

## Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 3 November 2023



**St. Wilfrid's**  
R.C. College

*Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support*

### **Faith:**

Next week we remind our students of Remembrance in anticipation of Remembrance Sunday on 12 October. Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We will be holding a two-minute silence on Friday 10 November at 11.11am in respect for those that have lost their lives; we will also have student representation at the Cenotaph to show our respects.



Lord God,  
help us this day to remember the sacrifice of those caught up in war, and the generations of men,

women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.  
Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their  
service.  
Amen.

## Learning:

### Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

**Aidan:** Saxon Traynor-Richardson 7A1 and Abbie Thompson 11A1

**Bede:** Aksha Srivel 7B1 and Issy McKenzie 7B1

**Cuthbert:** Millie Everett 9C2 and Molly Hall 11C2

**Hilda:** Ava Yates 8H1 and Zannet Akther 10H1

**Margaret Clitherow:** Menesa Miah 8MC1 and Adiba Kamruzzaman 10MC2

**Tutor Group of the Week:** 10MC2

**Headteacher's Award:** Millie Everett 9C2

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

## Celebrating Student Achievements

Congratulations to Lola Kerr 7C1 who came first in a gymnastics regional team competition at Newton Aycliffe during the half term break. Lola has attended South Tyneside Gymnastics Club since she was three years old! Well done, Lola – this is a fantastic achievement.



Congratulations to Ava Carr 10MC1 who won an Under 14 Girls' tennis singles tournament during

half term. Ava has also played in an international tournament in Nottingham! Well done, Ava – this is fantastic.

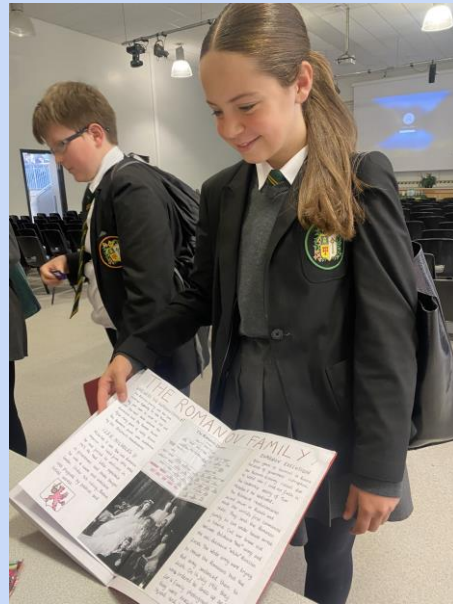
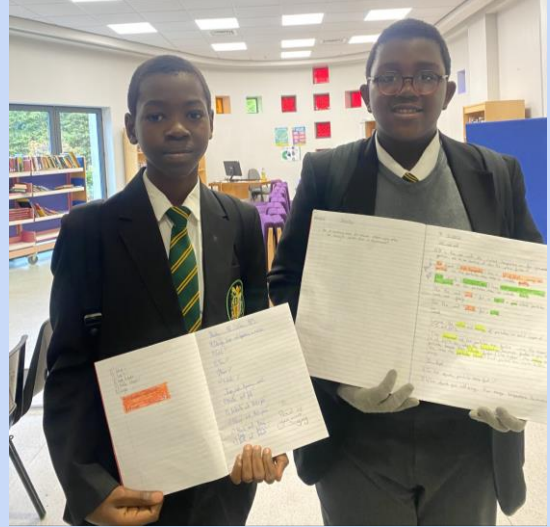


Please send your children's achievements to [celebrate@st-wilfrids.org](mailto:celebrate@st-wilfrids.org) so we can congratulate them.

### **Proud of your work!**

On the final day of last half term, we hosted a 'Proud of your work!' event for Year 7 and 8 students. We asked students to bring work they had produced which they were personally proud of themselves or work which had been nominated by one of their teachers. They were greeted in Nichols Hall by our sixth form volunteers who listened to our Year 7 and 8 students explaining why they were proud of the piece of work they were presenting. All students who attended the event received a small prize for their hard work and determination.

Well done to all Year 7 and 8 students who attended and a huge thank you to our wonderful Sixth Form volunteers, we are proud of you all.



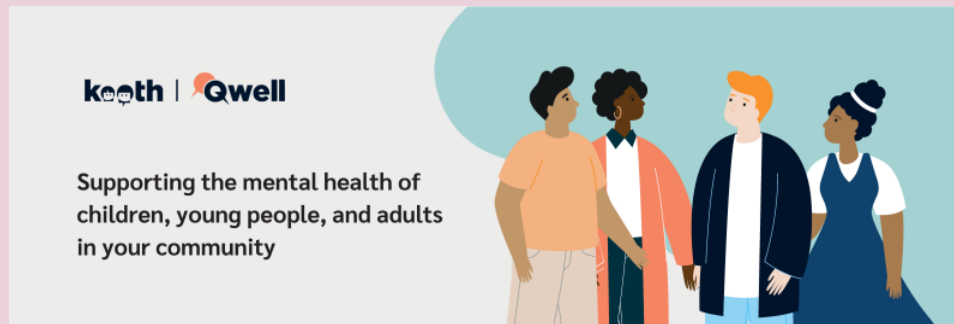
## Year 11

This week was the final week of prelim examinations for our Year 11 students. During their assembly on Monday morning, we will be discussing the importance of resuming their usual Year 11 routine, including maximising the opportunities available for independent revision such as supported study, as well as attending allocated STEP sessions. Later this half term we will be encouraging students to reflect on their prelim results whilst exploring marginal gains to ensure they are continually striving to improve and be the best versions of themselves.

