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Dear Parent/ Guardian

We come once again, to the end of a very busy and successful year at St. Wilfrid's RC College.

The public examination season has now come to an end for both GCSE and GCE. We wish all our pupils every success with their results this summer and hope that all their hard work and efforts are rewarded.

World Class Schools Self-Audit

A team of six students have been carrying out a self-audit in school this term. With help from their support team of additional students, the six have been busy collecting evidence for the criteria set by the World Class School organisation. As part of this audit, the teams have carried out filming so that they can produce a video of a 'day in the life of a St Wilfrid's student'. The audit is due by October 1st and if successful, they will move onto the final stage of the assessment in later October-November. We wish the students the best of luck and thank them for their efforts.

Student Council

South Tyneside Young People's Parliament Work (STYPP): four of our Student Council members have been taking part in the event and leading on the STYPP campaign in school: Shreya Bhardwaj, Toby Kinghorn, Ben Whitehead and James King. Elaine Thompson has attended the events too and she has worked closely with the students to develop their campaign and lead a successful week-long event in school, linking to 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. The students proposed their campaign to SLT and, following approval, they attended staff training to talk staff through the activities. The whole of Student Council were helped to make the ribbons and scrolls!

During the national Mental Health week in May, the four students delivered assemblies on body image and mental health to Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four. They also raised money for a local mental health charity through a bake sale, selling green ribbons with positive message scrolls and a held a raffle for tickets to the O2 Academy. Additionally, they placed positive messages around the school and organised form time activities, linking to a theme on each day. PSHE was also organised by the students, with a range of activities given to staff to deliver.

Canny Clean

Canny Clean has now officially launched in school and it has had a very positive impact. Many students and staff have generously donated to the bank, which are well-stocked with a variety of items. Feedback about the hygiene bank has been very positive and we hope that it provides a useful resource.



Meeting Emma Lewell-Buck, MP

Four members of Student Council will be meeting our local MP to share the social action work that they have been involved in, including:

- Canny Clean
- Mental Health campaign work with STYPP
- Girl Kind (some of the Student Council have been involved in this great work)

Better Health

This academic year St Wilfrid's achieved the Better Health at Work Silver Award. In addition, Emma Harrison was named South Tyneside Health Advocate of the Year. We are proud to take part in this award promoting healthy lifestyles and workplaces for our staff and students.

PE Department Achievements

This has been another extremely successful year for school sport at St Wilfrid's RC College. As a result of this outstanding year we are current South Tyneside Champions across a range of age groups in football, table tennis, athletics, badminton, basketball, rowing, cricket, handball and tennis. As well as success in South Tyneside, our Under 13 boys cricket team are also Tyne and Wear champions, with our Under 15 girls cricket team following up their immensely successful year last year by finishing runners up in the County indoor finals. Due to the success of both teams, they have qualified to represent Durham at the North of England Finals and we wish them the best of luck. The Year 11 boys football team also narrowly missed out on defending their County Cup title, losing 3-1 on penalties in the final at Durham University Sport Campus. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Catering Service

In September 2018 we opened the new Columba Café in the Sixth Form building. This has been an exciting addition to the catering services within the school. A vibrant and inviting space, with the facilities to offer a Coffee shop style service.

As we continue to promote a healthy balanced diet, we have teamed up with the Magic Breakfast Organisation allowing us to offer free bagels and cereal to all students before their school day starts, ensuring that students start the day fuelled and ready to learn.

A huge congratulation goes to our apprentice chef Joshua Kane, who was short listed for Apprentice of the Year in the South Tyneside Stars Awards. This is a reflection of the hard work and commitment he has shown in producing the high standard of food we deliver at St Wilfrid's.

St Wilfrid's will continue to develop further next year as we continue to build on our current successes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support in our pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life.

Please note that the current term ends on Friday 19 July and pupils will be dismissed to make their own way home from approximately 12.10pm.

The new academic year begins on Tuesday 3 September. Yr7 pupils are to arrive at 8.45am. Please note that pupils in Years 8-11 should not arrive until 11.10am. Term begins for Yr12 students at 8.45am on Wednesday 4th September with Year 13 returning 5th July at 8.45am.

I would like to wish all pupils, parents and carers a relaxing break, and I look forward to your continued support next year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Tapping', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B Tapping
Executive Headteacher