

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 8 July 2022



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Next week our focus for collective worship will be **One World**. *Laudato Si* is an encyclical of Pope Francis published in May 2015. It focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth. Today, Mrs Ritchie and Mr Logan met with our *Laudato Si* Student Group, ensuring St Wilfrid's RC College continues to reinforce our commitment to the environment.

VirTuesday

Our latest focus is **Hope**. With the gift of Hope, we are able to rise above our difficulties, and unlock some of the joy which is in store for us, so that it can help lighten our journey through life.

Learning:

Footsteps Into Paradise Musical Performance

We are so excited to see our amazing orchestra, singers and actors perform in our Trust's immersive musical and art experience. Over three hundred pupils from Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust are taking part in the project from 28 schools in a potentially once-in-a-lifetime location.

Footsteps into Paradise is part of our Trust's *Journeys of Hope* project, which launched in 2020. It includes a series of creative collaborations across our Trust enabling pupils and staff to explore their identity and spirit of community and providing pupils with an opportunity to celebrate the creativity and talent of our pupils.

Footsteps into Paradise musical performances are in Durham Cathedral on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 July (private events ticket only). Telling the story of the region through hidden heroes, with a musical score that takes us through North Eastern musical tradition and includes original songs written for the production.

'You will always be a part of us ... and we'll always be a part of you'.

Footsteps Into Paradise Art Exhibition

The art exhibition referenced above is open from 5 pm – 7 pm on July 12 and July 13. St Wilfrid's theme for the art exhibition was 'transport' and the pieces produced by our sensational artists were phenomenal. If you get the opportunity, it is free to visit the exhibition at 7 Owensgate, Palace Green, Durham.

Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Survey

It is important to us that we work in partnership with parents/carers of all our pupils and in particular those who require additional support. Please spare five minutes to complete and return this survey so we can improve our Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) support in school. Thank you.

Link to survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/8nsDaP3H82>

Proud of our work event



We are proud of the Y9 and Y10 students who attended our 'Proud of our work' event today. Well done to all of you!

Support:

Urgent: Change in Medication

As from September, all prescription medication will be required to be brought into school within the labeled prescription box – no loose sleeves of medication will be accepted. Parents/Carers should be responsible for bringing medication into school in order to complete the relevant paperwork. Please do not send any form of medication into school with your child to keep or hand in themselves as we will be unable to administer this without the appropriate consent provided.

Well-being Wednesday

Our focus this week built on last week's 'having a curious mindset'. There are things that can stop us from being curious. We explored ways to notice these 'enemies' and

the role we can play in changing our thinking, allowing us to make better, happier decisions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKKpb9xVpeE&list=PLLfagAjh6f_bxpJrCPQC4VEWbwMfG7AN9&index=9

Underage Drinking

With exams over and summer holidays on the horizon, Northumbria Police and partners are warning parents about the risks of providing teenagers with alcohol.

Communities across Northumbria tell us that underage drinking is a factor that is found in some anti social behaviour in neighbourhoods.

We are encouraging parents to think twice about giving drinks to children which can harm their health and undermine 18 plus age of sale laws which protect children's safety and local communities from disorder.

'What's the Harm?' campaign aims to give everyone including businesses and parents information about the risks of under-age drinking and encouraging families to think twice about providing alcohol has been launched by Balance.

There are a range of materials available, leaflets, parents' guides and materials for display in licensed premises and other public places. More information can be found at the 'What's the Harm' website: www.whatstheharm.co.uk

Summer Holiday Food Support

Great news from Asda for the duration of the summer holidays. The retailer says children aged 16 and under across England and Wales will be able to get a hot or cold meal for £1 a day across all Asda cafes, seven days a week. Adults will not need to meet a minimum spend to take advantage this £1 deal.

Year 11 Prom

Last night we celebrated the end of Year 11 with our students at the Ramside Hall, Durham. As expected, behaviour was impeccable (even commented upon by the hotel staff) and the children looked like stars arriving in their beautiful dresses and sharp suits. This lovely Prom was a fitting end to mark what has been an unusual journey with many surprises and unexpected turns! Our fabulous Year 11 students have excelled and shown such resilience, learning from home, coping with new systems and routines and - most recently - preparing for their exams. They have done so with beaming smiles and an optimistic outlook. It has been a privilege to work alongside these exceptional young people and we wish each of them the very best. We are proud of who they have become and thankful to have played a part in their journey. Good luck and see you on results day.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Tuesday 12 - Wednesday 13 July**
Footsteps to Paradise @ Durham Cathedral (ticket only)
- **Tuesday 12 July**
ABRSM exams @ Chuter Ede
- **Wednesday 13 July**
South Tyneside Healthy Schools Award Presentation
- **Thursday 14 - Friday 15 July**
Year 6 Transition Days. We welcome the brand new Wilfies! We can't wait to meet them!
- **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

Sixth Form Notices:

Monday 18th July- Extended Project Qualification visit to Durham University

World Class Schools

Congratulations to two of our Year 12 students coming runner up in the Assessment Centre Student of the Day Vote and Student Character of the Year Award in the Knowledge & Understanding area

Week Commencing 18th July

All Year 12 students will complete a series of personal statement writing workshops, create UCAS accounts and start their university/ higher degree apprenticeship applications