

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 1 April 2022



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

As we enter the last week of term our focus is the transition from Lent into **Easter**. May the risen Christ bring plentiful joy to our entire school community.

Learning:

Member of Youth Parliament and Deputy Member of Youth Parliament

Two of our students were elected to MYP and Deputy MYP. Read all about it in the Shields Gazette: <https://www.shieldsgazette.com/education/south-shields-secondary-school-students-elected-for-south-tyneside-youth-parliament-3632304>

Year 10/12 Exams

After Easter, Year 10 and 12 will have internal exams. To find out more about how you can help your child to prepare, please visit:

- Family Learning: [Family Learning - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)
- KS4 Curriculum: [Key Stage 4 - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 0845 every morning, pupils should be on site from 0840 ready to attend tutor time promptly. This ensures students get a focused start to the day.

Support:

Domestic Abuse Awareness Week

This week we received a certificate from the South Tyneside Young People's Parliament in acknowledgement of our participation in this awareness week. During the week we:

- Held a bake sale with all proceeds going to South Tyneside Women's Aid.
- Sold white ribbons and wore them on the day.
- Donated items to the refuge.
- Held assemblies focused on respect for all, with a focus on domestic abuse.
- Donated teddies and dresses to the South Tyneside art installation.

If anyone has been affected by domestic abuse and would like our support, please contact us and ask for a safeguarding lead.

Reusable Water Bottles

We would love it if our wonderful students could bring reusable water bottles to school. We

currently have lots of students borrowing white plastic cups to get a drink of water at break and lunch. A reusable water bottle takes less oil to produce, replaces all the plastics that you would have used and thereby reduces both your carbon footprint and helps reduce the plastic burden on landfills, oceans, streams and other places that plastic waste ends up. It would also help us to reduce unsightly litter at school and ensure our learning environment is clean - good for the heart and soul!

Supporting your child if they see something upsetting online about what is happening in Ukraine

With world events surrounding the Ukraine and Russian conflict, young people on social media may be seeing a range of posts; some factual, some memes, some scaremongering, and may be worried or confused about what is happening and the impact that this may have on them. The UK Safer Internet Centre has advice for how you can support your child if they see something upsetting. [Find out more in this article.](#)

School Uniform updates for Academic Year 2022-2023

Please ensure you read our uniform updates for next academic year prior to purchasing any school uniform. The information can be found [here](#).

School Turning Circle

Polite reminder that the turning circle at the bottom of the main entrance is a bus only area. Parents should not be using this area as a drop off pick up area.

Updated COVID isolation guidance

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Key dates / upcoming events:

Next week is **week 1** of our timetable

- **4-5 April** Year 12 HE+ Cambridge residential
- **6 April** Young Carers Drop-in Sessions - lunchtime
- **8 April** Term ends.
- **25 April** Summer term begins

School Closing Time

School Closes for the Easter Break at 1210 on Friday 8th April.

Sixth Form Notices:

Our year 12 students participated in mock interviews with external employers as part of the successful futures programme this week and have continued to develop their knowledge of higher level apprenticeships through a PSHE FutureMe webinar.

Some of our year 12 students will be attending a Cambridge University residential on Monday and Tuesday next week as part of the Higher Education + programme.

Work experience

Could all work experience forms be completed and returned to school by 29th April.