

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

The theme for assemblies and daily collective worship next week is the **Stations of the Cross** and **Reconciliation**.

Learning:

Y11 Revision

All Year 11 students have a revision planner to help them to prepare for the final examinations. All homework set by subject teachers is part of the revision plan. Thank you for your support with this.

Our final cycle of STEP will begin on Wednesday 30 March. Texts will be sent to the parents and carers of all students involved in STEP sessions.

Y10 and Y12 exams

Year 10 and Year 12 students will be focusing on revision techniques and strategies over the next few weeks, to help them to prepare for their exams which will take place following the Easter break.

Reading at St Wilfrid's

Last week we announced the opening of our new school library and reading app, SORA. To ensure that all children grow to be confident, competent readers, it is an expectation that students read for a minimum of one hour per week. This can be a text from home or it may be a text that your child has borrowed from our school library. As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development and our partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill. For more information, please visit our school website: https://www.st-wilfrids.org/our-school/letters-for-parents/

Support:

Year 11 and Y13 Group Photos

These will be taken early on Tuesday 29 March. Please ensure students are not late to school as the photographers will be setting up ready to take the photographs during registration for

Year 13, with Year 13 following.

Year 11 Leavers' Hooded Sweatshirts

Leavers' hoodies can now be ordered directly from the supplier's website: <u>http://impackapparel.com/product/st-wilfrids-leavers-hood/</u> Impack Apparel can be contacted on 0191 489 6521 if required although the website is very straight forward. Students can choose from a range of sizes and colours - prices are on the website. By ordering a hoody, students are giving their data consent for their name to be printed on the reverse. The deadline for ordering is April 25 2022 - this is not negotiable and any orders after the deadline will not be able to be processed. Please note that there is a different link for Careers College North East hoodies: <u>https://impackapparel.com/product-category/leavers-hoods/career-college/</u>

Kooth <u>www.kooth.com</u>

Kooth offers free, safe and anonymous mental health support. Their team of friendly professionals are there to support children and young people. If your child would rather not talk to anyone about their mental health, it's also got a huge library of helpful content, plus self-help tools and fun activities. If you're worried about your child's mental health please contact their Head of House.

Key dates / upcoming events:

Next week is week 2 of our timetable

- **29 March** Year 11 and Year 13 Group Photograph
- 29 March Year 9 Parents' Evening school closes 2.10pm
- 4-5 April Year 12 HE+ Cambridge residential
- 6 April Young Carers Drop-in Sessions lunchtime
- 8 April Term ends at 12.10pm
- 25 April Summer term begins

Sixth Form Notices:

Our Sixth Form students spent some time this week handing out blue and yellow ribbons for our students and staff to wear to support the people of Ukraine. Donations were collected for the Disasters Emergency Committee. The total raised so far is an amazing **1050.00!** This is a fantastic sum of money - thank you to all involved and to all who have donated.

Some of our year 12 students participated in an introduction to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) on Wednesday afternoon. Year 12 students still have time to express their interest in taking an EPQ. For more information on the EPQ please see the exam board guidance: <u>AQA | Project qualifications | Level</u> <u>3 Extended Project Qualification | Introduction</u>

Year 13 students should wear their Columba uniform for the year group photo on the 29th March.