

**Information Bulletin
for Parents and Carers
Friday 16 December**



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

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Advent



In this fourth week of Advent, we reflect on the ultimate gift of **LOVE** - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love and it is He that came to teach us to love God and love others.

St Wilfrid's Christmas Concert

We celebrated a wonderful school Christmas concert on Tuesday evening. Thank you so much to all of the students that performed and contributed. Thank you also to Mrs Tolan, Miss Green and Mrs Boylan as well as our peripatetic music teachers. Thank you also to our parents and carers that came to support the children. We look forward to many more musical spectacles in the future! Watch this space.

The Jarrow Confirmation Programme 2023

In January we will be launching the Jarrow Confirmation programme which will prepare students to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in March.

We would like to invite any student in Years 9-13 from the parishes of Jarrow (St. Bede's, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. Matthew's) to take part in the sacrament of Confirmation and warmly invite you to an introductory meeting at St. Bede's RC church in Jarrow on Sunday 15 January at 5:30-6:30pm to find out more about the course and confirmation programme. You will be able to ask Fr. Adrian Dixon, Fr. Saji and the catechists any questions you may have.

If you belong to a parish in South Shields please get in touch with your own parish priest as he will no doubt be thinking about a programme for young people in your Parish.

In order to be confirmed, your son/daughter will need to attend six preparation sessions where we will be exploring what it means to be confirmed, taking part in charity work and a Confirmation away day to the FLAME festival at Wembley in London on Saturday 4 March which is free for all Confirmation programme participants and is an excellent opportunity to celebrate faith, have some fun and reflect with other young people from across the country.

This is a brilliant opportunity to explore your faith, meet with other young people in your parishes and celebrate the next amazing stage in your sacramental journey.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Boylan on eboylan@bccet.org.uk

Learning:

Students of the Week

This week, our amazing winners are:

Headteacher's Award: Grace Tudor 8A2

Tutor Group of the Week: 9H1

Aidan: Grave Tudor 8A2 and Aaliyah Armstrong 11A1

Bede: Charlie Smith 7B2 and Lana McKenzie 9B2

Cuthbert: Cameron Dykes 8C1 and Anneliece Harley-Reay 10C1

Hilda: Tony Lister 9H1 and Ethan Burnett 11H2

Margaret Clitherow: Digonto Mridha 8MC1 and Zarah Uddin 9MC2

Congratulations - we're all very proud of you.

Year 11

Next week we will be reflecting with our Year 11 students on their first term of this crucial year. With their tutors, all students will complete a reflection document to recognise the positives of Year 11 so far, as well as areas for development and subsequent targets for the New Year, as they quickly

approach their next set of prelims in February. There will also be a celebration assembly for Year 11 on Thursday, where the successes of our Year 11 students will be rewarded and information regarding their school prom will be shared.

We look forward to a reflective week with our Year 11 students.

Google Classroom

Each year group at St. Wilfrid's has their own Google Classroom, which is often used to communicate key information and to set work for independent study. Please ask your child to ensure they are in their year group Google Classroom using the codes below.

Year 7 - ygebglx

Year 8 - n6oqmvz

Year 9 - mhexplap

Year 10 - zfu35b2

Year 11 - qxd2wwd

Year 12 - 2jyv6qh

Year 13 - 3t3lzib

If your child experiences any issues, please contact itsupport@st-wilfrids.org.

Support:

Norah's North Pole

Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket to win a pair of football boots via the link we published last week. Norah's North Pole raised a magnificent £821.76 which will enable a lot of children to receive gifts this Christmas.

Angel Tree

Our caring, generous students have supported the Key Project's Christmas Appeal, making Christmas Special for those who may have little food in the house or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning, so they know that someone is thinking about them and that they are not alone this festive season. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Key dates / upcoming events

- **Christmas Lunch / Wear a Christmas item** - Wednesday 21 December
- **End of term** - Friday 23 December **11:55 am** (Please note that this is an earlier time than given in the 'Christmas Week letter' circulated earlier this week. The earlier finish is due to strike action impacting on the availability of the scholars buses) Currently the 816 bus will arrive at 11:55 am but the 812 will not run. We will update you if this changes.

Sixth Form

Award Ceremony for Y12 Students

On Friday 23 December we will have an awards ceremony for our Y12 students to be presented with their GCSE certificates. There will also be subject awards and two Headteacher Awards - one for best overall attainment and the other for best overall progress. We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of our students in this exciting event in school.

Applying for sixth form

A reminder that applications are open for our sixth form.

To apply to join our Sixth Form in September 2023, please complete the online application form: [Applying for Sixth Form - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](https://st-wilfrids.org)