

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 20 January



Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:



Friday January 27 is Holocaust Memorial Day; we will commemorate this in assemblies throughout the week. The theme for this year is **ordinary people**. Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people. Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe propaganda, and join murderous regimes. Those who are persecuted, oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted because of crimes they've committed - they are persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who belong to a particular group.

We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to

challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against persecution, to shop responsibly. We encourage our students every day to be the best versions of themselves and to be the people God wants them to be. Gospel values and virtues are a habitual feature of life at St Wilfrid's. It is important that we nurture the potential of our wonderful young people so that they may flourish and make the world a better place.

Learning:

Parent / Carer Survey

We are keen to understand parent opinions, perspectives, attitudes and perceptions towards our school in order to improve our learning environment. Please could you help us by completing this short survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/AaDqb3RJbD>

Students of the Week

Headteacher's Award: Erin Pettimore 9B2

Tutor Group of the Week: 8B2

Aidan: Emma Steel 7A1 and Nathaniel Rosh Cerdana 11A2

Bede: Grace Elliott 9B2 and Bradley Law 10B2

Cuthbert: Jayden Turnbull-White 7C1 and Olivia Gibson 11C1

Hilda: Kate Burden 8H1 and Erin Raine 11H1

Margaret Clitherow: Kaisan Kamaruzzaman 8MC1 and Millie Sweeting 9MC1

Congratulations to you all, we are incredibly proud of you.

Our Book of the Week

Year 11

Due to Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday 26th January, **STEP** and **Supported Study** will be unable to take place that day. Any student who is part of the RE or Music cohort, your session has been moved to Monday 23rd January. Students should check the poster on the notice board in their tutor room to ensure they are aware of their STEP sessions.

Our students started to complete tasks set out in their '**Prelim Preparation Planner**' this week. Please take the time to sign your child's planner this weekend and speak with them about the independent study they are completing in preparation for their prelim examinations beginning Monday 13th February.

PSHE Achievement Award

Students recently finished their second PSHE rotation of this academic year. We asked staff to nominate students who made an outstanding contribution throughout the seven weeks. Immaculate presentation of work, driving class discussion and enthusiasm to develop written responses, were some of the fantastic reasons our students were nominated. Congratulations to our winners:

Year 7: Ikemefuna Elui 7H1
Year 8: Daisy Blyth 8B1
Year 9: Jack Eglintine 9H1
Year 10: Jamie Myers 10C2
Year 11: Kiera Murphy 11B2

Keep up the great work!

Support:

Student Acceptable Use of IT Policy

Next week, students will bring home our Acceptable Use of IT Policy. Please read it with them, check they understand the statements and agree to comply with them. Please can one parent/carer countersign the document too. Signed policies should be returned to school ASAP - we hope to have all returned by Friday 27 January. Ensuring students know what is acceptable is an important part of maintaining safety online. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Law: Child Entertainment, Employment and Chaperones

The local authority has asked us to inform parents of what should be happening when their children are performing, modelling or working. Please click this link to read the legislation and guidance to ensure your child is being safeguarded appropriately at dance/drama/similar schools and in part time employment:

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1018/Children-in-employment-and-entertainment>

Careers Guidance

This is from the National Careers Service:

INFORMATION: Help students make informed choices about their future with Get the Jump

For young people, choosing what to do next can be daunting and many aren't aware of the different options open to them when they leave school or college.

The 'Get the Jump' Skills for Life content hub on the National Careers Service website has been designed to help young people to understand their post 16 and post 18 education and training choices.

Please encourage all students to visit the website.

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices?utm_source=13%20January%202023%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Key dates / upcoming events:

Thursday 26 January - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Sixth Form:

The deadline for UCAS Applications is Wednesday 25th January

The deadline for Sixth Form Applications is Friday 27th January. This application form can be found on our school website in the Sixth Form, Applying to Sixth Form Area:

[St Wilfrid's Sixth Form Application Form - Google Forms](#)