

St. Wilfrid's R.C. Sixth Form College

Excellentia per fidum, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

Faith Learning Support

Headteacher's Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to St. Wilfrid's RC College. We are a thriving, welcoming school with the highest expectations for all.

We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Educational Trust's family of schools. Our distinct Catholic ethos, high standards and commitment to every member of our school community makes St. Wilfrid's a special place to learn and to grow, allowing each child to become the best version of themselves.

Our school motto "Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per aiuvatum" is lived out every day, and put simply, means that we ensure 'excellence through faith, learning and support'.



Mrs C Lennox Headteacher





At St. Wilfrid's Roman Catholic College, we are committed to inspire and develop all members of our community on a journey through faith and learning.

We strive to achieve excellence and overcome challenges through mutual respect and consideration, underpinned by Gospel values and the example of Christ.

Faith and learning is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every child fulfils their God given potential.



St. Wilfrid

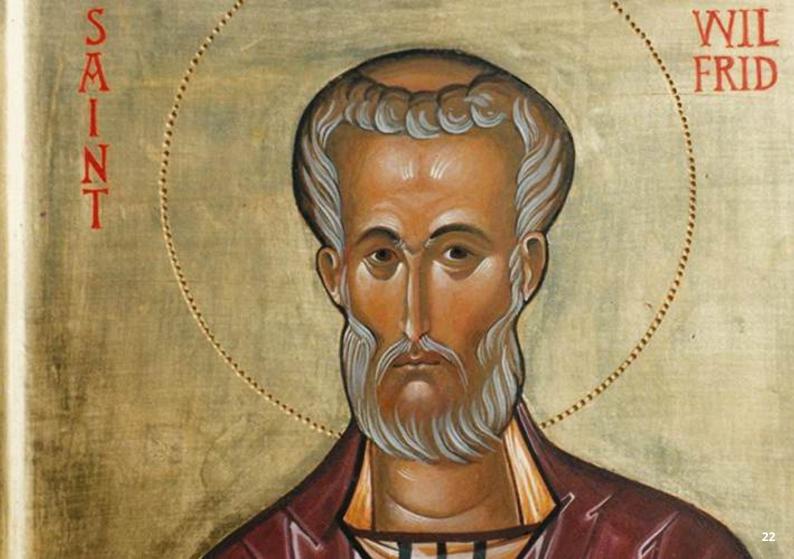


At St. Wilfrid's RC College, staff and pupils take inspiration from Saint Wilfrid himself. Born in Northumberland and of noble birth, Saint Wilfrid is recognised as a great scholar with a combined love of learning and monastic life.

Saint Wilfrid, born in Northumbria around 634 AD, was a key figure in spreading Christianity in England. Known for his determination and passion for the Church, Wilfrid played a significant role in uniting Christians by advocating for Roman practices at the Synod of Whitby. This decision helped align the English Church with Rome, creating unity and strengthening its influence.

His perseverance, even in the face of exile and opposition from kings and church leaders, shows his unwavering faith and commitment to his mission. Despite being exiled multiple times and facing resistance to his ideas, Wilfrid's courage in standing firm for his beliefs earned him respect and admiration.

Saint Wilfrid played a significant role in the early establishment of Christianity in the region, laying the foundations for what would later become York Minster, one of the most iconic cathedrals in England.



Sixth Form



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Our sixth form in underpinned by the Catholic ethos of the school and its motto 'Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support.' St. Wilfrid's Sixth Form is the perfect environment for students to be recognised as individuals and achieve ambitious goals.





We are proud of the excellent pastoral care our Sixth Form provides.

Pastoral care is at the heart of our community with a strong commitment to helping each other, ensuring the spiritual, emotional and academic well-being of every student.

Sixth Form pastoral care is led by the Head of Sixth Form, Heads of Year and pastoral tutors and supported by our school chaplain.

All Sixth form students are members of Columba House and are allocated a pastoral tutor who will support students throughout the two years of Sixth Form. Students meet regularly with their assigned tutor to discuss academic progress and well-being.



