



*Proud to be part of*

**St. Wilfrid's RC College**

*'Excellence through faith, learning and support'*

**Prospectus**



**Bishop Chadwick**  
Catholic Education Trust

# Your child's first year at St. Wilfrid's

Parents are encouraged to come to school at any time to discuss any concerns, having telephoned to make an appointment with their Head of House first, however the following times are organised to offer continued support for both students and parents:

## A welcome Mass

for Year 7 students and their parents is held one evening towards the end of September. Families are very welcome to attend.

## Parents Evening

takes place once a year. Parents will have an opportunity to see all subject teachers.

## Office Hours

8.00am – 4.00pm  
Telephone: (0191) 456 9121

## School Day 8.45am – 3.10pm

Registration: 8.45am – 9.00am

Period 1: 9.00am – 9.55am

Period 2: 9.55am – 10.55am

Break: 10.55am – 11.10am

Period 3: 11.10am – 12.10pm

Period 4: 12.10pm – 1.10pm (Lunch - Years 7, 8)

Period 5: 1.10pm – 2.10pm (Lunch - Years 9, 10, 11)

Period 6: 2.10pm – 3.10pm

College ends: 3.10pm



*We are Outstanding*

# Welcome

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St. Wilfrid's is a Roman Catholic College. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, where each and every student is an equally valued member of our community. The culture of our college is based distinctively on Gospel values, which are reflected in everything we do.

We encourage students to demonstrate high levels of commitment and co-operation while all members of staff endeavour to provide maximum opportunities for learning and progression within a secure and safe environment.

Our educational philosophy is based strongly on partnership where home, college, parish and the wider community work closely together to provide maximum support to the educational process.

To find out more about St. Wilfrid's please visit our website at [www.st-wilfrids.org](http://www.st-wilfrids.org) or follow us on Facebook (St Wilfrids RC College) and Twitter (@stwilfridsrccol).



**Mrs F. Craik**  
Acting Executive Headteacher



**Mr A. Cormack**  
Chair of Governors

# Why Choose St. Wilfrid's

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Choosing which secondary school your child goes to is a big decision. A milestone for both your child and for you as parents. We believe that St. Wilfrid's is the right place to make the educational experience for your child and you as rewarding as possible.

- Our college is a Christian community where respect and co-operation are reflected in everything we do.
- We are an Outstanding School, awarded Outstanding across all five areas of inspection: Effectiveness of leadership and management; Quality of teaching, learning and assessment; Personal development, behaviour and welfare; Outcomes for pupils; Our 16 to 19 study programmes.
- At our last Ofsted inspection in October 2018, inspectors found that:
  - Leaders and governors are unstinting in their determination that all pupils will achieve their potential. No stone is left unturned.
  - The quality of teaching and learning across the vast majority of subjects is high.
  - The strength of relationships between staff and pupils is a significant reason why the standard of learning across the school is so high.



The St. Wilfrid's Motto

*Excellentia per fidem,  
per scientiam,  
per adiuvatum.*

*Excellence through faith, learning and support.*



### Our Mission Statement

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 full God given potential.



# Our School

St. Wilfrid's RC College has undertaken some exceptional improvements to provide our students with the best learning facilities and environment possible in order for each child to reach their full potential.

In September 2017 we opened our impressive, brand new £3.5 million mathematics, science and technology block. This exciting development for the school provides a number of modern teaching rooms along with state of the art science laboratories and fully equipped technology workshops.

## Our facilities include:

- Sports Hall
- Gymnasium
- Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)
- Nichols Hall (with stage area & lighting)
- Purpose built dining hall and catering facility
- Five ICT suites with networked computers
- Science laboratories
- Design and technology rooms
- Music rooms, recording studio and practise rooms

## Sixth form provision

A fully renovated and refurbished, dedicated sixth form centre opened in September 2018. The centre provides bespoke facilities for our Key Stage 5 students including modern teaching rooms, spaces for private study, group study and social space as well as a brand new bistro style café and conference room.



## Admissions

The full Admissions Policy is available under the Policies page on the school's website, but you may find the information below helpful. To apply for a place at a secondary school in South Tyneside, please see guidance from the local authority on their website.

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. First priority in each category will be given to children who will have an older sibling attending the school.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children
2. Catholic children who attend a feeder primary school
3. Other Catholic children
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church
5. Children who attend a feeder primary school
6. Children of a member of school staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which application for admission to the school is made
7. Children of other Christian denominations
8. Children of other faiths
9. Any other children

# Expectations

At St. Wilfrid's we aim to create a safe, orderly, happy environment in which all students can learn to the best of their ability.

**In order to do this, it is expected that each student will:**

- Observe the college code of practice regarding uniform.
- Ensure that they have the correct items and equipment for each lesson and take good care of any items of equipment provided for them.
- Be caring and respectful to all others at all times.
- Concentrate on their work and follow the teacher's instructions.
- Record homework tasks in their diaries and complete them diligently.
- Show respect and consideration to all people they meet outside of college and on the journey to and from college.

