

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 15 December 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

This weekend we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent which is known as 'Gaudete Sunday', and we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. The word 'Gaudete' in Latin means 'Rejoice!'. We joyfully celebrate that Christmas is near – we rejoice that Christ is coming.

“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.” *St Teresa of Calcutta*

The YMT reflections are available here should you wish to enjoy them: [Wait a Minute, Online Reflections – YMT.org](#)

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Ava Horsfall 8A1 and Leo Ferreira 10A1

Bede: Thomas Brown 8B1 and Skye Gallagher 8B2

Cuthbert: Harry Woodhouse 7C2 and Harriet Foster 10C1

Hilda: Liam Currer 8H2 and Erin Judd 10H2

Margaret Clitherow: Jacob Robb 8MC1 and Ayub Karim 11MC1

Headteacher's Award: Matthew Stevens 10A1

Tutor Group of the Week: 8MC2

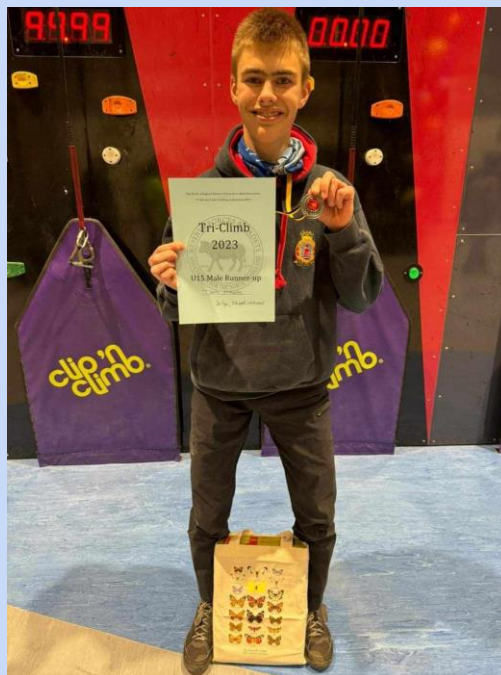
Well done to all of you – an excellent achievement! Keep being the best versions of yourselves.

Celebrating Student Achievements

Well done to Kyle Mears 7C2 for winning last week's Margaret Clitherow Student of the Week trophy. A lovely festive photograph, Kyle. We're delighted you won this and it's a pleasure to see you taking pride in your achievement.



Well done to David Maslak 10A2 for his many achievements with the RAF Cadets: runner-up in the Tri-climb Cadet Climbing Competition; training flights in the Grob Tutor in RAF Leeming; Cadet Rang Shooting Competition Summers Bowl 2023 Individual runner-up and Weapons Handling tests; Bronze Foundation Leadership. David has volunteered in many community activities with the cadets and participated in several camping events.



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

Year 11

We would like to invite all Year 11 parents/carers to St. Wilfrid's on Thursday 11th January, 5-6.30pm, to share information regarding the strategies which will be implemented with your child in the new year, to support them in the lead up to their external examinations. If you wish to attend, please complete the short form using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/9uS18wavSV>.

Your child is not expected to attend the evening as strategies are regularly communicated with Year 11 in morning registration and weekly assemblies.

Your child will be issued with homework in each subject to complete over the Christmas holidays. To ensure your child also takes time to rest, recharge and spend time with friends and family this festive period, after school STEP sessions will not take place next week to provide students with the opportunity to complete tasks ahead of the Christmas holidays if they wish. Please discuss your child's homework with them and remind them that supported study spaces are available within school if they wish to use them.

Support:

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week in Wellbeing Wednesday we had a Chemistry focus as it was National Chemistry Week. Year 7 and Year 8 explored an introduction to happy chemicals and Year 9 and above watched a TED talk on how to increase happy chemicals. You can see the videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldPuBk7a9V4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rzR69NZv_k

Illness During the School Day Protocol:

Please remind your children that if they are feeling ill, they must speak to our school first aider, Mrs Jewitt, or a member of the pastoral team. The member of staff will contact home where appropriate. Students must not contact parents/carers to collect them. If your child does contact you, please contact us at school so we can ensure we support and assist, rather than heading to school reception and asking to collect them.

Students should not be accessing our first aider for minor ailments such as headaches or sore throats. The NHS advises contacting your GP if these feelings last for a few days – students should not need to leave class because of them.

National School Breakfast Programme Survey

Feedback from school communities plays a big part in informing what we do at the NSBP. It helps us understand and better meet the needs of schools, parents/carers and pupils across the country. We would therefore be really grateful if you are able to collect parent/carer and pupil voices about the NSBP. The more voices we hear, the better we will be. To continue to provide an excellent breakfast programme, we need your help to reach those voices. The deadline for the survey is Friday 22 December 2023.

[Link to the parent/carer questionnaire](#)

[Link to the pupil questionnaire](#)

South Tyneside Holiday Activities and Food Programme:

Please see the posters below for this winter's Holiday Activities and Food programme for benefit related free school meal children. The EVENTBRITE activities will go live on Monday 18 December at 4pm.

Holiday, Activities + Food
2-7 JANUARY 2024

FREE For young people 5-16 years
in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

For more information and eligibility please call
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Bookings open 4pm Monday 18th December
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Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience:

Placement forms need to be returned to the school main reception before Christmas. 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:

- **18 December:** Sunderland University First Choice Programme launch
- **19 December:** Awards Ceremony – GCSE and A Level Class of 2023
- **22 December:** End of term, school closes 12.20pm
- **8 January:** Start of term
- **11 January:** Year 11 Information Evening 5-6.30pm
- **19 – 23 February:** Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience Week

Sixth Form:

PSHE

Year 12

- Alcohol Aware and consent – Staying safe.

Year 13

- Alcohol Aware and consent – Staying safe.

Responsible

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Resilient

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Respectful



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