



St. Wilfrid's
RC College

Newsletter

Spring Term 2018



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Welcome

We have implemented a newsletter for Parents / Carers to provide information on the wonderful activities, events and achievements by the staff and students within St Wilfrid's community. As we approach the end of term we would like to wish a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Mr T B Tapping - Executive Headteacher



Year 7 Lepra Fundraising - 26th January 2018

Our Year 7 students have been busy fundraising for Lepra, an international charity working with the public to try and fight leprosy. The students were set the challenge to raise as much money as possible by taking part in a "Lepra Fun and Fitness Day". They raised a fantastic £1,700 in total which will make a great difference to many people suffering from poverty and disease around the world.

Top of the Tables - 26th January 2018

We are delighted that St Wilfrid's is at the top of the league tables in South Tyneside for performance at both GCSE and A Level results in 2017. This is an amazing achievement for the academy and we are very proud of all our pupils who worked so hard to achieve fantastic results.



Ski Trip - 9th February 2018

Students from St Wilfrid's visited Italy for a 5 day ski trip over half term. The trip got off to a dubious start when the bus broke down but this didn't dampen the spirits of our students! We were very proud of how well behaved and well mannered they were to all the instructors and hotel staff. The instructors also spoke very highly of all the students in both their attitude and resilience in learning to ski, getting back up again each time they fell over. Just goes to show our pupils really are 'Hobnobs'!

Key Dates:

16th April 2018 - Return to School

19th April 2018 - Year 12 Parents Evening

25th April 2018 - Year 9 Parents Evening



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Pope John Paul II Award - 23rd February 2018

Fifteen Year 13 students from St Wilfrid's College were awarded their Pope John Paul II medals at a Diocesan Ceremony in Newcastle. This was a fantastic achievement for the students who had earned their award by taking an active role in their parish and in activities which build social awareness. We are very proud of what they have accomplished and what they have been involved with to achieve this.



Lord Glenamara Memorial Prize - 27th February 2018

A Level student Emily McKerrill was a runner up in the prestigious Lord Glenamara Memorial Prize 2018 and travelled to London to receive her award from the Secretary of State for Education. The award was established to commemorate the work of former Education Secretary Lord Glenamara (Ted Short) with the aim of celebrating the achievements of young people who have not

only performed well academically but who also have an active interest in public service in their local community. Well done Emily!



Geography Field Trip - 6th March 2018

The Beast from the East could not stop our amazing Year 11 students from carrying out their GCSE field work investigation (although the refugee points of McDonalds, Minchellas and The Word helped keep everyone warm!). The students had two methods to carry out; the first being to use a transect on the dunes and the

next to investigate whether the quality of environment has an impact on house prices.



Key Dates:

7th May 2018 - Bank Holiday

21st May 2018 - External Exams Commence

23rd May 2018 - Year 8 Parents Evening



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World Book Day 2018 - 8th March 2018

To celebrate World Book Day tutor groups decorated their classroom door to make it look like a book cover with a prize for the best. We had some amazing creations from The Hunger Games and Peter Rabbit to Coraline, but the winning door, as chosen by our sixth formers, went to a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed door.



During the day students were also read parts of short novel in each lesson.



Girl Kind North East Movie - 10th March 2018

A short film made as part of the Girl-Kind North East project involved some of our own very talented students from St Wilfrid's. The finished movie was screened at the Festival of Women's Film in the North East on Saturday 10th March. In front of an audience of different ages the response from this was amazing with everyone who was at the viewing of the movie saying that it looked very professional.

Sixth Form Taster Evening - 22nd March 2018

Potential sixth formers were invited to St. Wilfrid's to get a taster of what it is like to study A Levels at St. Wilfrid's. Staff from various departments held 30 minute sessions for the students to try out, with each student taking part in three sessions. We look forward to seeing many of these people joining us in September!



Key Dates:

28th May 2018- Half Term Starts

1 June 2018 - Half Term Ends

27th June 2018 - Youth Festival



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Sporting Achievements

This has been another incredibly successful term for sporting achievements at St Wilfrid's RC College.

In football our Year 8 boys team have reached the semi-finals of both the Joicey and the TUC County Cups. The year 10 team have also made it to the semi-final of the County Cup.

In indoor cricket the under 13 girls won the South Tyneside Cricket tournament, the East Durham finals and then the Durham County Finals remaining unbeaten throughout. They will now represent Durham in the Nationals after Easter. The under 13 boys won the South Tyneside Cricket Tournament winning every game. The under 15 girls won the under 15 South Tyneside Cricket Tournament and then finish as runners up at the county finals.

In Handball our under 13 boys and under 13 girls teams both won the South Tyneside finals. The boys then finished as runners up in the Tyne and Wear finals and the girls won every game to become Tyne and Wear Champions. The under 15 girls won the South Tyneside Handball finals and then finished runners up in the Tyne and Wear Finals.

We have also had success in rowing, dance and futsal across multiple year groups. Our 9 and 10 sports leaders have also successfully organised and delivered a Year 2 athletics festival at Temple Park.



Key Dates:

3rd July 2018- Year 7 Retreat

4th July 2018- Year 9 Retreat

5th July 2018- Summer Showcase



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School Council

The School Council has been involved in the authority wide Body Image project. Four representatives joined the Youth Parliament at the Town Hall to take part in workshops and plan the strategies to roll out in schools. The Council have presented two assemblies highlighting Body Image. The first was based around true / false questions that were intended to raise awareness of the problems. The second was on the effect of the media on young peoples' perception of Body Image. A questionnaire was filled in by Years 7-10 to collect information to inform the Youth Parliament's future strategies on the subject. The Council held The Make Your Mark ballot at the beginning of the year following an assembly outlining the possible topics to vote for. The whole school took part in the Ballot.

Catering Update

Our amazing catering team have been shortlisted for a national Cost Sector Catering Awards 'Team of the Year' along with our Executive Chef, Rob Bullock for 'Chef of the Year'. The winners will be announced on the 5th April 2018 during an awards ceremony event. We wish them the best of luck!

To celebrate Chinese New Year our catering team delivered themed food to our students and staff which was well received by all who participated. Following this success the catering team also made us some fabulous theme dishes for World Book Day which included 'frobscottle jelly', 'James and the giant peach sundae' and 'life of cottage pie'.



Key Dates:

6th July - Inset Day

10th July - New Year 7 Parent's Evening

23rd July - Start of Summer Holidays



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Sixth Form Achievements

It's been a busy and rewarding academic year for our sixth formers at St. Wilfrid's RC College. To date, 52 of our Year 13 students have applied to the Universities, Careers and Admissions Service (UCAS) and have received a flurry of offers from prestigious institutions across the country.

As always our sixth formers have been working hard to give something back to their local communities; this year, a record 15 students completed their Pope John Paul II Award as mentioned earlier in this newsletter. In addition, sixth formers have been running computer workshops to help the elderly with ICT and other mentoring programmes.



Academically, this year has provided a raft of opportunities for students both in and out of college including: visiting Cambridge University; developing our partnerships with Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Durham Universities; the Year 12 retreat and a variety of inspirational subject enrichment experiences. As our Year 12s and 13s prepare for their final term, this seems like an appropriate time to express our pride in the achievements that the students continue to make to the school and community and we are all looking forward to celebrating their successes in the Year 13 Leavers' Ball.



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to inspire and develop all
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Sixth Form

Taking applications for September 2018

For details contact 6thformevents@st-wilfrids.org



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