

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 13 January



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which discrimination continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone. At St Wilfrid's RC College we are committed to upholding the nine protected characteristics and ensuring that every member of our school community has the opportunity to flourish.

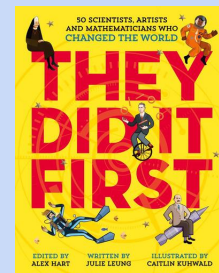
Confirmations: Jarrow

Fr Adrian would like to remind our students from Jarrow that the information/introductory evening for the Confirmation programme takes place next Sunday 15 January at 5.30pm in Saint Bede's Hall.

Learning:

Our Book of the Week

Our featured book of the week is *They Did It First* by Julie Leung. This non-fiction book features fifty trailblazing scientists, artists and mathematicians who were not afraid to dream big and be the FIRST in their fields. Students can read all about pioneers who defied the boundaries of possibility and went on to revolutionise the world.



We have lots of non-fiction texts in our library- from sport and well-being to scientific and geographic choices- we really have something for everyone.

Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust Website Launch

Our Trust (BCCET) has launched a brand new website: <https://bccet.org.uk/> Please bookmark it or add to your favourites alongside our own website: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/> The new BCCET website contains news and information about all of the schools in our Trust as well as a vacancies page, directing you to all opportunities to work in our schools (<https://bccet.org.uk/vacancies/>).

Year 11

STEP resumed this week for our Year 11 students. STEP is our targeted intervention programme for small

groups of Year 11 students in specific subjects. We ensure we support them so they can make Steps To Extend Progress. Students must ensure they are checking the poster on the notice board in their tutor room to ensure they are maximising this opportunity by attending all timetabled sessions.

The Year 11 prelim examinations begin on Monday 13th February. To support students in the build up to those examinations, all Year 11 students received a **'Prelim Preparation Planner'** this week. The planner sets out three 30 minute tasks per day, bespoke to preparation for each subject. Students may choose to utilise supported study sessions available to them at lunch and after school to complete tasks.

Support:

Get Active! Park Run

Join the Junior Park Run at North Marine Park. See the information in the flyer below for more details.



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS Every Sunday morning	FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS Adults can join in with the kids too!
EVERYONE WELCOME Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!	FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART No special kit needed - wear whatever you like
HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE Share high fives and big smiles!	MAKE FRIENDS Meet lots of new people
LEARN NEW SKILLS Kids can volunteer in lots of roles	FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at [parkrun.com](https://www.parkrun.com)
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

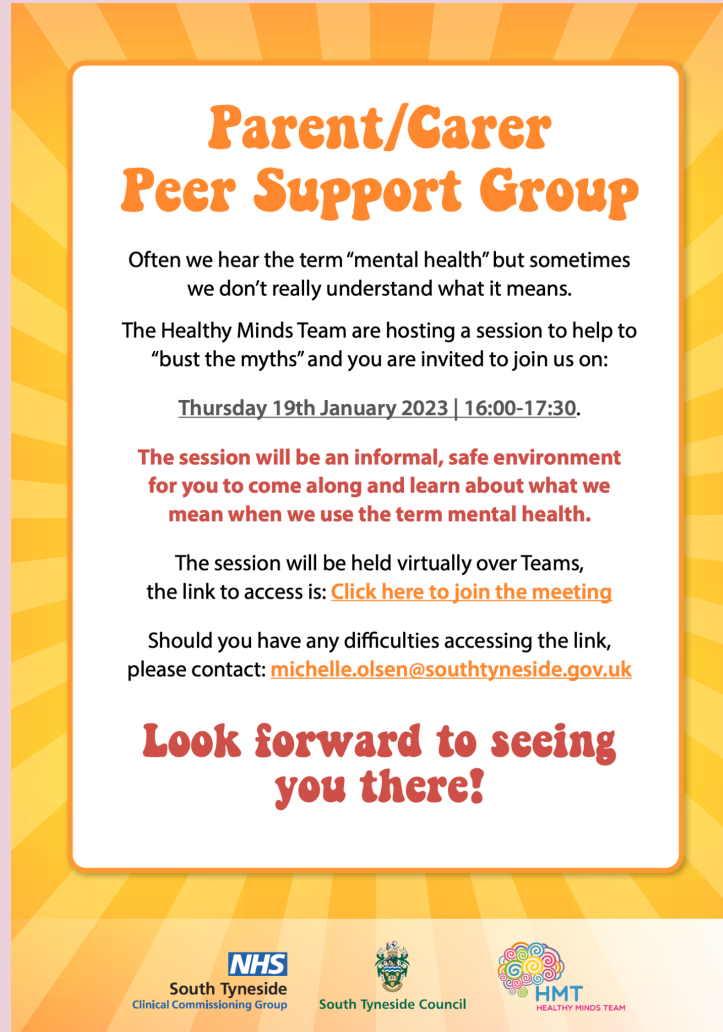
North Marine junior parkrun
Every Sunday 9am - First timers briefing at 8.50am

notes: North Marine Park, South Shields

[@northmarinejuniors](https://www.facebook.com/northmarinejuniors) [@northmarinejuniorparkrun](https://www.instagram.com/northmarinejuniorparkrun) [@NorthMarinejnr](https://www.twitter.com/NorthMarinejnr)

Mental Health: Parent / Carer Peer Support Group

Please see the flyer below for information regarding the latest support group organised by South Tyneside Council. You won't be able to click the link in the image to join the meeting - please email Michelle Olsen (michelle.olsen@southtyneside.gov.uk) if you'd like to participate in the session.



