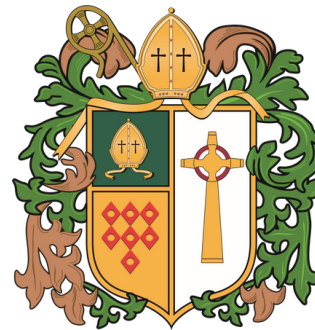




St. Wilfrid's R.C. College



Sixth Form Prospectus



Welcome

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

Excellence through faith, learning and support

St. Wilfrid's aim has always been to provide a supportive and engaging environment in which every student can succeed and fulfil their God given potential. As a Catholic academy we live by our motto of 'Excellence through faith, learning and support.'

Making an informed choice about post 16 provision is one of the most important decisions that students and their families can make. At St Wilfrid's we would like to make the decision an easy one for South Tyneside residents. As both an outstanding and world class school, we have a reputation for excellence. Many of our former students have progressed on to highly competitive courses at the most prestigious Universities, and we are proud to have a growing number of highly skilled and employed alumni.

We offer students a high level of support as they meet the demands placed upon them by post 16 study and help them seamlessly bridge the gap between Year 11 and sixth form entry. We offer a team of dedicated and experienced form tutors,

Heads of Year 12 and 13, and a Head of Sixth Form who know each student as the individual they are. Our students leave our care as resilient, confident and well rounded individuals with the knowledge and skills to excel in adult life.

We boast a range of high quality courses, where students have the flexibility to study a combination of both traditional A Level and contemporary vocational qualifications. We offer an extensive range of enriching opportunities which complement study and develop the leadership opportunities for our students.

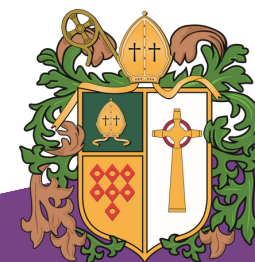
Regardless of the challenges we all currently face, St Wilfrid's remain fully committed to delivering the highest educational provision and enabling our students to meet their aspirations.



Mrs D. Ritchie
Acting Head of School



Mrs. F Craik
Acting Executive Head



Our School

In September 2017 we opened our impressive £3.5 million mathematics, science and technology block. This exciting development for the school provides a number of modern teaching rooms along with state of the art science laboratories and fully equipped technology workshops.

Our facilities include:

- Sports Hall
- Gymnasium
- Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)
- Nichols Hall (with stage area & lighting)
- Purpose built dining hall and catering facility
- Five ICT suites with networked computers
- Science laboratories
- Design and technology rooms
- Music rooms, recording studio and practise rooms

Sixth Form provision:

A fully renovated and refurbished, dedicated sixth form centre opened in September 2018. The centre provides bespoke facilities for our Key Stage 5 students including modern teaching rooms, spaces for private study, group study and social space as well as a bistro style café.

Sixth Form Bursary:

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund helps disadvantaged pupils pay for things they need to support their education or training. Examples include clothes, books, course equipment, transport and meals. Sometimes you can get one-off payments to cover study trips or travel for university interviews. The amount you can get varies depending on your situation but it could be up to £1,200 a year. You apply through school, at the start of your studies, and will be informed of whether or not you are eligible as soon as possible.

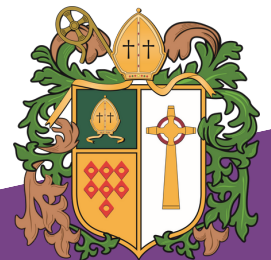
Privileges:

Sixth Form Area: Students may use this area for socialising or work during non-contact lessons.

Lunchtime: Students may sign out and leave the school site at lunchtimes.

Private Study: Students have ICT access for private study during non contact lessons.

Cafeteria: may be used for quiet work or discussion in non-contact lessons.



Enrichment

Enrichment is an essential element to help our students to be future ready for their next stage in life.

