

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 17 November 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

Today is the Feast of St Hilda, one of our six House saints. Hilda is the patron saint of learning and culture. She was a woman of great energy; a skilled teacher. She gained such a reputation for wisdom that even kings and princes sought her advice, but she also showed concern and care for ordinary folk, no matter what their status was. Hilda recognised other people's gifts and encouraged them to develop.

Gracious God,
Through Aidan, you called Hilda
to serve you and your people in Abbeys
at Hartlepool and Whitby –
Leading men and women
With wisdom and kindness.

Help us to follow
Her example
of steadfast love
but openness to change -
bringing harmony and hope to
Those around us.
Amen.

Our assemblies next week will focus on **works of charity** and the benefit of helping others. Charity is one of the seven virtues that reflect the character we aim to instil within each of our Wilfies. Charity is the 'voluntary giving of help to those in need'. It is most commonly thought of as financial support but it encompasses all kinds of help, assistance and kindness.

Our school supports Norah's North Pole annually. [Norah's North Pole \(norahsnorthpole.co.uk\)](http://norahsnorthpole.co.uk) Norah's North Pole is a wonderful charity that helps fill Santa sacks with gifts for children and families most in need in the North East each Christmas.

Cafod has a fantastic World Gifts drive too, helping to transform the lives of families that are experiencing poverty: [CAFOD World Gifts](#)

We hope we can spread kindness, peace and joy this term as we head into the season of Advent.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Riley Farulla-Carr 7A1 and Isabella Carrick 11A1

Bede: Olivia Mitchell 7B1 and Jessica Warnock 8B1

Cuthbert: George Parker 7C1 and Ryan Potts 11C1

Hilda: Ivan Murwisi 7H1 and Ruby Duff 11H2

Margaret Clitherow: Pete Davies 7MC2 and Isabella Stonehouse 11MC2

Headteacher's Award: Joshua Burnett 9H1

Tutor Group of the Week: 11B1

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

Celebrating Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ivan Murwisi 7H1. Ivan participated in the Hebburn Remembrance Parade, playing his musical instrument. It is always a pleasure to see our students giving up their time to serve others, using their gifts and talents to be the people God wants them to be! Well done, Ivan!



Please send your children's achievements to celebrate@st-wilfrids.org so we can congratulate them.

Year 11

Our Year 11 students have just five weeks left of the first term of this crucial year. In their assembly on Monday morning, the strategies which will be implemented with our students for the remainder of this term will be outlined to them, so they are fully aware of how they will be supported as we continue to build momentum following their first set of prelim examinations.

- STEP Cycle 2 – Some students have been part of a recent cycle focusing on vocational subjects, however from Monday 27 November, STEP Cycle 2 will commence which will involve a wide range of subjects. STEP is our targeted intervention programme for small groups of students in specific subjects and your child must check with their tutor which sessions they have been selected to attend.
- Homework Planner – Year 11 will receive a bespoke homework planner in December which will help them plan to manage their time effectively, ensuring all homework is completed on time and the time spent on their subjects is balanced appropriately to give them the best possible chance of successful summer outcomes.
- Prelim Reflection – It is vitally important that our students learn positively from the experience of their October prelims; therefore, they will complete a reflection exercise using their prelim results to allow them to set individualised targets. Those targets will allow our students to strive for continuous improvement as they aim to be the best version of themselves.

Finally, a date for your diary. There will be a Year 11 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 11 January 2024, where strategies and key dates will be shared and discussed. Further information to follow.

