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## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we come to the end of another busy and productive week, I would like to share some updates with you and to highlight some of the opportunities our pupils have had this week at St Wilfrid's RC College. It has been wonderful to see the continued enthusiasm and dedication of our pupils.

### Holocaust Memorial Assembly



St Wilfrid's Pupils have been commemorating Holocaust Memorial Week. This has been an important time for us to reflect, learn and remember those who were affected by the Holocaust. Our assemblies this week were planned and delivered by members of our Sixth Form who visited both Auschwitz and Birkenau last year. We are very proud of our Sixth Form Students; their assembly was very informative and powerful, reminding us that we should learn from these atrocities and find ways to create a better future.

### Careers in the NHS



This week, Year 8 enjoyed a careers event delivered by the NHS Schools Theatre Team. Year 8 watched a performance that showcased a range of careers within the NHS as well as providing more information about the qualifications and skills required for the roles.

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## Visualisers: engaging pupils in the classroom!

We have recently invested in visualisers for all classrooms here at St Wilfrid's and we are already seeing a positive impact on teaching and learning. Visualisers are an innovative teaching tool that allows teachers to display and annotate documents, pupil work and other learning material in real time. This means that every pupil in the classroom can clearly see high-quality visual presentations, supporting a more interactive learning environment. It also gives teachers another opportunity to model and celebrate some of the fantastic work completed by our pupils.

The benefits of visualisers include:

- Improved engagement- lessons are more dynamic and interactive
- Enhanced understanding- teachers are able to break down complex concepts with detailed visual demonstrations, making learning accessible for all pupils
- Real-time feedback- pupil work can be shared instantly, allowing for immediate discussion and constructive feedback

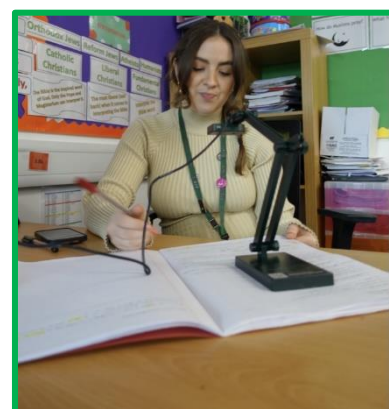
Pupil voice has been overwhelmingly positive with many commenting on the clarity of the picture and how the visualisers help them to ensure their work meets our St Wilfrid's Standard.

Archie in Year 8 commented, "they're really helpful when we are getting feedback on our work."

Sophie, a Year 10 photography pupil, said: "they help to show us how to edit our work and improve it."

Isla said that, in English lessons, visualisers help "us to see model paragraphs and how best to structure our work."

We are pleased that the visualisers have been so well-received by pupils and staff and look forward to sharing even more positive examples of the work our pupils produce in their lessons.



## Chadwick Chats

We are really proud to be part of the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Educational Trust and are pleased to share with you the second edition of this year's Chadwick Chats magazine. This publication is produced by our Trust and shares an insight into the different schools that form part of Bishop Chadwick Trust.

[Chadwick Chats Issue 2 2425](#)

## Gentoo Trades Academy



Our Gentoo Trades Academy cohort have been competing to see who could build the best wall! Tutors have commented that they are amazed with the 'exceptional progress' our Year 10 cohort have made in just five short months.



## Water Bottles

Unfortunately, our main water fountain in 'the street' is currently out of order. Please ensure that all pupils bring their own bottle of water to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the school day. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

If you have any queries or your child requires any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Heads of House:

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Best Wishes,

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