

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 23 February 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

What will you give up for Lent? This year, make sure it is something that will draw you closer to God. If you give up chocolate, perhaps give the money to charity. If you give up some TV time, spend the time talking with your family or serving others. We are asking our children to spread kindness this Lent and we have asked them this week how we can celebrate their kind acts. We look forward to doing so throughout the season of Lent and beyond.

Lord Jesus, this Lent, lead us through the desert with you. Lead us through temptation to the cross, and to everlasting life. Loving Jesus, through our small acts of sacrifice this Lent, help us to journey with you and join our sacrifices with your great sacrifice. Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: Chloe Roberts 9A1 and Ellie Vietch 10A1

Bede: Amelia Redpath 7B1 and Israel Adigun 9B1

Cuthbert: Anh Truc Nguyen Le 7C2 and Macie-Louise Sinclair 9C1

Hilda: Lilah Short 7H1 and Jack Anderson 10H1

Margaret Clitherow: Bradley Haswell 10MC1 and Adiba Kamruzzaman 10MC2

Headteacher's Award: Joseph Ruddock 8A1

Tutor Group of the Week: 11H2

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

Celebrating Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Ava Heslop 8C1** who competed in several tennis tournaments over the last fortnight. Ava won an Under 18 Girls' singles event in Sunderland, came runner up in an Under 14 Girls' singles event in Leeds and won the Durham, Cleveland and Northumberland Under 14 Girls' winter league with her doubles partner. Ava finished top of the player rankings! Well done, Ava – this is fabulous.

Congratulations to **Ava Joyce 9A1**. Ava won a Silver medal in the 1500m Freestyle, at the weekend in the Northumberland and Durham County Championships. Great to see her in medal position. Well done, Ava – this is brilliant.

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

Year 11

The February **Prelim** examination window will conclude early next week, with all students sitting their rearranged Maths paper on Monday morning. Once all papers have been marked and standardised, students will complete improvement tasks in individual subjects as well as a holistic reflection exercise to highlight their specific areas for development ahead of the summer examinations.

On Monday, all Year 11 students will receive an updated **Homework Planner** which will prescribe three 30-minute daily homework tasks. These homework tasks have been carefully designed by subject leads and class teachers to prepare your child for their final examinations. It is crucial that all students complete all tasks to the highest possible standard.

STEP will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, as we begin a new cycle. All students should check their STEP sessions with their tutor via PREP. It is an expectation that all students attend all allocated sessions as we aim to support them in their final months.

R(ev)ise and Shine, our morning revision sessions for Year 11 resume next week.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday: English - English Language Paper 1 - Reading.
- Wednesday: RE - Judaism Beliefs & Teachings.
- Thursday: Maths - Exam question practice.
- Friday: Science.

