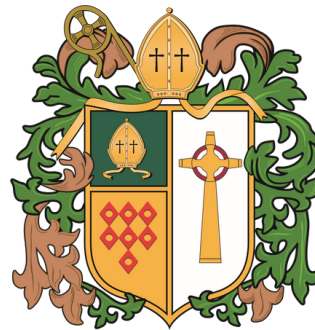




St. Wilfrid's R.C. College



Prospectus





# Welcome

*Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum*

*Excellence through faith, learning and support*

**St. Wilfrid's is a Roman Catholic College. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, where each and every student is an equally valued member of our community. The culture of our college is based distinctively on Gospel values, which are reflected in everything we do.**

We encourage students to demonstrate high levels of commitment and co-operation while all members of staff endeavour to provide maximum opportunities for learning and progression within a secure and safe environment.

Our educational philosophy is based strongly on partnership where home, college, parish and the wider community work closely together to provide maximum support to the educational process.

To find out more about St. Wilfrid's please visit our website at **[www.st-wilfrids.org](http://www.st-wilfrids.org)** or follow us on Facebook (St Wilfrids RC College) and Twitter (@stwilfridsrccol).

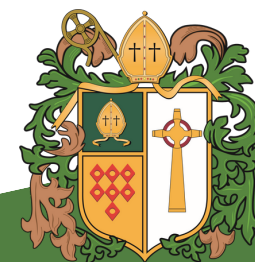


Mrs D Ritchie  
Acting Head of School



Mrs F Craik  
Acting Executive Head

*We are Outstanding*



# New Starters

## Your child's first year at St. Wilfrid's

Parents are encouraged to come to school at any time to discuss any concerns, having telephoned to make an appointment with their Head of House first, however the following times are organised to offer continued support for both students and parents:

### A welcome Mass

for Year 7 students and their parents is held one evening towards the end of September. Families are very welcome to attend.

### Parents Evening

takes place once a year. Parents will have an opportunity to see all subject teachers.

### Office Hours

8.00am – 4.00pm  
Telephone: 0191 4569121

Year 7 School Day	8.40am - 3.10pm
Registration	8.40am-8.50am
Lesson 1	8.50am-9.45am
Lesson 2	9.45am-10.40am
Break	10.40am-11.00am
Reading time/ Assembly/	
Wellbeing Session	11.00am-11.30am
Lesson 3	11.30am-12.25pm
Lunch	12.25pm-1.20pm
Lesson 4	1.20pm-2.15pm
Lesson 5	2.15pm-3.10pm
End of day	3.10pm

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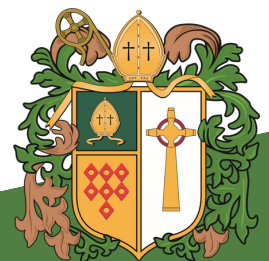
# Choose St. Wilfrid's

**Choosing which secondary school your child goes to is a big decision. A milestone for both your child and for you as parents. We believe that St. Wilfrid's is the right place to make the educational experience for your child and you as rewarding as possible.**

- Our college is a Christian community where respect and co-operation are reflected in everything we do.
- We are an Outstanding School, awarded Outstanding across all five areas of inspection: Effectiveness of leadership and management; Quality of teaching, learning and assessment; Personal development, behaviour and welfare; Outcomes for pupils; Our 16 to 19 study programmes.

**At our last Ofsted inspection in October 2018, inspectors found that:**

- *Leaders and governors are unstinting in their determination that all pupils will achieve their potential. No stone is left unturned.*
- *The quality of teaching and learning across the vast majority of subjects is high.*
- *The strength of relationships between staff and pupils is a significant reason why the standard of learning across the school is so high.*



# Our School

**St. Wilfrid's RC College has undertaken some exceptional improvements to provide our students with the best learning facilities and environment possible in order for each child to reach their full potential.**

This year, our exciting new extension to the existing school building has opened. The St John Henry Newman block provides six new classrooms and extra dining space. This sustainable build also enhances biodiversity with a wildflower roof, conservation space and large pond outside.

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





# School Admissions

**The full Admissions Policy is available under the Policies page on the school's website, but you may find the information below helpful. To apply for a place at a secondary school in South Tyneside, please see guidance from the local authority on their website.**

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. First priority in each category will be given to children who will have an older sibling attending the school.

- 1. Looked after and previously looked after children*
- 2. Catholic children who attend a feeder primary school*
- 3. Other Catholic children*
- 4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church*
- 5. Children who attend a feeder primary school*
- 6. Children of a member of school staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which application for admission to the school is made*
- 7. Children of other Christian denominations*
- 8. Children of other faiths*
- 9. Any other children*

***The quality of the Catholic Life of the school is outstanding, inspired and inspirational.***

Diocesan Inspection Report, March 2017



# Our Curriculum

## Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 students consist of Year 7, 8 and 9 students who study a range of core subjects across the curriculum.

We offer all of the statutory subjects of the national curriculum at KS3. All pupils will start French in Year 7 and selected groups of Year 7 pupils will also study Mandarin Chinese weekly. In order to consolidate maximum progress in English and mathematics, all year groups have four hours of each subject on a weekly basis. There is also additional time provided to science in Years 7 and 8.

## Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 students consist of Year 10 and 11 students who study a range of core subjects as well as chosen GCSE and vocational option subjects across the curriculum.

All students follow a core curriculum and a number of optional subjects. The core curriculum involves English, mathematics, science, PE, RE and PHSE. Pupils additionally follow one of two routes which contain 'Optional' subjects. In 'Route 1' students will study a range of traditional academic GCSE subjects which must include MFL and a humanities subject. In 'Route 2' the students will study a mix of traditional GCSE subjects including humanities alongside a choice of several high quality vocational courses.