Support:

School Council

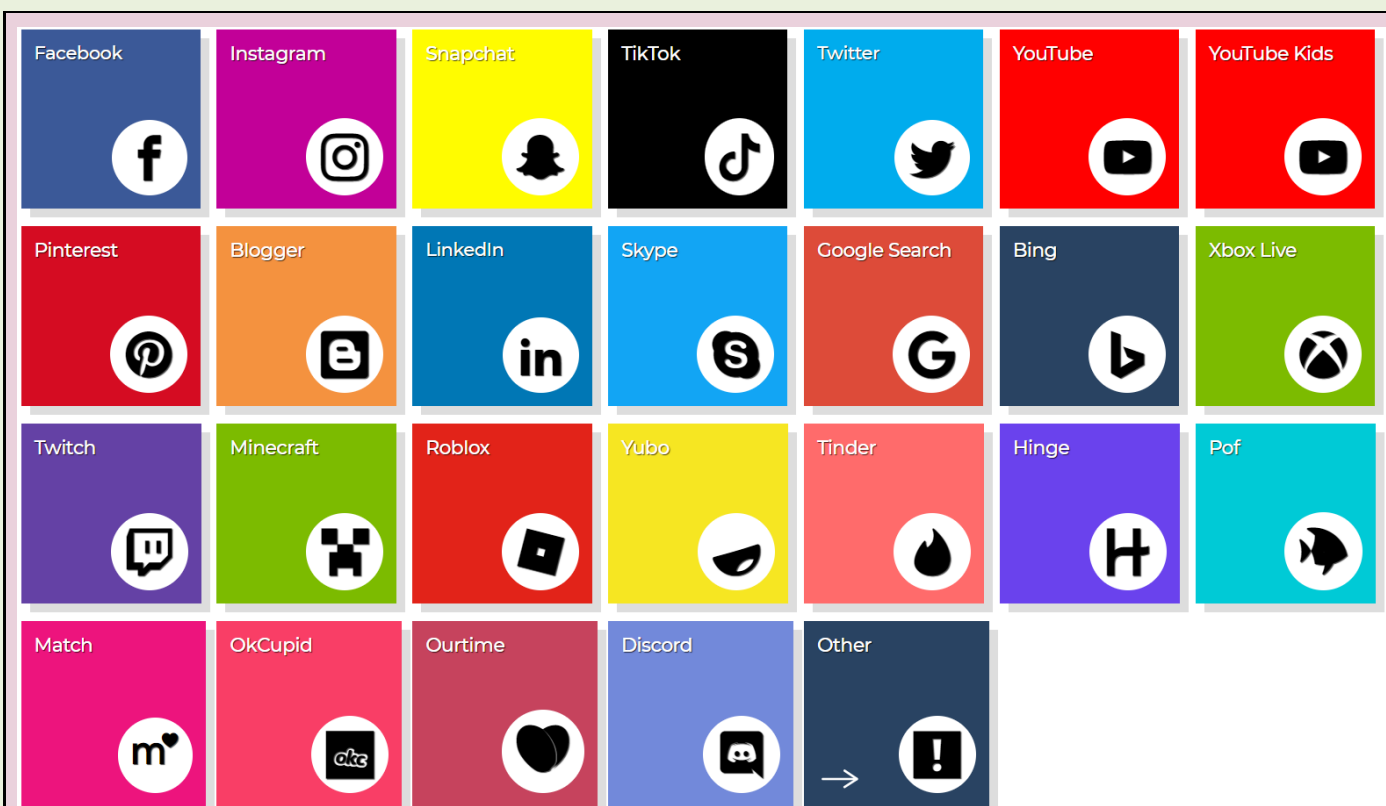
This week, in **Wellbeing Wednesday**, we focused on **British Values** – in particular, **democracy**. We are relaunching our School Council which will have a sharp focus on British Values and standing items of safeguarding (including anti-bullying), wellbeing and Laudato Si (caring for our environment). Each tutor group will nominate a House Council representative and two students from each House will form the School Council. Please encourage your children to consider putting themselves forward next week. Student voice is important to us as it enables us to work together with our student body to drive change.

South Tyneside Young Health Ambassadors

Dominika Mis and Emily Peel, Year 10, represented South Tyneside Young Health Ambassadors at the recent Intergenerational Debate in the Chambers at South Shields Town Hall, in partnership with Young People's Parliament which they are also both members of. They each contributed to the debates around graffiti, poverty and periods, and raised some excellent points which were listened to by local Councillors. The Councillors were very impressed at the maturity of the conversation, and the confidence and passion with which the students spoke around the topics, and comments were made on the respectful nature in which they conducted their debates.

