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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you at our Year 11 Information Evening this week and I look forward to meeting many more of our families at our Open Evening for prospective pupils next week.

The St Wilfrid's Way

This week we have launched with pupils our 'St Wilfrid's Way'. This is our behaviour curriculum which clarifies and reinforces our high standards of behaviour. Our approach is based on our shared behaviours of being respectful, responsible and resilient. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be exploring the St Wilfrid's Way in more detail with our pupils. You will see our expectations very clearly outlined in this document below and we very much appreciate your support in helping pupils to understand and follow our behavioural expectations; supporting us to continue to achieve high standards of behaviour and conduct in our school.

ST WILFRID'S WAY		
OUR BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM		
RESPECTFUL	RESPONSIBLE	RESILIENT
IN SCHOOL AND IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY WE LIVE GOSPEL VALUES. AS PUPILS OF ST WILFRID'S R.C. COLLEGE, WE ARE HONEST, WE SHOW EVERYONE RESPECT AND HAVE COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER.	WE RECOGNISE THAT EACH PUPIL IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAS UNIQUE AND INDIVIDUAL GOD-GIVEN TALENTS. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING OUR POTENTIAL AND ACCEPT SUPPORT FROM OUR TEACHERS AND PEERS.	WE ARE HARDWORKING PUPILS, THAT ALWAYS TRY OUR BEST. IN CHALLENGING TIMES, WE ARE RESILIENT AND NEVER GIVE UP. WE WANT THE BEST FOR OURSELVES AND OUR PEERS.
BE A CARING AND CONSIDERATE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.	IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND APOLOGISE. IF YOU NEED SUPPORT, SEEK OUT A MEMBER OF STAFF.	MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVELS OF ATTENDANCE.
BE RESPECTFUL AND HAVE GOOD MANNERS. DEMONSTRATE RESPECT THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS.	TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUT ALL YOUR LITTER IN THE BIN • KEEP THE CLASSROOM, CORRIDORS AND SOCIAL AREAS TIDY • DO NOT GRAFFITI OR DEFACE SCHOOL PROPERTY • TIDY AWAY AFTER LUNCH 	BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUNCTUALITY IS A VITAL LIFE SKILL • MAKE A PROMPT AND PURPOSEFUL START TO EVERY LESSON • MAKE SURE YOUR BASIC EQUIPMENT IS OUT STRAIGHT AWAY SO YOU ARE READY TO LEARN
NEVER BEHAVE IN A DISRESPECTFUL, DISCRIMINATORY OR DEROGATORY WAY TO ANYONE IN OUR SCHOOL OR WIDER COMMUNITY.	LINE UP CALMLY AND QUIETLY. WALK ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF CORRIDORS AND STAIRS. FOLLOW THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM IN SCHOOL. WALK CALMLY AND WITH PURPOSE.	FOLLOW THE TEACHER OR PEER WHO IS TALKING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU ARE ACTIVELY LISTENING.
USE APPROPRIATE TONE, VOLUME AND LANGUAGE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE OBVIOUSLY KIND. 	WEAR YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM CORRECTLY AND WITH PRIDE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHIRTS TUCKED IN / SHIRTS POLICY LENGTH • CORRECT FOOTWEAR • NO JEWELLERY / NAILS / MAKE UP 	TRY HARD IN LESSONS - BE THE VERY BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF.
VISIBLY SHOW YOUR RESPECT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADDRESS STAFF AS SIR / MISS • SAY GOOD MORNING / GOOD AFTERNOON TO EACH OTHER • SAY PLEASE & THANK YOU • STAND & BE SILENT WHEN STAFF ENTER THE ROOM • FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS - DO AS YOU ARE ASKED THE FIRST TIME YOU ARE ASKED • RESPECT PERSONAL AND SCHOOL PROPERTY • HOLD DOORS OPEN FOR EACH OTHER 	MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE TURNED OFF BY 08:30 AND STORED IN LOCKERS OR BAGS. NOT ACCESSED UNTIL YOU ARE OUT OF THE BUILDING. THEY SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.	BE PREPARED AND EQUIPPED FOR LEARNING. WORK HARD AND COMPLETE ALL TASKS, INCLUDING HOMEWORK, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
		USE TOILETS AT BREAK OR LUNCHTIME TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO LEARNING.
EXCELLENTIA PER FIDEM, PER SCIENTIAM, PER ADIUVATUM		

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European Day of Languages

On Thursday we celebrated European Day of Languages. This was an opportunity for us all to celebrate the diversity we have in our community here at St Wilfrid's. It was wonderful to hear pupils greeting one another in many different languages and they should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 11 Information Evening

On Thursday we hosted our first Year 11 Information Evening. Year 11 families heard from key members of staff about how their children are being supported both academically and pastorally during their GCSE year. We really do appreciate your support in ensuring that our pupils leave Year 11 happy, healthy and with the results they deserve in their external examinations. A second event will be taking place in January where more information will be shared with families relating to how to support your child with revision and preparation for examinations. For a copy of the resources shared, please see here: [Y11 Parent Information Leaflet](#).

Safe Drop Off Arrangements

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we ask that all pupils are dropped off before the driveway into school. Can I please remind you that cars are not permitted to access the school car park between the hours of 8:00-9:00 and 2:30-4:00. We would encourage all pupils to access the school via the Grey Hen Pedestrian Entrance.

In addition, we are aware of an increased presence from local traffic enforcement officers monitoring the bus turning circle at the end of our driveway. Please be aware that this turning circle is for buses only and any cars using this lane are at risk of a fixed penalty notice. Over the last two weeks, a number of our parents have received these fixed penalty notices so I would once again encourage your child to use the Grey Hen Entrance to and from school.

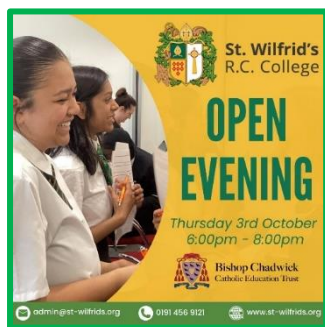
Nut-Free School

St Wilfrid's is a nut-free zone. We have a number of staff and pupils with severe allergies and so we are requesting your support in ensuring no pupils bring any products containing nuts into school.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening takes place next Thursday evening (October 3rd). We are looking forward to welcoming lots of prospective pupils and parents to St Wilfrid's for this exciting event.

As ever, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Heads of House:



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Best Wishes,

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