

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 17th February



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Ash Wednesday will be observed during half term. We often hear 'Happy Christmas', 'Happy New Year' and 'Happy Easter'. 'Happy Ash Wednesday' or 'Happy Lent' doesn't quite sound right. The season of Lent isn't thought of as a happy period. In fact, it is not meant to be a celebratory period. It's a season for quiet introspection (observing our own mental and emotional processes). This Lent, we pray our school community can **hope**. Having a 'blessed Lent' seems more appropriate and we wish each and every one of our students' hopes, wishes, dreams and ambitions can be realised. We extend this to their families and our staff and governors too. Please all, have a blessed Lent.

Learning:

Students of the Week

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

Headteacher's Award: Lewis Caine 7C1

Tutor Group of the Week: 7A1

Aidan: Eniola Ijaduola 8A2 and Nathaniel Rosh Cerdana 11A2

Bede: Noah Whitehead 7B2 and Liam Darling 8B2

Cuthbert: Lewis Caine 7C1 and Oliver Gibson 10C2

Hilda: Aston Singh 7H1 and Finlay Conlin 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Kaisan Kamaruzzaman 8MC1 and Simranpreet Kaur 9MC2

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

Reading Stars

Congratulations to the students below who've been nominated as reading stars by English staff for their excellent attitude to reading in our English/reading lessons! Students are star readers who engage well with reading, are interested in helping others choose the right book and have made good reading progress this half term. From the list below, one student from each year group will be randomly selected to win a certificate and a prize – well done and keep on reading!

7L3 Amelia Cooper
7L1 Alyssa Watson Carr
7L2 Ahana Suryawanshi
7L4 Jasmine Line

8R1 Sophie Hearn
8R4 Oscar Frail
8R3 Eniola Ijaduola
8L1 Maeve Taggart

9R1 Evie Cernik
9R4 Tasabbir Bhuryan
9L4 Jack Eglintine
9R2 Maesie Ball

7R3 Theia Coutakis
7L5 Sienna Jary

8L2 Abigail Johnstone
8L4 Lewis Shotton
8L5 Monique Lubego

9R3 Olivia Rutherford

Reading fun fact: reading has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and to make you a kinder person!

‘Proud of your work!’

Today we hosted a ‘proud of your work’ event for Year 7 and 8 students during their break time. Students were asked to bring along and discuss a piece of work they were proud of to receive a prize. We were delighted that 150 students attended the event to showcase their achievements in a wide range of subjects! Congratulations to all our students, we are very proud of you all!



Support:

FAB Award Winners! Presented by South Tyneside Council for Outstanding Anti-bullying Work

On Tuesday 14 February 2023, two of our Key Stage 3 Mental Health Ambassadors had the opportunity to represent St Wilfrid's at the South Tyneside Friends Against Bullying 'FAB' awards.

The students represented our school wonderfully and were able to collect an award celebrating their efforts promoting anti-bullying. The students emphasised that bullying will not be tolerated at St Wilfrid's and highlighted the importance of friendship and being kind to one another. They were also able to meet the Mayor of South Tyneside, Councillor Pat Hay, and discuss their impressive work. One of our own Sixth Formers, Luke Hall, was among the South Tyneside Young People's Parliament members that were there promoting the event.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be continuing their good work promoting anti-bullying after half term, showing their amazing presentation to all year groups in assemblies.

The Mental Health Ambassadors work tirelessly all year round to promote positive mental health and wellbeing around school. We are very proud of their achievements!



Careers Guidance

Free Virtual Careers Event

RateMyApprenticeship are offering a free virtual event on 21st February.

Don't miss the opportunity to join the 3000+ students who have already heard from the UK's best employers and current apprentices.

This free virtual careers event is perfect for students in Years 10-13 who are considering their options and want to see if apprenticeships are the right choice for them.

98% of students who attended last year said they would attend in the future!

Clicking on the link below will take you to lots of information about the event, the employers the pupils will meet, and why they should consider an apprenticeship.

https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/5/7/6/1/4/3/files/1383_teachers-handout-spring.pdf?dm_i=7BMZ,27YZ,10QQMO,7C6G,1

Key dates / upcoming events:

Partial closure on 28 February - [Partial-school-closure-on-Tuesday-28-February.pdf \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

Work Experience Reminder

Year 10 Work Experience will take place from Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July.

Pupil Placement form to be returned to Mrs Hillcoat on reception before Friday 28th April.

