

Date: 29 March 2019  
Our ref: BTG/DMN

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we come to the end of another term, I would like once again, to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our high standards are maintained.

After the Easter break, we enter a key time for all our pupils but particularly those in years 11, 12 and 13 as the formal examination season begins. Next term, Y11 students will be expected to attend all timetabled lessons as normal, until the examination in each individual subject area is taken. This is to ensure that our students are fully focused and prepared for the challenges of public examinations. You will be notified of any changes to this arrangement should they occur.

We were very proud to announce that Stephanie Taylor has been awarded with the Lord Glenamara Prize, a national award which recognises excellence in academia, charity work, and involvement in education and politics. Stephanie and her mum went to meet the Secretary of State for education the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP at the House of Commons last month, where she received her award. In addition, Miss Fairlamb, collected her certificate of achievement at the prize giving ceremony at University College London. Stephanie will also spend two days at the DfE as part of her work experience later in the summer. We would like to this this further opportunity to congratulate Stephanie on her amazing achievement.

### **Student Council**

Student Council have been very active this term! Four members of the council attended the STYPP Mental Health Campaign launch event, and they are now working on a campaign to improve the understanding of mental health in our school. As part of International Women's Day 2019, four students took part in a 'flash mob choir' and pom-pom skeining at Grey's Monument to highlight the issues of period poverty. Student Council are also preparing themselves for the launch of a new initiative. The council took the proposal for a hygiene bank to be set up in school to SLT. After answering tough questions from SLT, the proposal was approved and the council look forward to launching 'Canny Clean' hygiene bank after the Easter holidays. Further information about how students and parents can take part by donating, will be distributed soon.

### **Family learning**

At St. Wilfrid's RC College we believe it's important to work in partnership with parents and carers. We have organised a series of family learning sessions at school where a member of staff or an expert in their field talks about a subject to give parents and carers more information on how they can support their children's education. Family learning sessions aim to ensure that parents are kept abreast of current educational trends, teaching methods and the ways in which children can be best helped to reach their potential.

If you wish to attend, in order that we can cater accordingly, please reserve your place at a FREE session by emailing: AHarrison@st-wilfrids.org

<b>13 May</b>	A Child's Stages of Development (led by Nadia McSheffrey, founder of The Tranquil Treehouse <a href="http://www.thetranquiltreehouse.com">www.thetranquiltreehouse.com</a> )
<b>1 July</b>	<i>Open session (to respond to areas of need)</i>

### **Catering Team**

To celebrate Chinese New Year our catering team and the Mandarin students delivered themed food for our students and staff which was well received by all who participated.

Through a Government led initiative we will be offering from the 25 March 2019 a free breakfast to all students between 8am and 8.40am, Monday to Friday. Students will be able to choose from a selection of cereals or a hot toasted bagel.

Joshua Kane our apprentice chef has been shortlisted for the "South Tyneside Apprentice of the Year Award", in recognition for all the hard work and progress he has made so far. Joshua will attend the awards ceremony on 26 April 2019 at Temple Park. Good luck Joshua!

Please note that the school term ends on Friday 5 April 2019 and that pupils will be dismissed to make their own way home from 12.10pm onwards. The new term begins for all pupils on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

On behalf of the staff of St. Wilfrid's RC College, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a relaxing and peaceful Easter.

Yours faithfully



**Mr T B Tapping**  
**Executive Head Teacher**