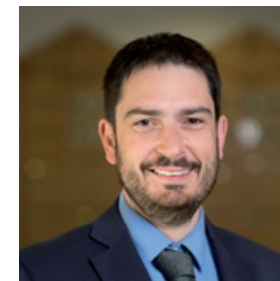
All students take part in an enrichment programme starting in year 12. This includes a PSHE and aspirations programme utilising strong links with local and national Universities and employers providing opportunities for students to gain work experience, employability skills, interview experience and experience undergraduate lectures alongside the traditional A Levels.



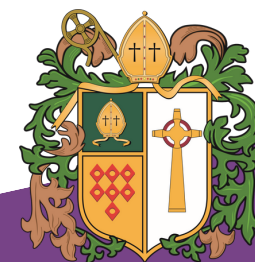
"St Wilfrid's sixth form is a relaxed yet studious environment, where everyone is at home and can perform to their best. The teachers are round the clock workers with emails, information, exam questions and just general care. When you see how hard they work, you strive to be worthy of their efforts. It's an incredible place with an inspirational team who really stretch and invigorate their students. They send you out into the world as a new and confident person – and, clichéd as it sounds, it's shaped me for life."



Mrs K. Forster
Assistant Headteacher
Lead for Sixth Form



Mr. T. Allen
Head of Year



Mission Statement

At St. Wilfrid's Roman Catholic College we are committed to inspire and develop all members of our community on a journey through faith and learning.

We strive to achieve excellence and overcome challenges through mutual respect and consideration, underpinned by Gospel values.

Faith and learning is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every child fulfils their full potential.



Our Courses

Choosing the right course at sixth form is very important. Obviously, it is very important that you choose a course which is suited to your own individual needs and we are aware that this is not always as easy as it seems.

Step 1

- What are your predicted GCSE grades? - Which subjects do I really enjoy?
- Where will these subjects lead to?

Step 2

- Consider your interests (there is a lot to be said for doing something you enjoy)
- Consider your strengths and weaknesses (how do you learn best, do you perform best in exams or coursework, do you like writing essays?)
- See individual subject pages for detail on assessment and course content.

Step 3

- What qualifications do you need for career options?
- What qualifications do you need for college or university courses?
- It is vital that you research as thoroughly as possible the entry requirements for your chosen or possible career path.

Step 4

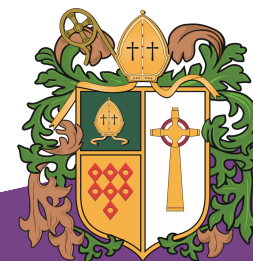
- Make sure you take up all the advice and help offered by school over the coming months.

Admissions Process

Students will be offered a place at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form on the proviso that they meet the following criteria:

- At least five grades grade 9-4
- If a grade 4 is not achieved in mathematics or English language, students must resit these exams alongside their level 3 qualifications
- A minimum of a Grade 6 at GCSE in the subject they want to study at A Level. (A grade 7 or higher at GCSE will be required for science and mathematics).
- A minimum of a Merit in the subject they want to study in Vocational Subjects.

If there are any issues regarding the above on GCSE results day, staff will be available to support and advise the students of their choices post 16.



Choose Us



1. Wide choice of courses

Students in the sixth form can choose from a number of different vocational courses and A Level courses.

Students may combine vocational and A Level courses in Year 12 and will continue with 3 of these subjects into Year 13.

2. Suitable progression

The subjects we offer at sixth form are chosen because we know what subjects you have studied in your GCSEs and vocational courses and we want to provide you with suitable routes for progression.

Once you have successfully completed your chosen sixth form courses the qualifications you have gained will give you access to university, further education, advanced modern apprenticeships and employment.

3. Teaching staff & sixth form students

Many of our sixth formers comment on the need for individual support and individual tuition from teaching staff.

Students will like the fact that classes will usually be smaller and that you will get a lot of personal help with your academic studies. Subject teachers monitor all their students on a weekly basis, making a return to the Head of Sixth Form. This will ensure that we spot issues immediately and support and encourage students to be successful at all times.

4. Modular assessment

At the start of Year 12 each student is given target grades for every vocational and/or A level subject they study. These take into account for your own GCSE and vocational results in Year 11.

