

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 24th May 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

“God looked at everything he had made and was very pleased.”

The theme of our House assemblies this week was **Laudato Si**. Pope Francis asks us to ‘care for our common home’.

This week we gathered as a school community to give thanks for the beautiful world we live in. God has given us the earth as our home. It's our common home because we share it with everyone. We are a family at St. Wilfrid's, and like every family we need to work together to look after our home.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise
that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: William Duncan 8A1 and Todor Gestov 10A1

Bede: Amelia Clark 7B1 and Kai Andersen 7B2

Cuthbert: Philip Franklin 7C2 and Erin Miller 8C2

Hilda: Michael Uwadileke 7H2 and Charlie Gray 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Sophia Marshall 7MC2 and Isabella Mowatt 7MC1

Headteacher's Award: Safiya Khalafallah 7H1
Tutor Group of the Week: 8A1

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

The following students received special awards for **The 3 Rs: *Responsibility, Respect and Resilience.***

Responsibility: Emma Steel (Aidan), Olivia Mitchell (Bede), Amy Adams (Cuthbert), Charlie Gray (Hilda), Joe Ord (Margaret Clitherow), Cole Carrick (Columba).

Respect: Anisa Hossain (Aidan), Harrison Scott (Bede), Ayesha Ahsan (Cuthbert), Ethan Shirley (Hilda), Lois Howe (Margaret Clitherow), Lucy Tiernan (Columba).

Resilience: Dominika Mis (Aidan), Millie Armstrong (Bede), Ellen Knowles (Cuthbert), Evie Hawes (Hilda), Charlie Millward (Margaret Clitherow), Keisha Costella (Columba).

Celebrating Student Achievements

Well done to Mahad Uzair (10B1) who last week helped Durham County Under 15s secure a T20 victory against Northumberland at the Emirates Riverside Stadium, Durham, with an innings of 91 runs from 68 balls. Well done, Mahad, keep up the great work!



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

Year 11

It has been another busy week of exams this week for our Year 11 students, with whole cohort exams in English and Physics, as well as exams in options subjects. When we return after May half term, we have a further four whole cohort exams as well as exams in option subjects for most students. We are proud of the hard work and commitment of our Year 11 students, and it is vital that they maintain pace with their independent study, work hard and continue to be the best version of themselves to ensure to fulfil their potential.

Support:

Chadwick Chats – Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust

We are delighted to share below the link to the very first Chadwick Chats stakeholder magazine.

[Chadwick Chats 2024 \(bccet.org.uk\)](http://bccet.org.uk)

Please take the time to find out more about, Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), such as which schools are part of our Trust, what is coming up, how you can engage with our Trust community and share with us in celebrating the success of our schools.



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Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week. The theme for this year was “moving more for our mental health”. To raise awareness and promote positive mental health within school, the team of Mental Health Ambassadors organised daily activities ranging from gardening, dodgeball, and a litter pick. School was also visited by Healthy Minds who shared advice and guidance with students over lunchtime. Finally, the week ended with fundraising for the mental health charity, Mind, through a bake sale, where £130 pound was raised. We had a wonderful week raising awareness for mental health, thank you to all involved.



Northumbria Police – Knife Crime Information

Following on from the **Knife Crime** workshops Year 9 received last week, please see further information and guidance below from Northumbria Police for parents and carers.



Knife Crime

Information for parents and carers

The facts, the law, and how to make a report

Knife crime devastates the lives of victims and their families and brings misery and fear to our communities. We need to work together to ensure that everyone understands that carrying a knife can easily end in tragedy.

Individuals who carry a knife often say they do so out of fear and to protect themselves. We want people to know those who carry a knife or an offensive weapon are putting themselves at greater risk of being seriously injured or killed themselves.

70% of young people attending A&E with stab wounds are injured by their own weapon/ knife.

What does the law say?

Can I be stopped and searched?

Yes. A police officer can stop and search any person, or vehicle, where they have reasonable grounds to suspect they will find prohibited items, including offensive weapons such as knives.

What are the consequences?

If you are found in possession of a knife (a pointed/bladed article), you could face a range of punishments, including up to 4 years in prison.

Making a report

What should I do if I think or know someone is carrying a knife?

- If you believe there is an immediate threat to life or if you have just seen someone carrying a knife, dial 999 and report it to the police.
- Advise your child that, if they suspect anyone of carrying a knife or an offensive weapon, they should tell a trusted adult. This could be a police officer, teacher, parent or guardian. When it isn't an emergency, police can be contacted on 101 [or a report can be made online.](#)

If it isn't an emergency and you don't want to contact the police:


<h4>Crimestoppers</h4> <p>This is an anonymous reporting service for anyone to give information relating to a crime. There is a phone helpline and an online reporting form. They do not ask for your personal information, and phone numbers/IP addresses cannot be tracked.</p>	<h4>Fearless (part of Crimestoppers)</h4> <p>This anonymous reporting service is specifically for 11-17-year-olds. The website also contains information about crime types, the bystander approach, and support services for young people.</p>
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Find out more - For further information, please visit the following: websites:

[Knife crime | Crimestoppers](#) [Why carry a weapon? - The Mix](#) [Gun and knife crime | Childline](#)

www.northumbria.police.uk



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:

- Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May: May Half Term.
- Students return to school on Monday 3rd June. Timetable Week 1.

Sixth Form:

Dress Code

We have high standards of dress code at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form. The dress code is based on smart, business like attire and students will be provided with a lanyard which **MUST** be worn at all times. A reminder of the dress code policy can be found: [Sixth Form Dress Code - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](https://www.st-wilfrids.org). I would like to attract particular attention to the skirts that are acceptable at our Sixth Form, skirts must be knee length, and not made of tight, 'Body Con' / Lycra / stretch type material.

All students are treated equally and fairly; if they breach any part of our uniform policy, then they will be offered an appropriate alternative provided by the school or be sent home to change. We will do this to ensure that all our pupils take pride in their appearance. We wish our students to demonstrate their commitment to their education at St Wilfrid's by conforming and wearing the dress as prescribed in the policy.

If a student fails to adhere to this dress code then by the school or sent home in order to change their attire to something which is more appropriate, before returning to their studies.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is not contravening the Sixth Form dress code

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.

Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Award

This week, 15 of our Year 12 students successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition. We are immensely proud of the dedication and team work you have shown to get this far in your award. Well done!

Year 13 Leavers Celebration

Today, we held our Year 13 leaver's celebration with the class of 2024. We had a fantastic day with liturgy, ice cream treats, student awards and farewell messages shared from staff. We are so proud of all of all of our students and we wish them all the very best in the next stage of their journey. It is important that students continue to attend their lessons that they have not yet completed all final exams for when we return from our half term break on the 3rd June.

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Resilient

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Respectful



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