

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 21st June 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

In our assemblies this week we focused on 'Our School Saints': Saint Wilfrid, Saint Aidan, Saint Bede, Saint Cuthbert, Saint Hilda, Saint Margaret Clitherow and Saint Columba. All our school saints were ordinary people, who did extraordinary things.

They had **faith**, some like Saint Margaret Clitherow even died for their beliefs, they loved **learning**, always committed to their studies like Saint Bede and they were committed in their **support** for others, like Saint Hilda who cared for all no matter their status.

Every member of our school has the potential to do extraordinary things through faith, learning and support by being resilient, responsible and respectful in all aspects of life, striving to be the best versions of themselves.

Our School Prayer

Lord, you have given us incredible gifts,
talents and potential.
Guide us to always be the best versions of ourselves,
so that we make our world a better place.
Encourage us to celebrate our faith joyfully.
Inspire us to learn with gratitude and humour.
Help us to accept, respect and support each other.
May we take responsibility for our words and actions
and forgive the mistakes of others.
Bless each member of our school community.

Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Halle Miller 7A1 and Melissa Eklund 9A1

Bede: Charlotte Haswell 7B1 and Ava Robertson 9B1

Cuthbert: Faith Gibson 7C2 and Catie Newton 7C1

Hilda: Annabelle Rennison 7H1 and Joshua Brown 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Imadodosa Obaseki 7MC1 and Ahil Roy 10MC2

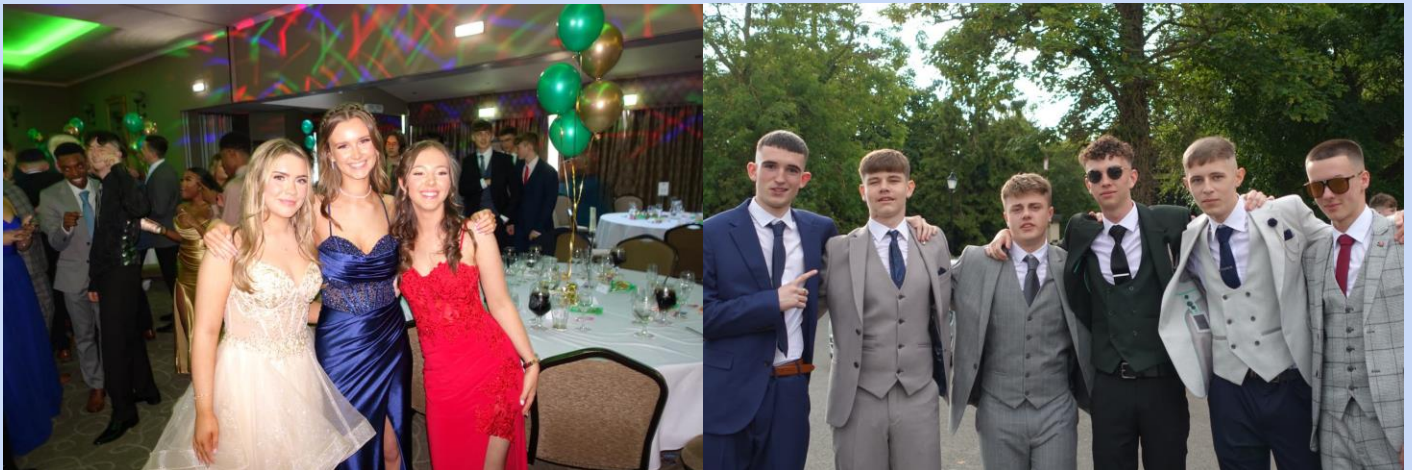
Headteacher's Award: Leo McCaffery 7B1

Tutor Group of the Week: 8A1

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

Year 11

On Wednesday we celebrated with our Year 11 students at their Prom at Ramside Hall. Our students reflected on their time at St. Wilfrid's with the Class of 2024 Awards before enjoying an evening of dancing and celebration as a year group, a wonderful reward for all of their hard work and determination that they have demonstrated throughout a challenging year. Our students conducted themselves impeccably on the evening and were an absolute credit to St. Wilfrid's and the Class of 2024. We look forward to seeing you all on GCSE Results Day, Thursday 22nd August.





