

# Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

## Friday 21 July



St. Wilfrid's  
R.C. College

### Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and that you are looking forward to the summer break. As we come to the end of this school year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

#### **Return to school**

Teachers return to school for a training day on Monday 4 September.

Students then return as follows:

- Year 7 start school at 8.40am on Tuesday 5 September
- Year 11 return to school at 11am on Tuesday 5 September
- All other year groups return to school at 8.40am on Wednesday 6 September.

Please remember that school begins each day at 8.40am. We encourage all students to be on site in plenty of time and we have a free breakfast available to all from 8.15am – 8.35am each day. Students are able to enter the cafe space and the yards from 8am each day.

#### **Our High Expectations**

When we begin the new term we will be outlining to new students - and reiterating to our current students - our high expectations of behaviour, character and effort. We appreciate the support of all parents and carers in helping their children recognise and understand our expectations and the sanctions that occur when they are not met.

#### **Uniform**

We have high standards of uniform. St Wilfrid's students take pride in themselves and in our school. All students are treated equally and fairly; if any students breach any part of our uniform policy, then they will either be given some temporary uniform to wear, sent home to change, or be withdrawn from social time until their uniform is correct. We will do this to ensure that all our pupils take pride in their appearance. We wish our students to demonstrate their commitment to their education at St Wilfrid's by conforming and wearing the uniform as prescribed in the policy. A sense of belonging and an ethos that celebrates community is integral to mental wellbeing, community spirit and academic success – we are unified and together every step of the way. Our uniform policy can be found here: [St-Wilfrids-Uniform-Policy-March-2022.docx](#)

On behalf of all staff and Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to welcoming your children back to St Wilfrid's in September for what I know will be another fantastic year in the life of our school.

Take care and God Bless.

Mrs Ritchie

## Faith:

### A Prayer for the End of the School Year

*At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:*

*For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom, for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; for the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; for the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.*

*For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord to bless our families as we take our holidays; may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Supporting our local food banks

A massive thank you to all of our students who supported our food drive to provide groceries to our local food banks.

Congratulations to 7A1 who brought in the largest number of items and were rewarded with a giant cake!

We are especially proud of Joseph Ruddock, Ethan Shirley and Oliver McCaffery who have worked hard to organise and coordinate the food drive. Yesterday, we were visited by our Chair of Governors, Geraldine Kilgour, along with Jo Benham Brown (Development and Communities Manager) and Marie Burnett (Poverty Prevention Team Leader) from Key Project to meet these three exceptional students and to collect our donations.

The three boys enjoyed a visit to the new community bus which will begin visiting our local areas over the summer break. They were very proud to be first onboard this fantastic resource and were amazed by how the bus had been converted to be cheerful and welcoming to all. More information about the community bus will be shared by school in September.



## **Learning:**

### **Tutor groups of the year**

Today we celebrated the tutor group in each year group who have received the highest number of credits this year.

Year 7 winners are: 7A1

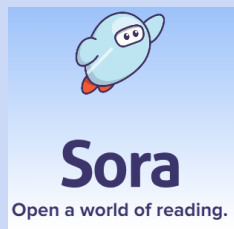
Year 8 winners are: 8MC2

Year 9 winners are: 9B2

Well done to everybody in these tutor groups - we are proud of you.

### **Students with zero debits!**

Throughout this week we have been celebrating all those students who have met our expectations every day without fail. Large numbers of students in each year group were invited along to the cafe to have sweet treats and juice to reward their hard work and commitment throughout this year - well done to you all! 😊



### **Accessing Books over the Summer**

All students have access to SORA our online reading platform. They have thousands of texts and audio books to enjoy over the summer holidays.

To access, simply login to the app or website using your school (Google Classroom) login details. If you are struggling to login, please visit Mrs Collings-Backhouse.

### **Leavers**

Today we have said goodbye to a number of teachers and support staff. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students and the whole school community. We wish them well in their new roles and next steps.

Mr Clark (our SENDCO) is leaving us today and Mr Jackson will be our new SENDCO in September.



Mr Clark



Mr Jackson

## **Support:**

At the end of this bulletin, we have included three posters advertising this summer's South Tyneside Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for benefit related free school meal children.

For more information and eligibility please call **0191 424 0118**, email [haf@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:haf@southtyneside.gov.uk) or visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub)



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