

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 22 December 2023



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and that you are looking forward to the Christmas break. As we come to the end of this first term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Return to school

We return to school on Monday 8 January. It will be 'Week 2' of the timetable.

Please remember that school begins each day at 8.40am. We encourage all students to be on site in plenty of time and we have a free breakfast available to all from 8.15am – 8.35am each day. Students are able to enter the cafe space from 8am each day.

Uniform

St Wilfrid's students should take pride in their uniform and in our school. We will be conducting uniform checks when the students return to school in January. If any students breach any part of our uniform policy, then they will either be given some temporary uniform to wear, sent home to change, or be withdrawn from social time until their uniform is correct.

Please support us by ensuring that your child does not wear make-up, eyelash extensions / false eyelashes, false / acrylic nails, trainers, hoodies or jewellery. Blazers are a compulsory part of our uniform.

Our uniform policy can be found here: [St-Wilfrids-Uniform-Policy-March-2022.docx](#)

On behalf of all staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school in January.

Take care and God Bless.

Mrs Ritchie

Faith:

Today we celebrated our lovely Advent liturgies as a school community, thinking about the true meaning of this festive period and thanking God for helping us try to be the best versions of ourselves. We wish you and your families a holy, peaceful Christmas.

"And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

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: Saxon Traynor-Richardson 7A1 and Leo Innes 11A2

Bede: Bradley Law 11B2 and Lewis Burn 9B1

Cuthbert: Evelyn Critchley 7C1 and Amina Behum 10C1

Hilda: Poppy Ambelez Clayton 8H2 and Will Graham 10H2

Margaret Clitherow: Pete Davies 7MC2 and Faith Fothergill 9MC2

Headteacher's Award: Poppy Ambelez Clayton 8H2

Tutor Group of the Week: 11MC2

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

Celebrating Student Achievements

Well done to Harry Woodhouse 7C2 for winning last week's Cuthbert Student of the Week trophy. Fabulous achievement, Harry and thank you for the festive photo!



Merry Christmas! Beau-Eliza Gudgeon 8H1, Luke Gray 8MC1 and Hannah Blackman 8H1 entertaining shoppers outside of ASDA, South Shields, on Saturday 16 December - bringing some festive cheer! It was the first time the three of them had played clarinet with the senior band at this performance for South Tyneside Music service, they were all fabulous. How amazing – well done the Beau-Eliza, Luke and Hannah!



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

Support:

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week on Wellbeing Wednesday, we recapped the key themes of the term to date: reminding students of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, key contextual safeguarding focal points and how to access support in / out of school.

Scholars Bus Services

Please may we remind the parents/carers of all students that use our scholars' buses that behaviour must be exemplary or else the bus company will not permit them to continue to access the service. Most of the students' behaviour on the bus is superb and we will not allow their experience to be affected by a small minority of students not behaving sensibly. We would like to thank parents for their support with this – particularly those that have contacted us and been very proactive about their own children's behaviour. This is greatly appreciated.

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 have been live since Monday 18 December.



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
0191 424 0118 or email haf@southtyneside.gov.uk

Bookings open 4pm Monday 18th December

🔍 www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub




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in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

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Key dates / upcoming events:

- **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:

Uniform

We have a bespoke 6th Form dress code based on smart, business-like attire, similar to a member of staff. This gives a real sense of professionalism and stands us apart to other providers.

In line with the rest of the school, and to maintain our already high standards, we will be conducting uniform checks when the students return to school in January.

St Wilfrid's RC College Sixth Form Dress Code

The dress code is based on smart, business- like attire, similar to a member of staff. Students will be provided with a lanyard which **MUST** be worn at all times

Male Students:

- Dark, smart, dress trousers
- Single colour V - Neck jumper or cardigan (optional)
- Shirt – single colour of own choosing
- Tie – single colour or patterned, of own choosing - no pictures or graphics
- Smart black shoes
- Jacket – of own choosing (no denim or leather)

Female Students:

- Dark, smart knee length skirt or tailored trousers – no tight 'Body Con' / Lycra / stretch type material
- Single colour V - Neck jumper or cardigan (optional)
- Dress top/Shirt/Blouse – single colour or patterned of own choosing (sheer blouses must be worn with a vest top underneath – no T-Shirts or slogans)
- Smart shoes
- Jacket – of own choosing (no denim or leather)
- *Subtle* make-up may be worn – no heavy mascara, blusher or lipstick.

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