

# Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

## Friday 26th May



St. Wilfrid's  
R.C. College

### Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

#### End of half term message:

We come to the end of another busy half term in school. We hope that you have been keeping up with all of the exciting events that our students have taken part in via our social media feeds. We are especially proud of our Y11 and Y13 students who have been exceptional throughout their external examinations, which continue following the half term break.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 5 June for the final half term of this academic year. We have a number of events planned for the half term, including Y11 and Y13 proms, Y10 and Y12 work experience, Y10 Parents' Evening, another 'Proud of Our Work' event and the final week of term will be our activities week, which will include our sports day. A reminder that we have an inset day on Friday 7 July and students will not be expected to attend school on this day.

We hope that you have a restful half term break and that students come back to school refreshed and ready to learn for the final half term of this academic year. A reminder that students must return in full school uniform. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students wear appropriate school shoes and do not wear make-up or jewellery for school.

#### Faith:

This week, the focus of our Liturgical Prayer has been the Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit being received by the Apostles. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is regarded as the **birthday** of the Christian Church, and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

"Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people."  
— Mother Teresa

*Lord, we ask you to bless us and open our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to enter our lives, so that we may reflect the gifts that you have poured out for us. We offer this prayer as we say: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## Learning:

### Half-Term Reading

Log onto SORA and choose some audiobooks, graphic novels or non-fiction to read over the half-term. You'll also find specially curated lists of recommended reads. Logging onto SORA is easy- just scroll through the apps on your Google Classroom and follow the prompts.

### Book-Tok Recommended Reads



### Award Winning or Nominated Books

#### And The Award Goes To.....

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### Year 11 & 13

External examinations for students studying GCSE's, A-Level's and some BTEC's are well underway and ongoing into the next half term. We are so proud of the hard work our students are putting in ahead of each assessment; supervised study and pre-exam revision sessions are providing popular with a huge number of students.

A reminder that students are required to wear school uniform for all exams. Year 11 students are being issued with 'leavers hoodies' today - they are not allowed to wear these during exams.

Year 11 students must attend school as usual throughout the external exam period. Their last full day in school is **Thursday 15 June**. After this date they are required to attend school for examinations only. Thank you for your support with this.

## Support:

House Assemblies this week have had a focus on: **BRITISH VALUES**

St. Wilfrid's RC College is committed to serving its community. We recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. Our school also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

St. Wilfrid's RC College follows equal opportunities' guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. We are dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its students.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five British Values are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

The school uses strategies within the National Curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that follow show some of the many ways St. Wilfrid's RC College seeks to embed British values.

### Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at St. Wilfrid's RC College, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for 6th Form President and Vice President, and nominations for Student Council members. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History, Religious Education and PSHE curriculum as well as in form time and assemblies.

### The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at St. Wilfrid's RC College.

Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by the student code of conduct and student expectations. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and the Fire Service reinforce this message.

### Individual Liberty

At St. Wilfrid's RC College, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at St. Wilfrid's RC College educate and provide boundaries for students to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety, PSHE lessons and form time work.

St. Wilfrid's RC College has a robust anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Student Behaviour Policy.

### Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of St. Wilfrid's RC College and is part of its Mission Statement & School Aims. Students learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through a variety of different mediums.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment.

### Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths & Beliefs

This is achieved through equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. Students benefit from a number of international visitors, including students from other continents and cultures.

Additionally, the Religious Education curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

**St. Wilfrid's RC College strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our society.**

### 'Educate Against Hate'

Click below – Educate against hate – Advice and information for teachers, parents and leaders.

<https://educateagainsthate.com/>

## Key dates / upcoming events:

- We return to school on Monday 5 June which is week ONE of the timetable.
- Year 12 Employability Week - Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June.
- Year 10 Work Experience Week - Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July.
- Activities Week (Year 7/8/9/12) - Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July.


## Year 6 SEND Transition Open Evening 2023

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
5pm - 6pm

**Come and Meet the Team!**

Speak to staff and Key Adults within the  
School Community

If you would like to attend, please could you complete the  
following online form:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/93VY8a0nmX>



On the evening you will be able to meet the SENDCo, Assistant SENDCo and key members of the support team.

There will be a talk from the SENDCo with the aims of:

- Introducing the SEND team.
- Welcoming parents to the school.
- Informing you about SEN at St Wilfrid's.
- Providing opportunities to discuss any issues regarding transition.

We really look forward to welcoming you all!

## Sixth Form:

Year 12 - On Wednesday 24th May, students were involved in a series of interview carousels. 11 different employers came into school to provide mock interviews for every year 12 student.

Year 13 - Leavers liturgy and celebration being held today - Friday 26th May.