

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 17th May 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Sunday 12th May was **World Communications Day** therefore 'Communication' has been the theme of our House assemblies this week. We use communication every day in nearly every environment, including school, social time and sporting events.

Whether we give a wave or a slight nod, speak to one or two people or a larger group, communication is necessary when building relationships, sharing ideas, learning, being an effective team member and much more.

Communication with others is important but communication with God is essential. The Church tells us we can talk to God at any time in our daily lives - this is called prayer.

Lord,
May the words we use today, and every day, be words of kindness,
words of humour and goodwill:
words that come from the overflowing of a loving heart.
Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Ryan Smith 8A1 and Harry Watson 10A2

Bede: Alexander Ireland 8B1 and Oliver Hall 9B2

Cuthbert: Ayesha Ahsan 7C2 and Christina Parker 10C1

Hilda: Precious Igbo 8H1 and Joshua Blackman 10H2

Margaret Clitherow: Ellie Pybis 8MC1 and Adiba Kamruzzaman 10MC2

Headteacher's Award: Ryan Smith 8A1

Tutor Group of the Week: 8H1

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

Celebrating Student Achievements

Well done to Pete Davies (7MC2) and Ava Heslop (8C1) on their sporting achievements last week!

Pete (pictured below and left) competed in the North Eastern Counties Athletics Championships, receiving a silver medal as a result of achieving a personal best time of 4 minutes 51 seconds in the 1500m event. We would also like to congratulate Ava (pictured below and right) who was victorious in an Under 14 girls, singles tennis tournament in Scotland last weekend.

Well done Pete and Ava, superb efforts, we are very proud of you!



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

Year 11

It has been a busy week of exams this week for our Year 11 students, with four whole cohort exams: English Literature, Maths, Chemistry and RE, as well as exams in options subjects for some students. Final preparation sessions at 8am prior to a morning exam continue next week. Please continue to encourage your child to attend these sessions to ensure they have a smooth start to the day ahead of their exams next week.

The deadline for payment for our **Year 11 Prom** has been extended to **Tuesday 21st May**. If your child wishes to attend the event, all payments must be made on ParentPay by this date. Further information regarding the Year 11 Prom can be found in the 'Letters for Parents' section of our website.

Support:

Northumbria Police Workshops

On Tuesday we welcomed visitors from Northumbria Police into school for workshops with our Year 7 and Year 9 students. The workshops with our Year 7 students focussed on **Malicious Communications**, exploring the risks and consequences of inappropriate online communication. This week is knife crime awareness and amnesty week therefore our Year 9 students received important messages regarding **Knife Crime**. They explored the risks of carrying a knife, the misconceptions about knife crime as well as the laws and consequences of knife crime.

Our visitors were extremely impressed by the conduct of Year 7 and Year 9, as well as their willingness to engage in discussion throughout the sessions.

Well done Year 7 and Year 9 and thank you to the representatives from Northumbria Police for delivering such important messages to our students.



Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

North East Apprenticeship Vacancies

Please follow the link below to view the most recent apprenticeship vacancy report for South Tyneside.
<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Vacancy-Report-09.05.24.xlsx>

This has been generated from [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and is one of the many platforms highlighting apprenticeship opportunities. We also encourage a broader search including reviewing training provider and employer websites plus the many online job's boards.

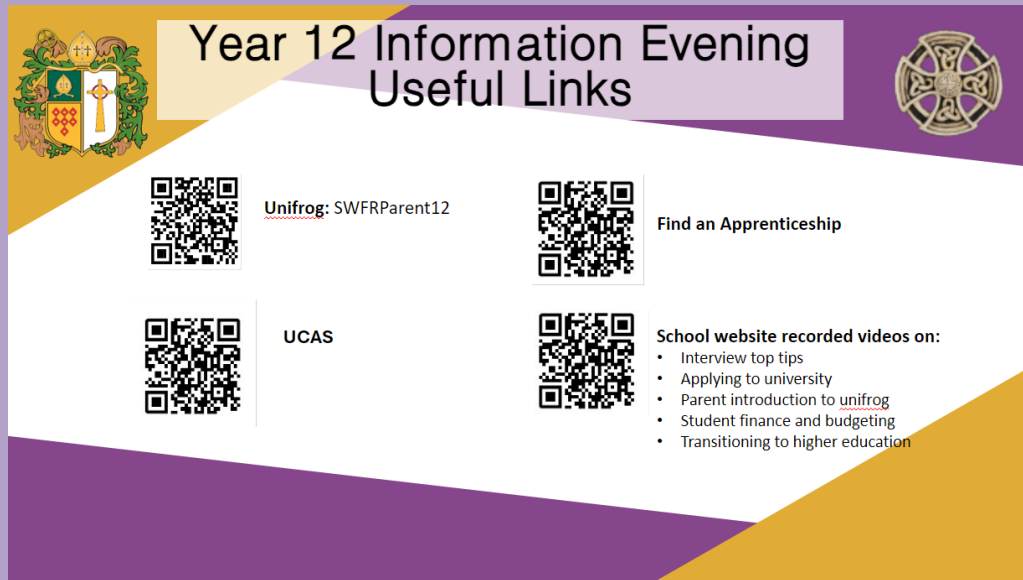
Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is Week 2 of the timetable.

Sixth Form:

Year 12 Information Evening

Thank you to those who attended the information evening last night, I hope that you found this useful. If you could not make it, please find some links that will be helpful in supporting your child as they make their applications to university, apprenticeships or employers, as well as supporting them with their preparations for their final exams in Year 13.



The graphic is a banner with a purple and yellow background. On the left is the school crest, and on the right is a gold cross emblem. The title 'Year 12 Information Evening Useful Links' is centered at the top. Below the title are four QR codes arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each QR code is accompanied by a text label: 'Unifrog: SWFRParent12', 'Find an Apprenticeship', 'UCAS', and 'School website recorded videos on:'. The video list includes: Interview top tips, Applying to university, Parent introduction to unifrog, Student finance and budgeting, and Transitioning to higher education.

Year 12 Information Evening Useful Links

- Unifrog: [SWFRParent12](#)
- Find an Apprenticeship
- UCAS
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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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