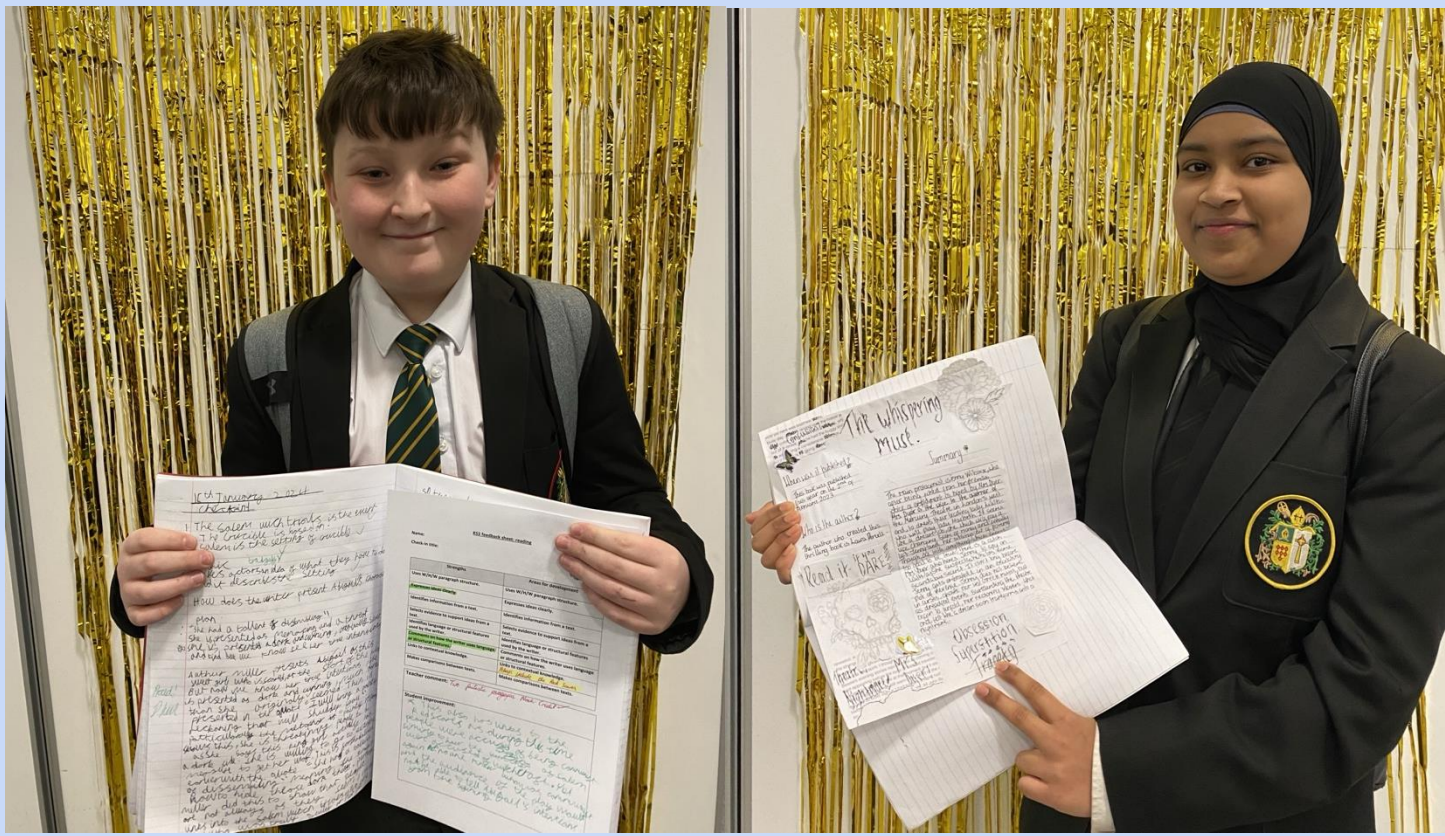
All sessions are 8-8.30am and students attending can receive a free breakfast.

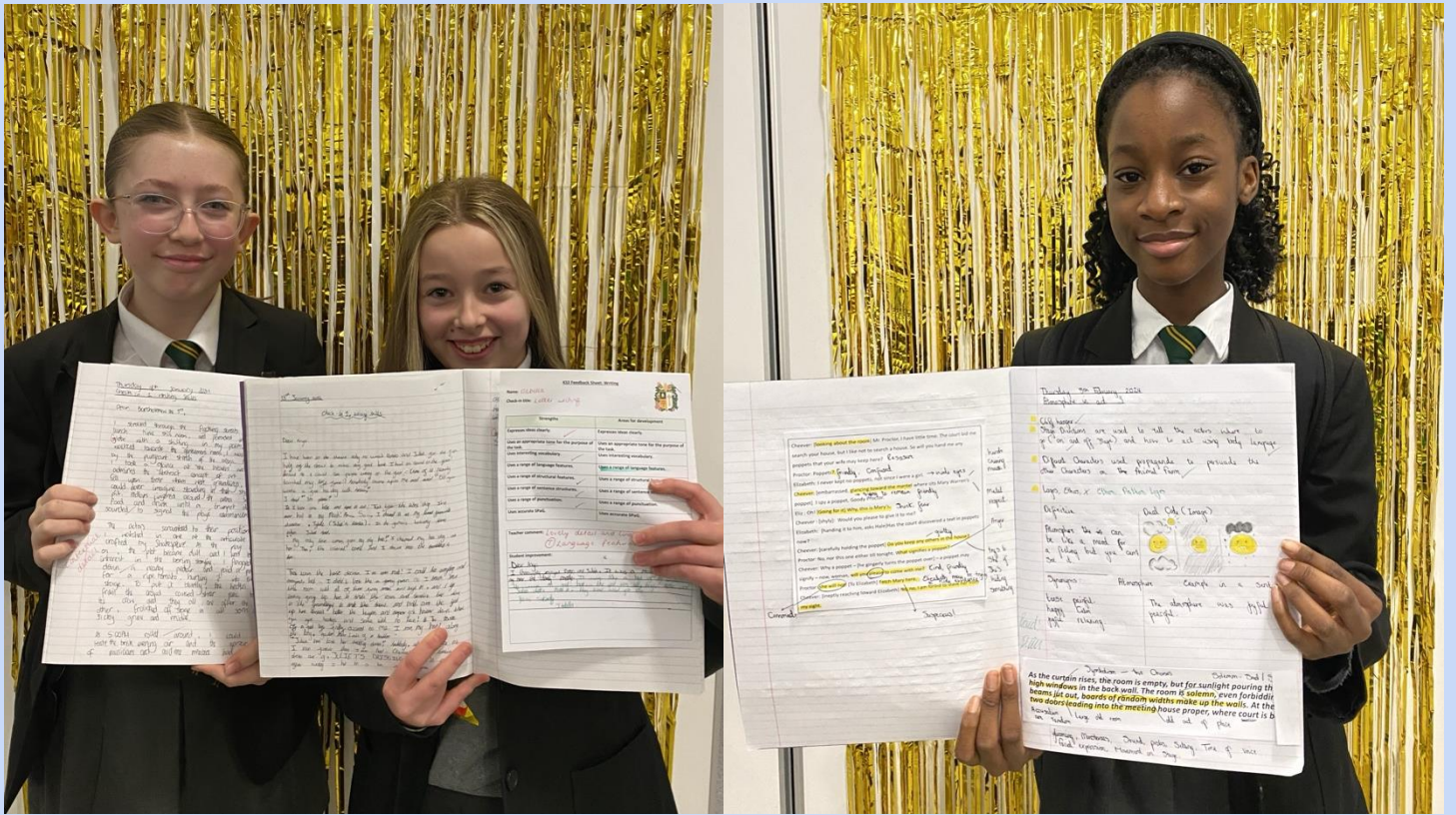
Students who attend regularly in the lead up to the external examinations will be in with the chance of winning a prize! Look out for daily reminders on our social media platforms.