The flyer is titled "Parent/Carer Peer Support Group" in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, it states: "Often we hear the term 'mental health' but sometimes we don't really understand what it means." It then says: "The Healthy Minds Team are hosting a session to help to 'bust the myths' and you are invited to join us on: Thursday 19th January 2023 | 16:00-17:30." A red box contains the text: "The session will be an informal, safe environment for you to come along and learn about what we mean when we use the term mental health." Below this, it says: "The session will be held virtually over Teams, the link to access is: [Click here to join the meeting](#)". It then adds: "Should you have any difficulties accessing the link, please contact: michelle.olsen@southtyneside.gov.uk". At the bottom, in large red letters, it says: "Look forward to seeing you there!". The footer contains three logos: NHS South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, South Tyneside Council, and HMT Healthy Minds Team.

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 **South Tyneside**
Clinical Commissioning Group

 **South Tyneside Council**

 **HMT**
HEALTHY MINDS TEAM

Careers:

- Careers at Sea Open Day at South Shields Marine School on Saturday 28th January 2023.
 - See Year 11 Google Classroom stream for more details.

National Apprenticeship Week (6th to 10th February) is just around the corner and this year the Local Authority is programming a series of events which aim to raise the profile of apprenticeships as well as the impact they have on individuals, employers and the wider economy.

All of the events can be viewed at: www.southtyneside.gov.uk/apprentices but there are a couple events of note, which may be of interest to students and parents.

- **Your Next Steps Live – Find an Apprenticeship | Tuesday 7th February | 4-7pm | Virtual Event**

Join this online apprenticeship fair to explore career and training options, meet employers hiring now and find your future with an apprenticeship. There'll also be information sessions from ASK throughout the evening helping you to explore apprenticeships, where to find them and top tips when applying.

Register now at: yournextstepslive.vfairs.com

- **Apprenticeships with South Tyneside Homes | Thursday 9th February | 5:30-6:30pm | One Trinity Green**

Whether you're considering a trade based role or something more office based, join current and past apprentices from South Tyneside Homes to find out about their experience of earning and learning as well as their top tips to consider when submitting an application.

Limited spaces, registration is essential:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeships-with-south-tyneside-homes-tickets-507402122407>



YOUR NEXT STEPS LIVE
Find an Apprenticeship

Explore your career and training options, meet employers hiring now and find your future with an apprenticeship.

TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
16:00 – 19:00 ONLINE
yournextstepslive.vfairs.com

In partnership with:

South Tyneside Council **South Tyneside works** Unlock your potential **connexions** SOUTH TYNESIDE **DOGGER BANK WIND FARM**

Key dates / upcoming events:

Thursday 19 January - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Appointments for St Wilfrid's subjects should be made on School Cloud. Appointments for lessons taught at St Joseph's should be made directly with the subject teacher. There is the option for a face to face appointment at St Joseph's or a telephone appointment.

Thursday 26 January - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Sixth Form:

On the final day of our Autumn Term, Year 12 had a special assembly to celebrate their amazing achievements in their GCSE qualifications. Students received their GCSE certificates and celebrated together with hot chocolate and some sweet treats. We are so proud of their achievements.

Some of our students received recognition for their excellence in individual subjects. Well done everyone!



A huge congratulations goes to Luke Ternent, who received the Governor's cup for making the most overall progress in his GCSE qualifications. Well done Luke!



Yvonne-Maree McDermott was awarded the Headteachers Award for the Best Overall Attainment in her GCSE qualifications. Congratulations Yvonne!



Megan Tooley was awarded the Liam Curry Award. This award was created to celebrate the life of a fantastic St Wilfrid's pupil. Liam was a wonderful role model; he was caring, conscientious and had an excellent sense of humour. Liam put his all into everything he did from his school work to his sport which he loved and he always strived to be the best he could be. We felt it was appropriate to create this award as Liam epitomised the characteristics of what we strive for in a St Wilfrid's pupil.

Megan received the Liam Allen Curry Award this year because she has consistently displayed those characteristics throughout her time in lower school at St Wilfrid's and is currently continuing to do so in our Sixth Form. She has displayed an incredible commitment to her studies and her netball where she has represented the school throughout her time at St Wilfrid's but also regionally. She is determined, conscientious, reliable, polite and a pleasure to teach. Congratulations Megan!



Oxbridge Talk

We were delighted to welcome four ambassadors from Jesus College, Cambridge into our Sixth Form on Wednesday 11th January. Many of our Year 12 students attended their presentation to help them to prepare for their applications to Oxbridge universities. The ambassadors were very impressed with the engagement and the questions that our Year 12 students were asking them and the motivation to aspire to top universities that they showed. Well done to everyone who attended!

For further information in supporting your child in making applications to top universities, please use the following resources:

[Parents, Guardians and Supporters | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

[University - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)