

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 10th May 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

The theme of our House assemblies this week has been The Ascension of our Lord. We remembered the day when Jesus left his disciples in Galilee to join God the Father in heaven. This event took place forty days after Easter Sunday and is celebrated by Christians around the world, because it is the day Jesus made a place for us in heaven. We also hear the last words Jesus spoke to his disciples while he was still with them in Galilee. With these words, Jesus set the disciples a great mission, to tell everyone, everywhere about God's love and mercy. It is a mission we all share today.

God our Father,
Today we rejoice that your Son, Jesus, has joined you in heaven.
From heaven, Jesus has promised to stay with us forever.
Encouraged by this promise, help us to share your love and mercy with everyone we meet; for this is
the mission your Son gave us.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Zara Wisniewska 8A1 and Jayron Dimbueni 10A2

Bede: Alfie Dixon 8B1 and Matilda Haryad Karwan 10B2

Cuthbert: Matilda Kilvington 8C2 and Riley Campbell 9C1

Hilda: Keeley-Rose Bulmer 7H1 and Bryan Jolly 10H2

Margaret Clitherow: Menesa Miah 8MC1 and Bradley Haswell 10MC1

Headteacher's Award: Annabelle Rennison 7H2

Tutor Group of the Week: 7H2

Well done to all of you – an excellent achievement! Keep being the best versions of yourselves.

Celebrating Student Achievements

Another huge congratulations to William Duncan (8A1) who secured another podium finish, this time at the All Nations Irish Lead Championships. Another strong performance resulted in William receiving his bronze medal, pictured below. Well done, William!



Please continue to send your children's achievements to celebrate@st-wilfrids.org so we can congratulate them.

Year 11

The external examinations have now started for Year 11, with students sitting exams in Health & Social Care, Enterprise, Sport, RE and Biology this week. A reminder that subject staff are available in Saints Cafe from 8am for final preparation prior to a 9am exam. Well done to all of our students for their efforts in this first week, keep up the hard work!

A reminder that payment for our **Year 11 Prom** must be made via ParentPay by Friday 17th May if your child wishes to attend. Further information about the event can be found in the following letter: [Microsoft Word - Year 11 Prom Parent Letter.docx \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

Brilliant Club

Our Year 7 and 8 Brilliant Club students attended their graduation event at Newcastle University on Tuesday. The event recognised the achievements of our students, who as part of the Scholars Programme worked with a PhD tutor from the University of Kent to produce a 1500 word assignment, using the skills they learnt as 'Disease Detectives' during their seminars. Our students had a fantastic time and were a credit to St. Wilfrid's. Well done!



Support:

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Sunderland Engineering Training Association (SETA)

SETA are delighted to announce 13 new apprenticeships with A&P Tyne in Hebburn. Seta is working in partnership for the first time with A&P to recruit the following apprentices:

- Electrical Apprentice
- Health, Safety and Environmental Apprentice
- Pipe Fitting Apprentice
- Platers
- Welders

SETA have asked interested Year 11 students to apply for these local roles. Below is the link to apply for these roles.

<https://seta.co.uk/apprentice/ApprenticeVacancies/>

Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is Week 1 of the timetable.
- Year 12 Information Evening: 16th May 5.30-6.30pm.

Sixth Form:

Year 12 Information Evening

We would like to invite all Year 12 students and parents to join us for an Information Evening on **Thursday 16th May, 5.30-6.30pm.**

We recognise that Year 13 is a demanding year for our students, and we would like to take the opportunity to outline the support we have in place for them next academic year. During the evening, we will provide information on how students can best prepare for external examinations, strategies for parents to support with this and guidance on applying to university, for apprenticeships and jobs.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

Year 12 End of Year Exams

Students in Year 12 will sit assessments in their subjects in formal exam conditions, **3rd – 10th June.** These internally assessed end of year assessments will take place alongside the externally assessed examinations that students have already received their timetables for.

We ask students to follow the same routines and procedures as they will follow for their external exams to prepare them for the unique challenges and demands around terminal exams.

All assessments will be used as a measure to inform student progress and all students will receive bespoke repair work following the assessments. The results of these assessments will also help us to form a picture of their predicted final grades for their UCAS and apprenticeship, applications and references. We ask students to prepare for each assessment thoroughly using resources provided from their subject staff.

We appreciate that students will want to do their best in the assessments, and they may feel a heightened sense of pressure to succeed, which is absolutely normal around this time. As a school we continue to put strategies in place to support our students to prepare for the assessment period, both academically and emotionally. An exam timetable will be provided to students in advance, with a copy available on the school website.

Year 13 Study Leave

From **Monday 13th May**, Year 13 students will only be expected to attend lessons for those subjects where they are yet to complete their exam. Students beyond this point are invited to study at home in

their study periods and do not need to attend registration or personal development time. Students may be recalled into school at any point for coursework resubmissions.

Students who are on an intervention timetable will be expected to remain in school full time and follow this timetable as usual.

Year 13 Leavers Celebration

On **Friday 24th May**, we will be celebrating the exceptional work that our Year 13 students have demonstrated over their time at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form as we say farewell. We will mark the occasion with a celebration assembly before gathering for some treats, staff farewell messages and student awards in our Sixth Form Cafe.

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