

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 6 October 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Next week we celebrate the Feast of St Wilfrid, our patron saint. Born in Northumberland in 634, St Wilfrid was educated at Lindisfarne and was later appointed Bishop of York. St Wilfrid was an outstanding person, extremely capable and courageous. A zealous and skilled missionary, St Wilfrid personified the respect, resilience and responsibility that we aim to instil in our own wonderful 'Wilfies'.

Year 7 Welcome Mass

This afternoon we had the privilege of celebrating Mass with our full Year 7 cohort. A special occasion, it was fantastic to be joined by parents and carers as we commemorated a successful start to life at St Wilfrid's.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Today, students were given the opportunity to support the Harvest CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal, purchasing soup for £1 with school donating 50p from each sale. This year, the appeal supports

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Kenzie Welsh 9A1 and Ava Given 11A2

Bede: Libby Townsley 11B1 and Kai Stamps 11B2

Cuthbert: William Davies 7C1 and Shabara Molik 11C2

Hilda:

Margaret Clitherow: Lillie Burke 8MC2 and Jocelyn Crosby 10MC1

Tutor Group of the Week: 11C2

Headteacher's Award: Eniola Ijaduola 9A2

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

Support:

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week our contextual safeguarding focus was knife crime. We discussed the risks and dangers associated with carrying bladed items and followed some guidance from the British Red Cross to stop heavy bleeding.

- You are more likely to be hurt or injured if you carry a knife.
- Research shows 99% of young people don't carry knives.
- Carrying a knife could lead to up to 5 years in prison, even if it is not used.

For more information about the prevention of knife crime, please check the Crime Stoppers website, Fearless: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/more-info/crime-types-explained/knife-crime>

Harvest Challenge: Food Bank

In solidarity with our local community, we are once again collecting to support the Key Project Foodbank. Throughout the rest of this half term, students may bring items to donate – they are to take their items to our Chaplain's office.

Suitable items to donate include:

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge/rice puddings
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long-life juice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)
- Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)
- Tinned soup
- Jam and spreads
- Shower gel
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry detergent pods

For more information about the Key Project Foodbank, please see their website: <https://keycommunity.org.uk/what-we-do/key-to-life-foodbank/> The Key Community can also help with pre-loved school uniforms.

After half term, we will be installing a permanent Foodbank Collection Point in our main entrance.

PSHE

On Monday, Year 9 will be receiving a presentation from Tyne Coast College entitled 'Academic versus Vocational'.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Click on the link below to view a selection of career websites which help you to see potential links between specific subjects studied at school and the exciting world of work.

[The best career websites by school subject area - CareerWave](#)

Upcoming South Tyneside Local Authority Events:

Your Next Steps Live, sponsored by South Tyneside College, takes place at **Temple Park on Thursday 19th October between 15:30-19:00**

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

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Tuesday 10 October:** World Mental Health Day
- **Wednesday 11 October:** Year 8 Retreat
- **Thursday 12 October:** Feast of St Wilfrid
- **Thursday 12 October:** School Nurse lunchtime visit – vaping/smoking
- **Friday 13 October:** Emma Lewell-Buck visit

Sixth Form:

PSHE

Year 12 – Study Skills and Note Taking

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

Responsible

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Resilient

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Respectful



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