

**Information Bulletin
for Parents and Carers
Friday 10 February**



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

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

This week we would like to pray for everyone affected by the earthquake in the early hours of Monday 6 February 2023 that struck near Turkey's border with northern Syria, especially those that tragically lost their lives.

Almighty God, in our distress and grief
Help us to remember that you love us.
We do not understand why this great disaster
Has happened but help us to trust you.

Loving Lord,
For those who have died, give them eternal rest.
For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them.
For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers
And sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father be with us now and always.

Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

The following students have been awarded 'Students of the Week'.

Headteacher's Award: Portia Mostoufi 8MC2

Tutor Group of the Week: 8MC2

Aidan: Aditya Menon 11A

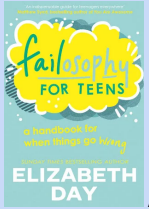
Bede: Amy Peacock 8B2 and Luke Wardle 9B2

Cuthbert: Amy Thompson 7C1 and Brogan Ruane 10C2

Hilda: Ashton Hall 8H1 and Lola Blyth 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Digonto Mridha 8MC1 and James Richardson 10MC1

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



Author Event: Elizabeth Day

On Tuesday, students in Years 7,8 and 9 had the opportunity to participate in a virtual 'author talk'. Jannah Uddin is one of the students selected to participate in this exciting event:

I had the honour of being part of the web-meeting held by Seven Stories, discussing with Elizabeth Day her new book: 'Failosophy for Teens'. Ms Day talked about the hardships she has faced throughout her life from divorce to setbacks she has faced in her jobs. She shared that she has "single-handedly experienced failure with front-row tickets". However, Ms Day assured us that even though she had experienced failure, a positive impact can come out of it. For her, it was finally marrying the love of her life and having a career that she loves.

As teenagers, we often feel ashamed of failure and even fear it and the outcomes of it. But, the author talk has taught us that even though failure is fearful, the outcome will always be something that we can learn from. I can say with full confidence that I feel reassured and have a sense of closure now. Hearing Ms Day share her story has given me the opportunity to assuage any anxiety and doubt I have and change my mindset into a more positive one. As this week is Children's Mental Health Week, I would say that this event nicely linked to this.

We have more author talks scheduled to take place this year. We'll also be celebrating World Book Day on the 3rd of March with a special focus on how reading can support positive mental health.

Thank you to Jannah for sharing her review of this week's event!

Year 11

Our Year 11 students begin their prelim examinations on Monday 13th February. To support students to plan their revision, all Year 11 students received a new revision planner this week. With a focus on managing their time, the planner provides three 30 minute revision sessions during the prelim examination weeks with one taking place during reading time, as well as sessions during half term that students have the freedom to complete when appropriate. The planner also includes a list of high quality revision methods to guide students as to how they can best utilise their subject resources. Students may choose to attend supported study sessions available to them at lunch and after school to complete tasks during the prelim examination weeks.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck!

Lunch times

At St Wilfrid's we have a split lunch cycle with students either having lunch 12.20-1.15pm or 1.15-2.10pm. From Monday Year 11 students will be moving to the earlier lunch session. This will allow students additional opportunities in preparation for the Prelim examinations and the Summer exam series. Year 11 students will have access to their own yard, area of the refectory and study space.

Support:

Additional Wellbeing Support

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff next week - Mrs Ogbomaron, our apprentice school social worker. Supporting students' safety and taking appropriate action to protect them when necessary is - and always will be - a priority. Mrs Ogbomaron will help us ensure our children continue to feel safe and happy in school. The role of the school social worker is to help students function in a school environment, liaise with school staff, health professionals and other community agencies, and to assess areas where students need additional support.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Monday 13 February** - Y11 and Y13 prelim exams begin. Good luck to all of our hardworking students!
- **Friday 17 February** - 3.10pm finish for half term
- **Monday 27 February** - return to school

Sixth Form:

This week in Sixth Form we are focusing on the effective use of independent study time. We are really proud of the independence shown by our Sixth Form students. Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child is using this time effectively.

We have 41 Year 12 students attending the First Choice welcome session and skills workshop on Wednesday 8th March. If your child would like to be involved, please ask them to see Mrs Forster for further information.

We wish our Year 13 students the best of luck as they begin their prelim exams on Monday. When students are not in an exam, they should attend all timetabled sessions as normal.

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Reminder- the second deposit is due today 10.02.23