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Kooth

Michael Broude, from Kooth (online counselling), will be in school each day next week to talk to students about this service and the support they can access. To find out more, visit [Home - Kooth](#)

The National School Breakfast Programme

The National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) provides food and support for our breakfast provision. As part of our involvement in the programme, we have been asked to gather your views and feedback about the impact of breakfast on your child(ren).

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this short questionnaire so that the team can gather your feedback on the breakfast provision at our school. It should take no longer than

5 minutes.

The questionnaire is anonymous and is being conducted by the NSBP. It is independent of our school. The NSBP may use your feedback in marketing and publicity, but it will always be anonymous unless they have obtained your consent beforehand.

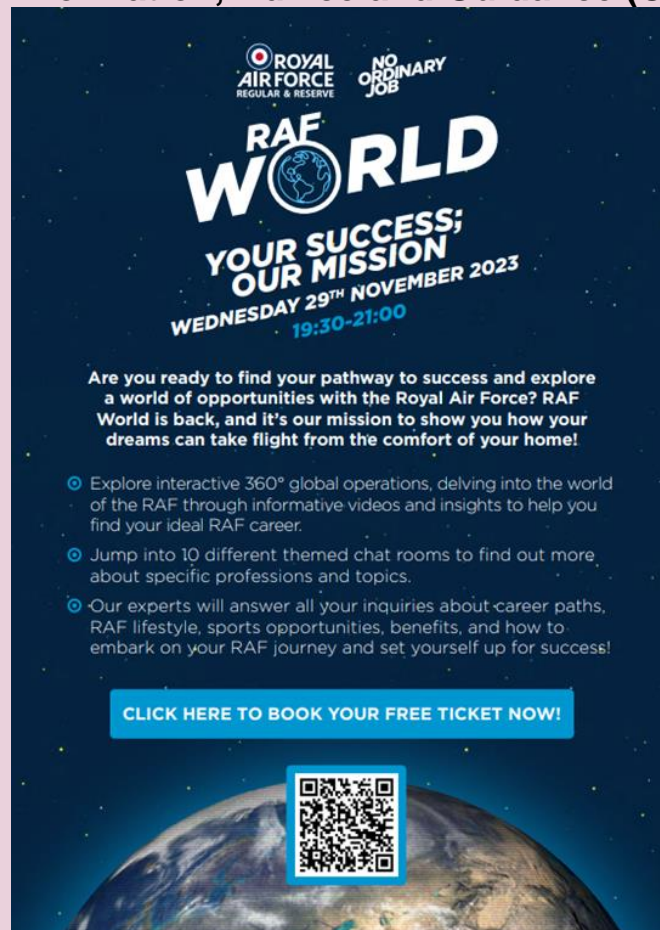
The feedback will help the NSBP to measure the impact that the programme is having and help them to develop school breakfast provision in the future. The overall feedback results will also be shared with us, so that we too can use it to better understand and develop the breakfast offer to our pupils.

For the purposes of the questionnaire, if you have more than one child at our school, please answer it for the oldest child.

To complete the questionnaire, please click this link: [Parent/Carer Survey Secondary \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/Parent/Carer%20Survey%20Secondary)

For more information on the programme, please visit [National School Breakfast Programme - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](https://www.family-action.org.uk)

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Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience:

Parental consent forms need to be returned to the school main reception ASAP. Spare electronic copies can be found on the school website under the Careers Programme tab, and hard copies can be found on the school reception.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **11 January:** Year 11 Information Evening
- **19 – 23 February:** Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience Week

Sixth Form:

PSHE

Year 12

- Challenging prejudice and discrimination

Year 13

- The basics of interviews

Responsible

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Resilient

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Respectful



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