# Our Curriculum

## Key Stage 5

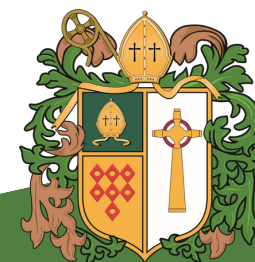
Students are able to choose from a number of high quality A level subjects and relevant vocational subjects. Year 11 students are interviewed individually by a member of the Senior Leadership Team during the Spring Term in order to discuss their options at Post 16, including continuing at St Wilfrid's, apprenticeships or attending other FE institutions.

## Inclusion

Provision and support exists throughout the school for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). SEND provision is an integral part of our overall school provision. Teachers use the SEND data we collect from primary schools and our own information and assessments to plan lessons and differentiate provision for students with SEND.

The provision may be in the form of extra classes, specifically designed extension opportunities, specific support or self-supported study, literacy enhancement programmes, one to one tuition or mentoring. We aim to be swift at identifying under-achievement and addressing it at individual or group level.

We offer in-class support with a team of highly dedicated Learning Support Assistants.





# Catholic Ethos

**We provide an outstanding Catholic education. Like all schools, academic progress and success is paramount at our outstanding school. However, we also prioritise the development of the individual gifts, skills and talents that enable students to flourish as unique human beings. Every child we welcome is a gift from God and it is our mandate to ensure that they become the very best versions of themselves.**

Our motto, "Excellence through faith, learning and support", is ingrained in our rewards and recognition culture. Students that demonstrate excellence are proudly awarded with bespoke school colours. The seven heavenly virtues guide our character development framework, ensuring students become moral citizens that make positive contributions to society. We frequently reward students with credits acknowledging the virtues they have displayed.

We welcome students of all faiths and no faith: "My Father's house has many rooms" (John 14:2). We are fully committed to enabling every child in our care to reach their potential and to live "Life to the full" (John 10:10). Every child is a child of God and we promise that they will be treated with the human dignity that God bestowed upon us and given opportunities to reach for the stars. We have a particular duty of care for the vulnerable and marginalised, whose needs are given special attention in God's eyes.

As Pope Benedict said, "A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints." We are committed to supporting parents and carers in instilling virtues and values into our young people for the benefit of our local community. More than that, we believe our students leave us with the desire to make a difference to the world in which we live.



# Enriched Curriculum

**We provide students with opportunities to excel and explore beyond the classroom through our rich and diverse extra-curricular and enrichment offer. Activities include choir and various music practices, ICT, active sport and art clubs. Extra work or projects can be undertaken during this time in lots of subject areas. An example is our extensive STEM club that dives deeper into the curriculum to explore theories, ideas and problem solving beyond timetabled lessons.**

## **Sporting activities**

The PE department runs a wide range of clubs and teams both at lunchtimes and after school.

The college enters teams in the South Tyneside Leagues and all students attending the practices have the opportunity to represent the college in their year group. The teams are also entered into the South Tyneside Schools Tournaments which take place throughout the academic year.

We have a successful sporting culture at St Wilfrid's, often South Tyneside Champions across a range of age groups in a number of sporting activities. We have also represented the region and achieved countywide success across various sports.

Individual sports coaching takes place each week depending on the season.

## **Music for all**

The Music department runs a wide range of ensembles and clubs for pupils of all ages and ability. Weekly rehearsals take place in preparation for a number of performances, including our annual Advent services, lunchtime events and other liturgical events in school as well as numerous events around the region to which our pupils are invited.

School has an excellent relationship with peripatetic teachers who visit school to offer instrumental lessons to pupils who are interested learning specific instruments.

***We value the achievement of students with Special Educational Needs and encourage all students to reach their potential.***



# Our Uniform

## Uniform Expectations 2022-23

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students and anyone arriving at college in non-uniform clothing may expect to be sent home to get changed.

The college has a rigid policy concerning uniform; it must be worn at ALL TIMES, unless given permission by a member of staff. Uniform issues related to matters of religious observance may be granted. Extreme haircuts (tramlines, cat scratches, patterns, 'V' cuts, steps or unnatural colours are not acceptable). The shortest grade accepted is a 2.

Make-up (including fake tan, fake/tinted eyelashes, false/enhanced eyebrows, fake nails) and jewellery (including clear plastic piercing retainers) must not be worn – jewellery may be confiscated and will require collection by parents at the end of the day.

The wearing of trainers is not allowed under any circumstances except for in P.E. lessons.

### **Equipment**

All students must provide their own black pens, pencils, rubbers, basic earphones for music lessons and rulers and they must have them at all times. Calculators are sold in college.

It is essential that every student is provided with an appropriate bag for carrying exercise and text books to and from college. This ensures that books and equipment are kept in good condition.

All students must have an apron for technology lessons to protect their clothing.

## St. Wilfrid's RC College Uniform

### **Years 7-11**

- Black blazer with college badge and braid / new school badge with coloured circle
- Grey permanent pleated knee-length skirt/ grey regulation school trousers, worn to the top of the shoe (tight fitting or jean style prohibited)
- Regulation white shirt, buttoned to neck
- Grey traditional V neck school jumper (No Logo required)
- Clip-on tie (green with gold diagonal stripes)
- Plain black tights or white/black socks ankle or knee length
- Plain black formal shoes without logos (not trainers or plimsolls)
- Sensible waterproof outdoor coat (plain, dark colours)
- No hats in college

### **PE Kit**

- White polo shirt (no logo required)
- Black shorts
- Black school tracksuit bottoms (optional)
- Black ¼ zip School PE Sweatshirt (optional)
- Black football socks
- Trainers







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