**To ensure the smooth running of the college, students must:**

- Keep to the left on staircases and corridors and walk quietly. They must line up quietly and wait for the teacher to lead them into the classroom.
- Have an appointment outside of college day for visits to Doctor/Dentist/Clinic. If not possible they must bring in the appointment card and show it to their Registration Tutor and follow the correct signing out procedures.
- Ensure parent/carer rings in before 8.45am on the first day of any absence.
- Sign the late list if arriving after 8.45am registration and then report to their Registration Tutor.
- Provide a note if they need to be excused (on medical grounds only) from PE.
- Remain in college at lunchtime.
- Not use mobile phones and personal devices during lessons or formal school time. They should be switched off at all times and placed in the student's locker, otherwise they may be confiscated for a parent/carer to collect later.



# Curriculum

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## Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 students consist of Year 7, 8 and 9 students who study a range of core subjects across the curriculum.

We offer all of the statutory subjects of the national curriculum at KS3. All pupils will start Spanish in Year 7 and more able pupils will commence a second foreign language in Year 8. Selected groups of Year 7 pupils will also study Mandarin Chinese weekly. In order to consolidate maximum progress in English and mathematics, all year groups have four hours of each subject on a weekly basis. There is also additional time provided to science in Years 7 and 8.

## Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 students consist of Year 10 and 11 students who study a range of core subjects as well as chosen GCSE and vocational option subjects across the curriculum.

All students follow a core curriculum and a number of optional subjects. The core curriculum involves English, mathematics, science, PE, RE and PHSE. Pupils additionally follow one of two routes which contain 'Optional' subjects. In 'Route 1' students will study a range of traditional academic GCSE subjects which must include MFL and a humanities subject. In 'Route 2' the students will study a mix of traditional GCSE subjects including humanities alongside a choice of several high quality vocational courses.

## Key Stage 5

Students are able to choose from a number of high quality A level subjects and relevant vocational subjects. Year 11 students are interviewed individually by a member of the Senior Leadership Team during the Spring Term in order to discuss their options at Post 16, including continuing at St Wilfrid's, apprenticeships or attending other FE institutions.

## Inclusion

Provision and support exists throughout the school for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). SEND provision is an integral part of our overall school provision. Teachers use the SEND data we collect from primary schools and our own information and assessments to plan lessons and differentiate provision for students with SEND.

The provision may be in the form of extra classes, specifically designed extension opportunities, specific support or self-supported study, literacy enhancement programmes, one to one tuition or mentoring. We aim to be swift at identifying under-achievement and addressing it at individual or group level.

We offer in-class support with a team of highly dedicated Learning Support Assistants.

We value the achievement of students with Special Educational Needs and encourage all students to reach their potential.





# Catholic Ethos

All children are taught the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church and are obliged to say prayers and attend worship to conform with Catholic doctrine.

As the teaching of the Church can be referred to in most subjects it would prove impossible to withdraw a child from certain lessons without having a detrimental effect on that student's education.

Some outward signs of our ethos include morning and end of day prayers. House assemblies take place on a weekly basis. Students in year 7, 9 and 12 are encouraged, by attending retreats at the Emmaus Youth Village, to explore their own spirituality and beliefs. We have a welcome Mass for Year 7 and a whole school Mass on the feast day of St Wilfrid. An annual Carol Service also takes place during the season of Advent and a Holy Week Service during Easter. We have voluntary Masses in school one lunchtime a week. A spirituality module for both KS3 and KS4 students is an important part of the PHSE programme. We also have a welcoming Chapel, a faith space available for personal prayer, quiet time and reflection.

Our students and staff throughout their time at St Wilfrid's, are encouraged to live knowing their own immense value and the value of others as unique members of the Body of Christ, and so regularly support local and national charities throughout the year as an expression of our Catholic ethos.

The school was inspected in March 2017 by the Diocese. We were judged to be "outstanding" regarding our overall effectiveness regarding Catholic life, Collective Worship and Religious Education.



# Pastoral Structure

Pastoral care is something we pride ourselves on at St. Wilfrid's. Ofsted judged our pastoral care as Outstanding and made the following comments in their report:

*“Pupils are highly courteous and polite towards staff and visitors. Behaviour is excellent.”*

*“The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development and welfare is outstanding.”*

### The House Structure

The college is divided into five Houses with a teacher in charge of each House. These teachers are responsible for the children in their House with regard to general behaviour and appearance in college.

### Keeping in Touch

There is a formal Year 7 parents’ evening once a year. Parents/carers will also receive a report which provides an update on your child’s progress throughout the year. We welcome all contact and information from parents/carers at any time of the year.

We have very clear guidelines on expected behaviour, punctuality, attendance and work ethic. Pupils are rewarded with credits which create House points. At the end of each year, the House points are totalled and the winning House receives the House trophy. Pupils who fail to meet our high standards of behaviour/work/attitude will be issued a debit.

