

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 24 June 2022



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Next week our focus for collective worship will be **The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**. Their feast day is Wednesday June 29, in honour of their martyrdom in Rome.

VirTuesday

This week we explored **Justice** - treating God's creations - people and planet - with respect and dignity.

Learning:

Well done to Year 11 and 13

As the external examination window for GCSE and A Level closes this week, we would like to say well done to our fantastic students for their hard work and efforts during what has been a very long examination window! We hope that they enjoy taking time to rest and look forward to seeing them in the summer when they receive their results

Student Council

Next week, we have three members of our Student Council attending the South Tyneside Young People's Parliament to take part in their launch event for 'Health and Wellbeing'. Also in attendance will be Luke Hall (Yr11) the local MYP and Josh Brown (Yr8) the local Deputy MYP.

La Petit Crêperie

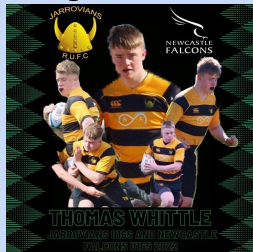
On Friday we welcomed Julien from La Petite Crêperie into school. Julien is a French person who runs his crêpe-making business in the North-East, visiting schools across the region to share his love of languages and love of crêpes! Our French students in Years 8 and 10 listened to Julien talk about how languages have helped him in his various careers, then they learned how to order authentic crêpes in their best French accents. The students loved the delicious crêpes. C'était fantastique!

School Day

From September 2022 we would like to propose a small change to the school day, with school beginning at 8:40am rather than the current 8:45am. This change would ensure that students are receiving 32.5 hours of school contact time, as

recommended in the recent white paper, and will allow us to accommodate a daily reading period of 30 minutes to support students in developing their reading skills. If any parents would like to raise any concerns in relation to this, please email schoolday@st-wilfrids.org

Congratulations



Thomas Whittle, in Year 10 Bede, is a keen rugby player and for the past year he has been playing for the Player Development Programme for County Durham, alongside his club rugby for Jarroviand Jags and an international tournament in Florida .

At the last festival run by Newcastle Falcons and the RFU, the 3 counties, Durham, Cumbria and Northumberland, came together; there were over 240 boys in the under 15 age group and this had to be whittled down to 30 for a place in Newcastle Falcons academy and Thomas was chosen. Well done, Thomas!

Support:

Healthy Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that we have met the requirements to be re-accredited with the **Healthy Schools Award** from Public Health for South Tyneside. The Healthy Schools Programme acknowledges that our high quality practice based around four key themes (emotional health and wellbeing, PSHE education, healthy eating and physical activity) is embedded securely and consistently into our curriculum. Fulfilling the criteria, we hold Healthy Schools status for the next three years. We will be presented with our award by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tracey Dixon and other members of her cabinet in July.



Well-being Wednesday

Our focus this week was 'dealing with social pressures'. This short video offers some techniques to resist doing something that you don't want to and how to cope with pressure from peers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai0KXitR6lw>

It has been a pleasure to see lots of photographs of the sunflowers our students have been growing. If your children have planted seeds that have sprouted, please do send us pictures so we can display their efforts on our morning assembly 'Prep' slides.

Water Bottles

We recommend that pupils bring a refillable water bottle to school with them each day to stay hydrated.

Uniform

Reminder of our uniform changes for September: pupils will be receiving their new school badges with House colours incorporated over the coming weeks.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Uniform-Letter-March-2022.pdf>

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Tuesday 28 June: Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening** - early finish at 2.10pm for pupils.
- **Thursday 30 June 6-7pm: Preparing for Year 11 Guidance Evening** - We would like to invite all Year 10 students and parents to join us for a Year 11 Guidance Evening, we will outline the support we have in place for our students as they prepare for Year 11 and their external examinations.
[Microsoft Word - Year 10 Guidance Evening \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)
- **Friday 1 July: INSET Day** - students not in school.
- **Monday 18 July: Year 10 Work Experience** - The deadline for students to submit work experience pupil placement forms is Friday 17th June. Any questions regarding work experience please contact Mr Given: pgiven@st-wilfrids.org

Sixth Form Notices:

Year 12 Summer Fair 2022: Wednesday 29 June

All of our Year 12 students will have the opportunity to attend a UCAS and Apprenticeships conference at St James Park Newcastle on Wednesday 29th June. This half term the students will start to research, visit and apply to university and/or higher apprenticeships, the conference will be a great opportunity to start this process.

For more information on the event please click the link below:

[UK University Search Fair Newcastle Summer 2022 | UK University Search](#)

Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day: Wednesday 6 July 2022

Our Year 10 students will experience what it is like to study at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form and explore the exciting subjects we offer at Key Stage 5. More information on available subjects and the day itself will be shared in the coming weeks.