


**Information Bulletin
for Parents and Carers
Friday 18 November**



**St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College**

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:



John Henry Newman

Dear Lord...shine through me,
and be so in me that every soul I
come in contact with may feel
Your presence in my soul...Let
me thus praise You in the way
You love best, by shining on
those around me.

AZ QUOTES

A decorative black box with white scrollwork corners. On the left is a portrait of John Henry Newman, an elderly man with white hair wearing a red cardinal's hat and a red cassock. To the right of the portrait is a quote in white text. At the top center of the box is the name 'John Henry Newman' and at the bottom center is 'AZ QUOTES'.

We look forward to the official opening of our new School Chapel and the blessing of the St John Henry Newman Block by Bishop Robert Byrne CO on 24 November 2022.

School Prayer

Students will receive a St Wilfrid's School Prayer Card on Monday 21 November. This must be kept in their blazer pocket as they will need to use it daily. Our School Prayer has been written by students during a variety of sessions throughout the term. The final version collated the ideas into one, final prayer. We are proud of the many students that worked to put this together. Rather than printing this in the bulletin, please ask your children to show you their prayer card and discuss the words with them. Thank you.

Learning:

Students of the Week

This week, our amazing winners are:

Headteacher's Award: Samuel Redpath 9B2

Tutor Group of the Week: 8A1

Aidan: Ryan Leighton 8A2 and Imad Kahn 10A1

Bede: Olive McCaffrey 7B2 and Jasmine Williams 9B1

Cuthbert: Amina Hussain 7C2 and Freya Mason 10C2

Hilda: Jak McShane 7H1 and Aimee Ratcliffe 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Phoebe Haws 8MC2 and Eoghan Workman 9MC1

Congratulations - we're all very proud of you.



SORA- Online Reading Platform

Looking for the latest Alice Oseman, Sarah J Maas, Jenny Han or the Narutu Manga series? All students at St Wilfrid's have access to Sora; a fabulous online app where hundreds of E-books and audiobooks can be accessed. The online library contains some of the most popular novels, graphic novels, manga, non-fiction and audiobook titles for teens.

The best thing about the app is that it is **entirely free** to access!

All students need to do to access this online library is to log onto Google Classroom, scroll through the apps and then use the same login details to access SORA.

There is also an app available to download.

Any students having issues logging on should see Mrs Collings-Backhouse.

Year 11

'Thinking about next year...'

Throughout this week and next, we are asking our Year 11 students to start to think about their plans post-Year 11. All of our students attended a sixth form or college taster day on Wednesday and we look forward to welcoming our students on Thursday 24th November at our sixth form open evening. Students have been challenged to reflect on the taster sessions they attended, any additional subjects they may be interested in studying as well as our open evening and their next steps. If students complete their reflection form they were provided with on Monday, they will receive 5 credits towards their Passport to Prom!

STEP

A new cycle of STEP started this week for our Year 11 students. STEP is our targeted intervention programme for small groups of students in specific subjects. We ensure we support them so they can make Steps To Extend Progress. It is an expectation that all Year 11 students maximise this opportunity and refer to the poster in their tutor rooms on a daily basis to ensure they are aware of their timetabled sessions.

Support:

Personal Development: Values Day - Monday 21 November

On Monday 21 November we are collapsing the timetable to focus on some key aspects of our holistic curriculum. Students will work with their group tutors throughout the day, learning about British and Gospel values, character development, the protected characteristics - as outlined by the Equality Act 2010 - and continuing our anti-bullying week education. In the afternoon, students that wish to may watch England v Iran. We have other options available for students that are not interested in football: tree planting, helping us to develop a beautiful, sustainable outside area and, also, a Christmas Card design competition - the winner of the competition will see their design become our official school Christmas Card this year.

Charity Support: Ukraine Children's Christmas Fund Appeal

To raise funds for this worthy cause, we are raffling a pair of signed gloves that have been given to us directly by England World Cup goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. Tickets are £1 each and can be bought (multiple times if wished) on Parent Pay via our school website. The draw will close at 3pm on Friday 25 November and the winner will be drawn on Monday 28 November.



Year 7 Mental Health Advent Challenge

On Monday 21 November, Year 7 students will bring home a #mentalhealth5aweek advent calendar card. Throughout the day on Monday 21 we will have explored British Values, Gospel Values and our school values. We hope that this can continue at home and you can share your family values together by encouraging your child to participate in some simple activities.

Each week there are 5 'challenges'. For example 'Go for a walk with your family and take a family selfie' and 'before you get asked, offer to clean your bedroom, even if you share'. The five suggested activities each week focus upon: **G**ive, **R**elate, **E**nergise, **A**wareness and **T**ry (**GREAT** values that boost mental wellbeing). We hope students will be able to complete at least three per week - they needn't all be from the same row. Please can parents/carers initial the box of any activity that students have completed and ask their children to return the cards on the last day of term

Anti Bullying Week.

As we come to the end of Anti-Bullying week we would like to remind pupils and parents of our anti-bullying policy. Please go through this policy with your child and we would welcome any comment / suggestions from pupils or parents by emailing mprice@st-wilfrids.org

[Anti-Bullying-Policy.pdf \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

On Monday tutor groups will be completing their "Reach Out" pledges to be the change they want to see.



Key dates / upcoming events



The poster features the college crest on the left, followed by the text 'St. Wilfrid's R.C. College Sixth Form'. Below this is 'SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING' and the date 'Thursday 24 November 2022 6:00 - 8:00 PM'. The application website is listed as 'www.st-wilfrids.org/sixth-form/applying-sixth-form'. Contact information includes the phone number '0191 456 9121', email 'admin@st-wilfrids.org', and Facebook handle '@stwilfridscollege'. A QR code is also present. On the right, a student in a white shirt is reading a book titled 'Religious Studies for OCE'. A yellow 'APPLY NOW!' button is at the bottom right of the student image. The background of the student image has a word cloud with terms like 'ethical', 'philosophical', 'concepts', 'applied', 'political', 'example', 'independent', 'may', 'mass', 'teacher', 'energy', 'force', 'ons', 'ral', 'friends', 'applied', 'independe'.

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Sixth Form

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@stwilfridscollege www.st-wilfrids.org/sixth-form/

APPLY NOW!

Sixth Form

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Some of our Year 13 students are working with Zenith and Rising Star during PSHE today to discover more about apprenticeships.