

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Lent: Wait a Minute

Throughout Lent, our students and staff are watching short, daily reflections gathered by YMT (the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team) from across parishes, schools and faith communities around the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. If you would like the reflections to be part of your own Lenten journey, they can be accessed on Youtube [here](#).

Year 8 Retreat

Students attending the Year 8 Retreat received information letters earlier this week. All details have now been confirmed with the Youth Village and we are unable to make any changes to rooms. All medication must be given to Mrs Boylan in the chapel on Wednesday morning and it will be stored securely. Please label clearly and include instructions/times.

Learning:

Year 11 and 13 Focus

This week, Year 11 and 13 have been focusing on how to use their feedback from their prelims effectively.

International Women's Day 8th March

Thirteen students took part in a 'flash-fiction' writing event exploring the lives of three inspirational women who were born in Sunderland and South Tyneside. Please visit our socials to find out more!

World Class Schools 17th March

On 17th March, six students will be taking part in a World Class School assessment day in Rugby. They will work with two other schools to develop a project in a day. Please wish them luck!

Support:

School Uniform

In line with DFE guidance on school uniform we are currently reviewing our school uniform

policy at St Wilfrid's. Further information will come out to all parents prior to the Easter holidays. We would advise you not to buy any new uniform prior to this.

Mental Health

Our Mental Health Policy has been updated and can be accessed via the [policies page of our website](#).

Lenten Alms / Supporting the Ukraine appeal

In the past week, more than 2 million people have fled Ukraine to escape violence from invading Russian forces. Thousands more families are preparing to leave their homes and loved ones behind.

We're supporting CAFOD and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal this half term. Each tutor group is trying to raise £15 - students can bring money into school. If parents would like to donate more to this worthy cause, we have made this possible on our Parent Pay website.

Please keep everyone affected by the conflict in your prayers.

Prevent

Next week we will be reminding our students of the prevent duty in schools, using trusted resources taken from the Government's [Educate Against Hate website](#). This includes advice for schools to safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and promote shared values.

Worry@st-wilfrids.org

If a student doesn't feel confident reporting a concern face-to-face they may email Worry@st-wilfrids.org and we'll arrange to discreetly meet them to help. Please remind your child of this option. If parents/carers have any worries too, try us - we can liaise with other professionals to get the appropriate support too. A problem shared is a problem halved.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- 16 - 18 March Year 8 Retreat
- 18 March National Child Exploitation Awareness Day
- 21 March International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 23 March Year 9 Options Evening for Parents (in school)
- 29 March Year 9 Parents Evening (virtual)

Sixth Form Notices:

This week students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops and other activities as part of National Careers Week. In PSHE Year 12 students have participated in a careers carousel with FutureMe.

Year 12 Work Experience: week commencing 6th June 2022

By Friday 29th April 2022 all students are expected to return completed personal placement forms from employers offering work experience. For more information please contact the Lead for Sixth Form.

Year 12 HE+ Students will visit Cambridge University as part of a two day residential on the 4th and 5th April.