**Support:**

**Wellbeing Wednesday**

Kooth is an online counselling service <https://www.kooth.com/> and we will be using resources provided by Kooth throughout this half term during our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions to raise awareness of the service and help students build resilience and coping strategies.



## School-based Immunisations – Intra Health

Please note, South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust no longer deliver school-based immunisations. This service is now delivered by Intra Health. Please can all parents/carers whose children have missed an in-school immunisation contact Intra Health directly on 0191 518 1564 or email them on [contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk), advising that your child attends St Wilfrid's RC College.

## Mental Health Tips for Parents

In a new BBC Three documentary – Roman Kemp: The Fight for Young Lives – the radio DJ and TV personality explores what support there is available to support young people. There is more information about this and tips to help you have conversations with your child about mental health and promoting positive mental health in your child here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvq6vj6>

## Monitoring Your Child's Social Media and Internet Use

We are aware that children have access to Whatsapp, Snapchat and other social media/messaging services and that the content shared is not always age appropriate. We have received some really concerning information from parents that their children have been contacted by adults that are behaving inappropriately – this has been reported to the police. Please check your child's Snapchat specifically. The Internet Matters website has some practical advice to help parents/carers get up to speed on the most popular platforms and help you to ensure privacy settings are correct.

[https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/?gad=1&qclid=Cj0KCQjwgP2pBhDMARIsAJQ0CzrPQcZZf99dE87fbNzlhhCBaXPmJU-h4pg5iRRe83vfobCW2JrMRXwaAlt6EALw\\_wcB](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/?gad=1&qclid=Cj0KCQjwgP2pBhDMARIsAJQ0CzrPQcZZf99dE87fbNzlhhCBaXPmJU-h4pg5iRRe83vfobCW2JrMRXwaAlt6EALw_wcB)

## Parking

Please be mindful when parking in the streets around school when you are collecting your children. A resident has raised concerns that there are many cars parking close to one another and restricting

access to driveways. We understand that parents and carers may struggle to find space to park when picking up children but please be considerate to the residents – the resident that contacted us was very polite and understanding and we wish to promote excellent relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for assisting with this.

### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE)**

On Monday, Year 8 will be receiving a presentation from Tyne Coast College entitled 'Academic versus Vocational'.

### **Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)**

Upcoming Virtual Insight Events:

**Amazon**



**Goldman Sachs**



Deloitte



**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/2023/11/South-Tyneside-30-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.

**Engineering Careers Event  
Thursday 7th December  
2023**

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Seta offers apprenticeships in:

- Electrical and/or Mechanical Fitting
- Mechatronics Maintenance (Multi-skilled)
- Machining, Toolmaking and CNC
- Technical (e.g. CAD, Design)
- Welding and Fabrication



Interested in a career in engineering starting in September 2024 or before?

Want to know more about the apprenticeships available, look around the training centre and meet employers recruiting apprentices? Then our Engineering Careers Event will be perfect for you.



Book now to secure your place using the QR code on this leaflet.  
Early applications are essential to ensure your best chance of getting an apprenticeship.  
Apply at [www.seta.co.uk](http://www.seta.co.uk)

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## **Class Charts**

We are in the process of updating our management information system in school currently. This has meant that the Class Charts attendance module has been switched off whilst development work takes place. Please revert to reporting absences through the school phone line or group call.

## **Attendance Summary**

Your child is coming home with a letter this evening giving you a summary of their attendance for half term 1. Should you have any queries regarding this please contact your child's Head of House.

## **Year 7 Parents Evening**

Thank you to those parents who attended parents evening last night it was an enjoyable night for staff to meet so many parents for the first time. We hope you found the evening enjoyable and informative.



Could any parents who attended please complete the survey by clicking the following link:

[Parents Evening Survey](#)

### Key dates / upcoming events:

- **8 November:** Young Carers Lunchtime Drop-in Sessions
- **9 November:** Why Queue? Sustainable Travel Roadshow (Year 7 during lesson 6)
- **10 November:** Green Careers Week – Net Zero Programme presentation (Year 10 Geography students and school Eco-Team)
- **14 November – 6pm – 7.30pm:** Year 7 Disco in our Sports Hall. Tickets cost £3 and are sold at break and lunch. Ticket includes a free drink. There will also be a raffle and tuck shop to raise funds for our World Challenge Appeal. (Cash payments only).
- **19 – 23 February:** Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience Week

### Sixth Form:

Fourteen Year 13 students have just returned from an amazing 5-day trip to New York. The trip was crammed full of sightseeing opportunities including:

- Times Square
- 9/11 Memorial and Twin Towers site
- Brooklyn Bridge
- The Met Museum
- Empire State Building
- Statue of Liberty
- Madame Tussauds
- Ellen's Stardust Diner
- Hard Rock Café
- Grand Central Station
- Central Park
- Macy's



**PSHE**

Year 12 – Enrichment opportunities

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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