Mrs K Forster Assistant Headteacher Lead for Sixth Form



Mrs C Siedle Head of Year



Mr T Allen Head of Year

St. Wilfrid's Way



The three Rs form the foundation of our behaviour and values of our community at St. Wilfrid's. We refer to this as the St. Wilfrid's Way.

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

Respect is shown through kindness, understanding and treating others with dignity, reflecting the teachings of Christ.

Responsibility means taking ownership of our actions, decisions and learning.

Resilience is the strength to overcome challenges and persevere in our efforts, trusting in God's guidance.

Together, these values embrace our school motto: Excellence through faith, learning and support.

ST WILFRID'S WAY

RESPECTFUL



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



ST WILFRID'S WAY

RESPONSIBLE

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.



ST WILFRID'S WAY

RESILIENT



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.



Curriculum



As a Sixth Form we are proud of the level of support we offer students as they meet the demands placed on them by post-16 study.

We take pride offering a range of traditional academic subjects as well as the more contemporary vocational qualifications that serve to meet the local labour market demands. Students are supported to select an appropriate combination of three level 3 qualifications to suit their interests and enable them to progress to their intended destination.

An exciting and diverse programme of enrichment, PSHE, Core RE and personal development are also offered at Key Stage Five to support progression to the next stage of employment or education. All students are encouraged to be independent, resilient and proactive in their approach to learning.

More information about each subject can be found on our Sixth form page on the school website.



Enrichment



Our range of enrichment and extra-curricular programmes are designed to broaden horizons and develop new skills that will enhance the academic Sixth Form experience.

Enrichment is a vital component of our culture and way of life at St. Wilfrid's. There are an exciting range of opportunities to excel and explore beyond the classroom through our rich and diverse extra-curricular and enrichment activities including (but not limited to):

- Coding Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
- Extended Project Qualification
- Humanities Club
- Peer Mentoring
- Sign Language
- Sixth Form Committee Member
- Sports Leadership Level 3 Qualification
- Student Leadership Team
- Volunteering



PSHE



To complement their academic studies, students will study PSHE where they will be challenged to explore contextual safeguarding issues that are important for 16 - 18 year olds to consider, including:

- Careers guidance and application support
- Driving awareness
- Health and wellbeing
- Budgeting and finance
- Substance misuse
- Transitioning to higher education

Careers guidance is an integral part of the personal development curriculum within St. Wilfrid's RC College and students are supported to make informed decisions about their post-18 destinations.

Throughout Sixth Form, students have a number of opportunities to broaden their horizons and ensure they can make competitive applications to top universities, apprenticeships or secure their dream job. This is also supported by, 1:1 careers interviews with an independent careers advisor.



Post-18 Destinations



Whatever their background, all our students progress to prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, or high value vocational and professional training, including advanced apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships or employment.

University

• Each year, over two thirds of our students go to university. The majority of these university places are at Russell Group institutions which include Oxford and Cambridge. At St. Wilfrid's, you will be supported every step of the way through the application process. This includes researching courses, visiting universities, UCAS and interview practice.

Apprenticeships

• Apprenticeships and degree level apprenticeships are an increasingly popular pathway to a chosen career. Our wider curriculum provision and careers advice will support you to navigate this area should you wish to do so.

Employment

• A small number of students decide to move straight into employment following Sixth Form. Our dedicated Sixth Form team will support you with writing a CV, application forms and interview preparation.



History of Catholic Education



The Catholic Church was the first provider of schools and universities in England.

The earliest schools were cathedral and monastic schools, established from the late sixth century onwards. This growing network was joined by schools based on larger collegiate churches and, from the twelfth century, by the foundation of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and their colleges.

The Catholic Church currently educates over 800,000 pupils across England and Wales in 2,245 schools and accounts for around 10% of all schools. As such the Church's stake in education is not only deeply embedded in our country's history, but through its continued collaboration with the state, is something that remains at the heart of the Church's mission, serving the Catholic community and contributing to the common good.

Here at St. Wilfrid's, we celebrate this tradition, but we also welcome children of all faiths or none. All are welcome in our community.





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