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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I am delighted to be writing to you all with another weekly update. It has been a brilliant week for pupils at St Wilfrid's RC College. Our Year 7 pupils are settling into life at St Wilfrid's well and should be very proud of the resilience they have shown over the past fortnight; joining a new school is often challenging but they have embraced this journey and have had fantastic support from our older pupils and staff members.

This week our assemblies have focussed on Education Sunday; a special Sunday on which churches pray for all those who work in education and pray for all those who learn. Pupils have been giving thanks to their teachers at St Wilfrid's with special messages of appreciation. It is wonderful to see how much our pupils value the hard work of all our staff.

Attendance

There has been a lot in the news regarding attendance at school over the recent months. I know you will join me in understanding the significant positive impact that full attendance in education has, not only on academic success, but also on children's personal development and sense of belonging. At St Wilfrid's we have high expectations for our pupils and, when attendance becomes a barrier to learning, we will put supportive measures in place. We look forward to continuing to work with our families in ensuring the very best attendance for every child.

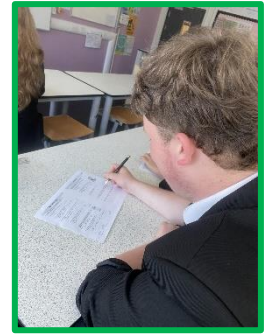
Lunchtimes at St Wilfrid's

We have a fantastic catering team at St Wilfrid's who provide a tremendous range of meals for our pupils each day. You can find our menu here: [Kitchen Menu](#).

Of course, lunchtime is also a brilliant time for our pupils to engage with our Active Lunch Programme. Details of our Active Lunch offer are shared daily with all pupils during PREP time and are displayed in our PE Department.

Year 11 STEP: Support Towards Excellent Progress

It has been wonderful to see the positive start our Year 11 pupils have made. This week we launched our bespoke intervention programme known as 'STEP' as well as other independent study opportunities. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students demonstrating such a positive attitude to their learning and benefiting from the additional bespoke support as they begin this important year of external examinations.



PE Reminder

Pupils have begun participating in a range of physical activities, as part of their PE Curriculum. Some of these activities require protective equipment including shin pads for football and mouth guards for rugby, to help keep pupils safe. Football boots are also recommended for any activity taking place on our school field, particularly as we approach the autumn and undoubtedly wet conditions. Please do get in touch with your child's Head of House if you need any support providing this equipment.

This week, I ask you to join me in prayer as we ask for God's support in realising our school's mission of ensuring excellence for all:

Dear God,

We thank you for our school.

*We pray that your Holy Spirit will move throughout it and
Inspire each of our pupils.*

*We ask for your support and guidance at the beginning of this academic year,
And ask that you fill us with courage and confidence
to face the new and exciting experiences ahead of us.*

St Wilfrid, servant of God, pray for us.

If your child needs any support as they settle back into school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their Head of House. Please email the appropriate house address:

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Best Wishes,

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