

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers
Friday 29 September 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

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**YEAR 7
OPEN EVENING**

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023
6:00PM - 8:00PM



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Faith:

Our assembly theme next week is Harvest. Friday 6 October is CAFOD family fast day – there will be an opportunity for students to participate by having a soup lunch at school should they wish. Please watch this short video for more information about CAFOD's 2023 Harvest appeal: <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

We look forward to our Year 7 Welcome Mass next Friday too. A letter has already been distributed about this lovely event – you can find it here: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-7-Welcome-Mass-Letter.pdf>

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Olivia Camm 8A1 and Amelia Rowland 10A2

Bede: Noah Ethan Whitehead 8B2 and Daisy Lincoln 10B1

Cuthbert:

Hilda: Maeva Jean 8H1 and Ruby Williamson 11H1

Margaret Clitherow: Lacey Duffield 8MC2 and Summer Conroy 11MC1

Tutor Group of the Week: 10MC2

Headteacher's Award: Xian Baz 7H1

Well done to all of you – an excellent achievement! Keep being the best versions of yourselves.

Year 11

This week, Year 11 have focused on setting themselves apart from their competition. We have introduced several interventions so far this year to support our Year 11 students to be the very best they can be and on Monday we discussed the importance of maximising these opportunities to ensure they fulfil their potential this academic year and reach their aspirational next steps.

One way students aimed to set themselves apart from their competition was to get a head start on their revision ahead of their October prelims, as students focused on the revision technique 'look, cover, write, check' with their tutor. Effective use of 'flash cards' will be demonstrated to students in next week's reading time revision session and in their Monday Morning Assembly, Year 11 will be introduced to Microsoft Teams and how this platform can be utilised to complete assignments and refer to lesson or revision resources during independent study.

Support:

First Aid at St Wilfrid's

This week we welcomed our new first aider, Mrs Jewitt. Mrs Jewitt is based in the medical room, which is connected to Saints Café - the central area of school.

To help Mrs Jewitt get to know our students that have existing medical conditions and needs, we are updating our individual healthcare plans (IHPs). The IHP is a document that records the medical condition, symptoms and the support that some children need at school. We will contact parents/carers of children that this applies to.

Also, it is imperative that all medication is brought to school by parents and a medication form is completed with consent for us to administer it. Students must not carry paracetamol or other tablets on their person or in their bags. Thank you for your support with this.

Online Safety / Mental Health / Cyberbullying

On Monday 25 September, Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a musical performance by teen sensation Zak. Zak performed some popular songs alongside some that he has penned himself, as well as speaking to our children about the importance of staying safe online, looking after your mental health and speaking out when feeling anxious, targeted or unhappy.

Twitter - [@theprimeagency](#)

Instagram - [@theprimeagency](#) - [@zakmusicofficial](#)

Facebook - [The Prime Agency | Facebook](#) - [Zak Hull Music | Facebook](#)

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week our focus was upon social media. Social media has many benefits but it also can cause harm; young people can easily get addicted to social media and are often naïve to the risks of 'over sharing' online. The Safer Internet Centre has some excellent guides and checklists to the main social media apps used by children. You can access these here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/social-media-3>

PSHE

On Monday, Year 10 will be receiving a presentation from Tyne Coast College entitled 'Apprenticeships - Myth Busting' and 'The importance of Maths and English in the workplace!'

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Question of the week:

What are T-Levels?

T Levels are technical-based qualifications developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, with content that meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training, or study.

T Levels are two-year courses that can be studied by 16-18 year olds after finishing their GCSEs. T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, designed by employers and approved

by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

[Introduction of T Levels - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Upcoming South Tyneside Local Authority Events:

Your Next Steps Live – Preparation for Adulthood – Thursday 5th October – Jarrow Focus – 13:30-18:30

The event is aimed at supporting SEND young people with their transitions between education, employment, training and adulthood and will be aimed at those young people aged 14-25.

Apprenticeships update

Please follow the link below to view the most recent apprenticeship vacancy report for South Tyneside.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/South-Tyneside-25-Sep-2023.xlsx>

This has been generated from [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and is one of the many platforms highlighting apprenticeship opportunities. We also encourage a broader search including reviewing training provider and employer websites plus the many online job's boards.

Open evening

Students who have been selected to participate as school representatives at our open evening on Thursday will bring letters home next week with details. These letters need to be returned in order for your child to be involved. Only pupils with letters are required to attend.

Punctuality

Reminder that any pupils who arrive in school after 8.40am on a morning will have a 30-minute detention that evening, parents will be notified via class charts. Any students who are late on three occasions in one week will also have an SLT 60-minute detention on Friday after school.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Friday 6 October:** Year 7 Welcome Mass
- **Friday 6 October:** Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day.

Sixth Form:

Last week, Year 12 joined together as a 6th form community and celebrated our Year 12 Welcome Mass.



On Friday October 6 2023, Year 12 and Year 13 will be attending a careers fair at St. James' Park in Newcastle. This exciting and informative event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers and local colleges.

The fair will feature a wide range of vital seminars including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why take an Apprenticeship, Choosing a University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance.

The event is perfectly timed to help students in Year 13 as they prepare their UCAS and apprenticeship applications. It is also ideal for Year 12 students who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices.

PSHE

Year 12 - Study Skills- Time Management

Year 13 - Degree Apprenticeships in support of university applications or alternative pathways.

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