### What the Pupils Say

<i>“One thing I like about St Wilfrid’s is that we work as a team.”</i> Chloe	<i>“The staff are always there to listen to you”</i> Kristin	<i>“Everybody is friendly and help you when you are struggling in lessons.”</i> Jaydon	<i>“When you need to talk about something the teachers are always there”</i> Grace
<i>“My favourite thing about St Wilfrid’s is the growth mindset policy as it helps students to progress their learning further.”</i> Rowan	<i>“I like how the teachers adapt their methods to the class so that it is more beneficial to students.”</i> Hugh	<i>“I like the food and how many teachers are nice and helpful”</i> Hanna	<i>“The food is delicious”</i> Alex <i>“It’s friendly and inviting!”</i> Bethany



# Meals

St. Wilfrid's prides itself in our outstanding school meals service and is delighted to offer our students an award winning dining experience, having invested in a new innovative catering and dining area. As well as winning a regional award for our facilities, our catering service have also recently won a national catering award for team of the year.

A selection of savoury and sweet dishes are available for purchase each day within Saint's Cafe, including a deli bar and healthy hot and cold choices. Students may also bring in a packed lunch.

St. Wilfrid's operates a cashless cafeteria system using a biometric (finger scanning) process. Parents/carers are able to pay for school meals by using the online ParentPay service, meaning there's no need for your child to bring money into school to top up their account. It also enables you to view meal choices online and your balance will be updated daily based on the meals your child selects. Students entitled to free meals are allowed to purchase food to the value of £2.20 daily.

We are proud to be a National School Breakfast Programme School offering free breakfast in school from 8.00am - 8.40am every day.



Building  
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# College Activities

Over lunch break there are choir and various music practices, ICT, homework, active sport and art clubs. Extra work or projects can be undertaken during this time in most subject areas.



We run numerous sporting activities and additional coaching is offered by community based clubs and other suitably qualified teaching staff. The college enters teams in the South Tyneside Leagues and all students attending the practices have the opportunity to represent the college in their year group. The teams are also entered into the South Tyneside Schools Tournaments which take place throughout the academic year.



We have a successful sporting culture at St Wilfrid's, often South Tyneside Champions across a range of age groups in a number of sporting activities. We have also represented the region and achieved countywide success across various sports.

A variety of clubs operate, including drama, art, music and sport. Individual sports coaching takes place each week depending on the season.



Our students have the opportunity to become involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, the Pope John Paul II Award scheme and the local Mayor's Award scheme.



# Uniform

## Years 7-9

- Black blazer with college badge and braid
- Approved **knee length** grey pleated skirt with embroidered school logo/grey **full length** regulation school trousers (tight fitting or jean/skinny style prohibited)
- Regulation white shirt buttoned to neck
- Grey college sweatshirt with badge
- Clip-on tie (Green with gold diagonal stripes)
- Plain black tights or white/black socks ankle or knee length
- **Plain** black formal shoes without logos (not trainers or plimsolls)
- Sensible outdoor coat (plain, dark colours)
- No hats in college
- Extreme haircuts are not acceptable
- Makeup and jewellery must not be worn

## Years 10 & 11

- Black blazer with college badge and braid
- Approved **knee length** grey pleated skirt with embroidered school logo/grey **full length** regulation school trousers (tight fitting or jean style prohibited)
- Regulation white shirt buttoned to neck
- Black college jumper with college logo
- Clip-on tie with college badge
- Plain black tights or white/black socks ankle or knee length
- **Plain** black formal shoes without logos (not trainers or plimsolls)
- Sensible outdoor coat (plain, dark colours)
- No hats in college
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A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. The college has a rigid policy concerning uniform and it must be worn correctly at all times.

## PE Kit

- White polo shirt with college badge
- Black shorts
- Black sweatshirt with college badge and initials in House colour
- Black track pants with college badge and initials in House colour
- Black football socks
- Training shoes
- Boys will need football boots

## Equipment

All students must provide their own black pens, pencils, rubbers, basic earphones for music lessons and rulers and they must have them at all times. Calculators are sold in college.

It is essential that every student is provided with an appropriate bag for carrying exercise and text books to and from college. This ensures that books and equipment are kept in good condition.

All students must have an apron for Technology lessons to protect their clothing.

Uniform and PE kit can be bought from Initial Images, South Shields – our only authorised supplier.

# Providing an excellent learning environment for all

Each school in Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust is committed to developing Catholic education in the areas they serve with the message of 'Christ at the Centre' held at the core of each school's curriculum.

The strength of the Trust is within the many parts of its community. For the Trust to promote and inspire the highest quality education, our partner schools are committed to developing their own unique curriculum derived from shared principles.

Gospel values are integrated into every aspect of learning, teaching and social life. We work with parents to ensure the young people in our care have strong morals and values that inform positive choices and actions.

All pupils are provided with the opportunity to flourish as a whole and complete person. Curriculums are designed to promote achievement, confidence and good behaviour. Pupils are motivated to excel and have a thirst for learning.



Schools across the Trust work extensively with local and national employers to provide real life experiences to better prepare pupils for future employment or to continue into further education.

While the Catholic faith is central to the vision within our schools this also means we reach out to our different communities to embrace diversity, creating a warm, inclusive learning environment for all.



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