Ten weekly modular assessment continues at sixth form and gives students and parents/carers, the opportunity to receive regular updates on your current performance in your chosen subjects. It also helps students judge whether or not you are on course to achieve your target grade in that subject.

www.st-wilfrids.org/sixth-form/

5. Pastoral care

A strong feature of the sixth form provision will be the pastoral care you will receive as a student. Students will stay with the same tutor in Year 12 and Year 13. This means there is always someone who has a good knowledge of your skills, strengths and weaknesses and is best placed to advise you on career options and work habits.

6. Enrichment activities

Students will take part in an Enrichment Programme. You have a range of options which they choose to participate in over the course of the year. Typical types of activity are: Community Placement; General RE; Sport; Culture; Peer Mentor.

7. Privileges

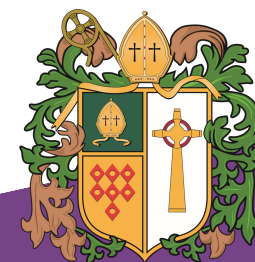
Sixth form students are expected to act as ambassadors for the school at all times and are therefore given more responsibility within the school environment as we try to prepare you for more independence at university or in employment.

8. Private & independent study

This gives students the opportunity to start homework or complete directed study time tasks in school using the sixth form facilities.

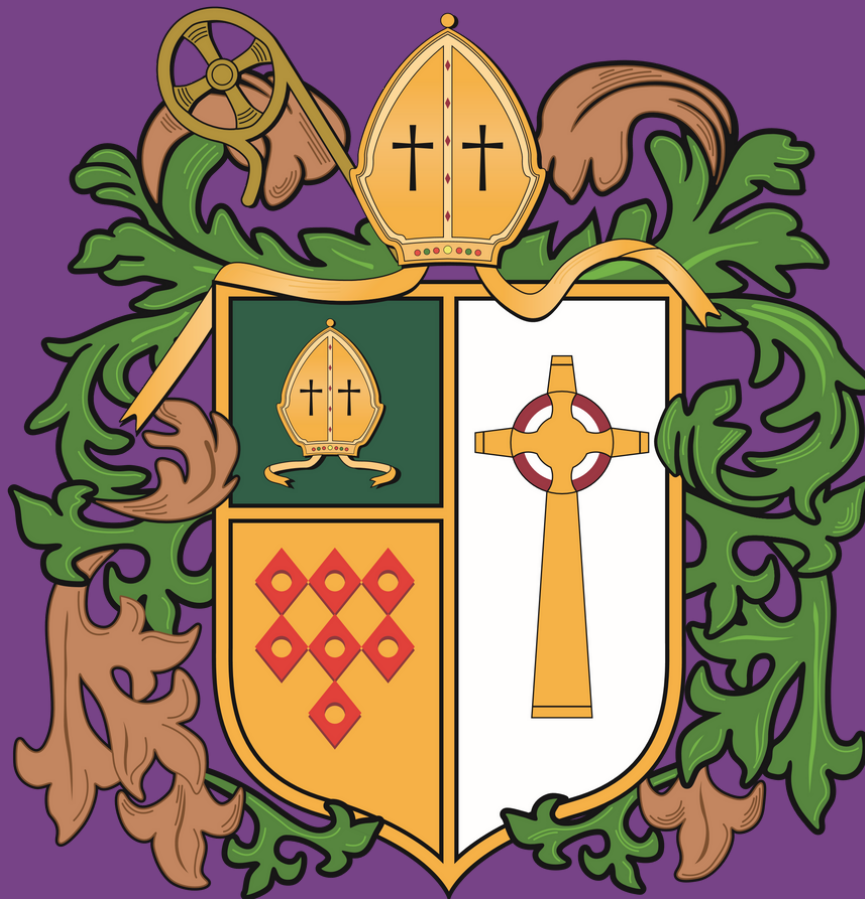
9. Post-18 careers advice

We want all our sixth form students to be aware of the choice of opportunity your qualifications will give them. So very early on we start to actively encourage you to think about what careers you are interested in and how to achieve them. As a result every student will get the chance to visit local universities, attend open days, participate in taster days and hear from a range of guest speakers from real working environments.





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