

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 13 October 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Next week, the liturgical focus for our assemblies is 'Fruit of the Earth and work of human hands.' Gardens are important settings in Scripture. Adam and Eve are created in the Garden of Eden, born out of God's great love for us. Jesus prays and suffers in the Garden of Gethsemane before he is arrested and crucified – again, out of love for us.

Feast of St Wilfrid

On October 12 we celebrated the Feast of St Wilfrid. In assembly, each House were given the opportunity to pray to St Wilfrid, the servant of God, our school's patron saint, asking for him to support all to be the best versions of ourselves. Year 8 celebrated mass with Fr Jonathan on Thursday, the Feast Day.

Catholic Schools Inspection

Last week we had our Catholic Schools inspection. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support via survey responses and we look forward to sharing the full report with you all once it is published in the near future.

Year 7 Welcome Mass Update

In addition to the notice in last week's bulletin, we would like to thank parents and carers for their presence at the Mass. We had a record number of attendees, which helped to make the celebration very special. We look forward to sharing many more special occasions with you.

Year 8 Retreat

Many of our Year 8 students enjoyed a peaceful and reflective retreat at the Youth Ministry Team's Emmaus Youth Village in Allensford, County Durham. The theme of the retreat this year was "lost and Found". As part of the event student presented to the rest of the group on campaigns and causes that they feel passionate about, this included topics such as the negative impact of social media, the war in Ukraine and gang culture. All students have had a fabulous time all the staff who accompanied them are so proud of how amazing they

have worked over the three days.



Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Azeem Oyewole 7A1 and Imad Khan 7A1
Bede: Jasmin Callaghan 10B2 and Luca Osmulikevici 10B2
Cuthbert: Jasmine Line 8C1 and Olivia Langley 11C1
Hilda: Sophie Ambler 8H1 and Evie Hawes 10H2
Margaret Clitherow: Gumilan Kaur 7MC2 and Sophie Hearn 9MC2

Tutor Group of the Week: 7B1
Headteacher's Award: Dominic Boylan 7A2

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

Emma Lewell-Buck Visit

We welcomed Emma Lewell-Buck, MP for South Tyneside to St Wilfrid's today and she met with a number of students. They asked her about her role both in South Shields and Westminster, and she quizzed them on student life. Our own Year 13 student and Member of Youth Parliament, Luke Hall, joined them in conversation. The students had some brilliant questions and it is always a pleasure to welcome Emma to St. Wilfrid's.

Celebrating Success

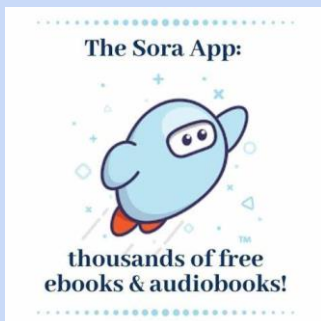
Congratulations to Oliver McCaffery and Joseph Ruddock, both of whom have received trophies for Cricket

recently from Marsden Cricket Club.



If any other students achieve success outside of school, we would love to acknowledge their achievements and celebrate with them. Please email celebrate@st-wilfrids.org so we can share in your pride.

Online Reading Platform- SORA



Students can now access SORA using their Teams login. SORA is a free platform with thousands of books, audiobooks and graphic novels available to download! [SORA Access Link](#)

Support:

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week our contextual safeguarding focus was child criminal exploitation (CCE). Students watched a video of a fictitious story/character and considered how they were manipulated and exploited into undertaking criminal activity for a gang. They also explored the signs and indicators that may suggest another young person is being exploited by a criminal organisation. If you would like to find out more about CCE, please see the CrimeStoppers website: [Child Criminal Exploitation \(CCE\) | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday we promoted World Mental Health Day in school. We have elected 16 fabulous students to be Mental Health Ambassadors and they have led the assemblies this week, informing students about mental health and how to get support when it is needed.

School Nurse Visit

The school nursing team visited on Thursday, speaking to our students about the risks associated with vaping and smoking and the harmful effects.

Safeguarding

All students will now be familiar with our Designated Safeguarding Leads and our systems and processes for reporting a safeguarding concern. Please ask your child what they would do if they didn't feel safe at school and how they would go about reporting a concern. We also have an email address that children can email if they are worried about something: worry@st-wilfrids.org This goes directly to Mr Logan, our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mr Logan will ensure that the concern is acted upon by an appropriate member of staff the next morning.

School Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol on Temple Park Road, opposite Ashley Academy, will be unavailable during the week beginning 30 October. Please remind your children of road safety and make alternative arrangements if necessary.

Term Dates 2024-2025

The term and holiday dates for 2024-2025 can be found here: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BCCET-School-Term-Dates-2024-2025.pdf>

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Upcoming South Tyneside Local Authority Events:

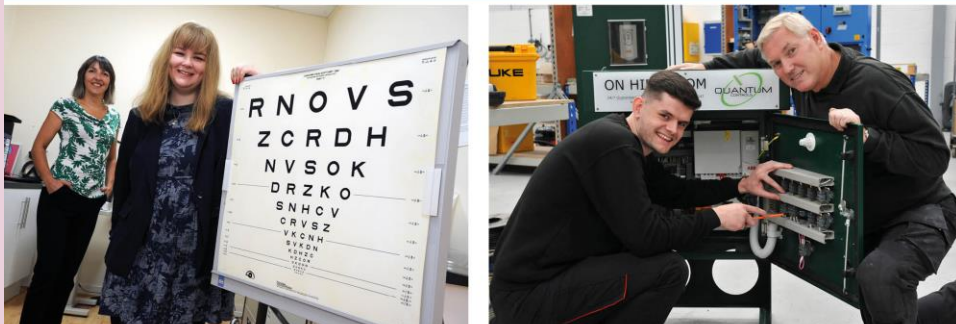
Your Next Steps Live takes place next **Thursday 19th October** between **15:30-19:00** at **Temple Park,**

South Shields and gives young people the opportunity to explore their career and training opportunities, meet employers and build their future.

YOUR NEXT STEPS LIVE

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 3:30-7:00PM

📍 Temple Park Centre, South Shields, NE34 8QN



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Exhibitors include: St. Wilfrid's RC College Sixth Form, South Tyneside College, South Shields Marine School, Groundwork South and North Tyneside, Key Subject Tuition, Lomax Training Services Limited, MPCT Military Academy, Prince's Trust, Springboard, Zenith Training, South Tyneside SENDIASS, Wates Group, South Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Homes, Northumbria Police, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle College, Gateshead College, Nissan, Hitachi Construction Machinery UK, Tedco LTD, Sir Robert McAlpine, Sunderland Software City, St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Harton Academy, Whitburn Sixth Form and more!

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/2023/10/South-Tyneside-09-Oct-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.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Monday 16 October:** Y11 and Y13 preliminary exams begin
- **Tuesday 17 October:** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- **Thursday 19 October:** Year 8 Parents' Evening (reminder school closes to pupils at 2:15pm)
- **Friday 20 October:** INSET day – school closed to students

Please note there was an error in a communication sent to parents earlier this week. The date for Year 7 Parents' Evening is **Thursday** 2 November. Apologies for any confusion caused.

The link below contains an outline of key dates for parents for this academic year.

[St-Wilfrids-Key-Dates-for-Parents.pdf](#)

Sixth Form:

PSHE

Year 12 - Study Skills- How to revise

Year 13 – One to one progress interviews with students using Unifrog application checker

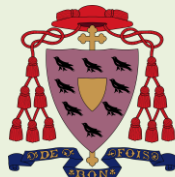
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