

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 15 July 2022



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Next week our focus for collective worship will be **Thanksgiving and Celebration**.

VirTuesday

Our latest focus is **Charity** and showing our commitment to help one another.

Footsteps into Paradise

We would like to thank all of our students and staff that were involved in making the Footsteps into Paradise performances such a spectacular success – we hope everyone who attended enjoyed them as much as we did. What a fantastic opportunity for all involved. To see images please visit our social media pages.

Footsteps was an immersive musical and art experience brought to you by pupils from across Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. Over three hundred pupils from 28 schools took part in the project

Learning:

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Team who, last week, came second place in the BCCET Spelling Bee competition. Our students were a real credit to the school and we are so proud of their achievement.

Politics

On Monday, some of our student council representatives had the opportunity to meet the leader of the Labour party, Sir Keir Starmer, on his way to Sage Gateshead to discuss political plans for the future. Our students had the opportunity to meet with other political leaders, including Jarrow MP Kate Osborne MP. A great morning for our young leaders!



Support:

Water Bottles

From September we will no longer be supplying plastic / paper cups to be used with the water fountains to reduce waste. You are welcome to purchase any kind of water bottle for your children to bring to school. We will be selling water bottles in school via Parent Pay in September. They have the school logo on, are dishwasher proof and have space to write names on. They will cost just 50p.

Well-being Wednesday

Our focus this week is friendships and dealing with conflict. Our relationships with other people can affect our self-esteem, both in a positive and a negative way. Friendships don't always go smoothly. We looked at ways to support students during these times. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfyChUyLZI8>

Healthy Schools Award

On Wednesday we attended an awards ceremony to collect our Healthy Schools Award from Councillors Joan Atkinson and Adam Ellison. Only three South Tyneside secondary schools collected awards and we're proud to be one of them. The award is in recognition of our determination to continue to provide a high quality PSHE curriculum, our mental health and well-being awareness and support strategy, the physical activity that we facilitate for our students and our commitment to healthy eating.



Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Monday 18 July - Thursday 21 July: Year 10 Work Experience**
Pupils who didn't manage to secure a placement will be in school participating in Careers based activities. Any questions regarding work experience please contact Mr Given: pgiven@st-wilfrids.org Year 10 students wear uniform all week.
- **Monday 18 July: Careers Day**
Students wear uniform. A variety of activities throughout the day to give students an insight into a range of different careers, including NASA Challenge,

Peak Performance, a Team Building Campaign, A Day in the Life and a Careers Fair.

- **Tuesday 19 July: Pink or Blue Day**

Students wear PE kit with optional blue/pink t-shirt. An interactive day full of tutor group challenges, culminating in the whole school getting together in the Sports Hall for a live show. Pink and Blue Day is in memory of Chloe Rutherford and Liam Curry, who tragically lost their lives in the Manchester Arena bomb attack.

- **Wednesday 20 July: Sports Day**

Students wear PE kit. Hats, water, sunscreen are advisable.

- **Thursday 21 July: Thanksgiving and Celebration Day**

Students wear uniform. We finish at 12.10 on Thursday 21 July.

Sixth Form Notices:

Year 13 Prom

Date: Friday 15th July (tonight!)

Venue: Pleased to meet you Newcastle

Time: 7pm arrival

Year 12 UCAS Week- week commencing 18th July

All Year 12 students will be introduced to UCAS, make a UCAS account and write an initial personal statement next week. Year 12 will gain valuable feedback from the Sixth Form staff on their initial personal statement.

Please find more information on applying to study at university and key dates here:

[Applying to University - learn about everything involved \(ucas.com\)](#)

[Preparing for the 2023 cycle | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

Year 12 Durham University

Some of our Year 12 students enjoyed a trip to Durham University last Friday, the students attended subject specific workshops and personal statement writing seminars.

Our students that are currently studying for the EPQ and our A Level English Literature students will be visiting Durham University and the university library on Monday 18th July.