting	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	ENGLISH LITERATURE GABRIEL HOUSE	ENGLISH LANGUAGE GABRIEL HOUSE	LUNCH	HUMANITIES GABRIEL HOUSE	HUMANITIES GABRIEL HOUSE
Tuesday	Morning Meeting	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BRIERY	MATHS BRIERY	MATHS BRIERY	HUMANITIES BRIERY	ENGLISH LITERATURE BRIERY	LUNCH	SCIENCE 125	
Wednesday	Morning Meeting	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GABRIEL HOUSE	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	LUNCH	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GABRIEL HOUSE

Week B:

Week B	8:30-8:50am	8:50-9:45am	9:45-10:40am	11:00-11:30am	11:30am-12:25pm	12:25-1:25pm	1:25-2:05pm 1:25-1:55pm	2:05-3:00pm 1:55-2:50pm	3:00-4:00pm 2:50-3:50pm
Monday	Morning Meeting	ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRIERY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRIERY	PSHE/TUTOR BRIERY	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BRIERY	HUMANITIES BRIERY	LUNCH	SCIENCE 125	SCIENCE 125
Tuesday	Morning Meeting	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	MATHS GABRIEL HOUSE	SCIENCE GABRIEL HOUSE	LUNCH	ENGLISH LITERATURE GABRIEL HOUSE	
Wednesday	Morning Meeting	ENGLISH LITERATURE BRIERY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRIERY	PSHE/TUTOR BRIERY	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BRIERY	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BRIERY	LUNCH	MATHS BRIERY	MATHS BRIERY

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gardner, St Aidan's or Mrs Dudley, St Anthony's. We look forward to receiving your child's application and are excited about the possibilities this programme will bring.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gardner
Assistant Headteacher in charge of Personal Development, St Aidan's.

Mrs Dudley
Assistant Headteacher in charge of Personal Development, St Anthony's.