Team Wilfrid's

There have been several successes from our students representing St. Wilfrid's in various sporting competitions in recent weeks:

- Our Year 7 rounders team became South Tyneside champions, defeating Whitburn, Harton and Boldon.
- The Year 7 girls cricket team also became South Tyneside Champions and finished 3rd in the subsequent county competition, meaning they narrowly missed out on representing the county at the regional competition.
- In golf, our Year 7 boys and girls were victorious in the recent Under 13 South Tyneside competition, which is a fantastic achievement as most of their competitors were Year 8 students! Our Year 9 boys should also be proud of their efforts, finishing in second and third place in the Under 15 competition.
- Our Year 7 rugby team have had tremendous success, only losing two of their twelve games this year! Congratulations to our Year 9 team also, who came second in the coastal tournament last term.

Well done to all students involved, we are proud of you all!





Support:

South Tyneside Crime and Safety Debate

On Tuesday 18th June, five of our students attended a Crime and Safety Debate at Jarrow Town Hall. The debate was organised and chaired by South Tyneside Young People's Parliament in the Council Chambers of Jarrow Town Hall. Our young people aimed to support our local community and discuss action that can be taken by debating the following topics:

- Gangs aren't dangerous, it's just a group of friends.
- Adults are the main cause of anti-social behaviour.
- Males are less safe than females living in South Tyneside.

Our students were welcomed by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Tracey Dixon, and the debate was closed by Mayor Cllr Cunningham. Our St. Wilfrid's representatives were a real credit to our school, demonstrating confidence to articulate strong arguments during all three debates.



Attendance



South Tyneside Council

Important Information for Parents.

Changes as of 19th of August 2024 to the issue of Penalty Notices to address School Attendance.

Dear Parent,

THE EDUCATION (PENALTY NOTICES) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT)

REGULATIONS 2024 No. 210.

New legislation comes into force on 19.08.24 regarding the criteria and the issue of penalty notices to address school attendance to commence in South Tyneside September 2024.

The following changes have been made:

- the number of unauthorised absences to 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) in the most recent 10 school week period.
- the number of penalty notices that can be issued to a parent in respect of the same individual child to 2 within a 3-year period.
- It increases the amount of the penalty notice from £120 to £160 (if paid within 28 days) and £60 to £80 (if paid within 21 days) for the first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of the same individual child in a 3-year period.
- It sets the amount of any second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same individual child within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice was issued to £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered.
- Further absences will proceed for prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Email SYP@southtyneside.gov.uk

You can ring/email your child's school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Stobbs'.

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Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is Week 2 of the timetable.
- Year 10 Sixth Form & College Taster Day – Wednesday 3rd July.
- INSET Day (no pupils in school) – Friday 5th July.

Sixth Form

Year 12 Employer Interviews

We were delighted to welcome 7 employers from a range of sectors into Sixth Form on Friday morning. Our students created their CV ahead of the interview and had a 20-minute interview with an employer. They have each received personalised feedback about their performance to support them in the development of their interview technique ahead of their future interviews for university, apprenticeships and employment. The feedback from the employers was that our students were stellar! We are very proud of how they have conducted themselves in these interviews and we hope that they found the experience useful.



Year 12 Teesside University Visit

Our Year 12 students visited Teesside university campus on Wednesday to explore the opportunities for undergraduate study. We are glad they found the visit valuable in cementing their choices ahead of their UCAS applications.

Wednesday 3rd July

On Wednesday 3rd July, our Sixth Form students will be working from home. They should use this time to action their feedback from their recent end of Year 12 exams and continue with repairing any areas for development that have been identified from these exams.

Responsible

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Resilient

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Respectful



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