Proud of your work!

During the final week 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 students for your support, we are proud of you all.





Arbor Parent App

Before half term we launched our Arbor parent app. Log in details have been sent out via email to all primary guardians. If you have not received your email please contact arborqueries@st-wilfrids.org and we will look into this for you. The letter below contains further information.

[Arbor-parent-app-launch.pdf \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

Year 9 Options Process

Over the coming weeks, Year 9 students at St. Wilfrid’s will complete the Key Stage 4 options process. This is an important time for students as they will decide the courses that they wish to follow at Key Stage 4, leading them to their GCSE and/or BTEC qualifications. We would like to invite Year 9 parents into school for an options information evening. This will take place on **Thursday 29th February 2024 from 17.30 to 18.15.**

The aim of the session is to provide you with an understanding of how the options process will operate so you are able to have informed discussions with your child and be an active part of the decision-making process. Due to expected high demand, and limited seating, we ask that students do not attend this event. Students will receive a series of presentations in school.

If you cannot attend the information evening please don’t worry – all materials will be posted on the school website following the presentation.

Support:

Detentions

A reminder that late detentions will now be a ten-minute 'D1' that occur during break. This will enable students to receive the key daily messages that are delivered each morning during the registration period.

If a student misses a 'D3' (SLT detention) they will be upscaled to a 'D4'. This is a 2-hour detention after school on Wednesday. Parents will be communicated to individually if this occurs. Please support us by ensuring your child attends their initial sanction when required to avoid unnecessary upscaling of detentions.

Detention flowchart:

- D1 – 10-minute restorative conversation with class teacher
- D2 – 30-minute detention after school
- D3 – 1-hour detention after school with the Senior Leadership Team
- D4 – 2-hour detention after school with the Senior Leadership Team

Wellbeing Wednesday: Lent: Acts of Kindness

This week our students developed the work they did before half term and considered how we could reward kindness during Lent. From Monday, we have a kindness box based at Student Services. Students and staff can nominate people that they have seen being kind so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their good deeds. Our students came up with several other excellent ideas that we are excited to develop in the coming weeks.

School Nursing Team: Healthy Relationships

On Thursday, we welcomed the school nursing team onto site across both lunchtimes. The nurses focused on positive relationships, what is appropriate and acceptable and how to access support if relationships are concerning.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

National Careers Week 2024 - #NCW2024 – 4th to 9th March



National Careers Week provides a focus for careers guidance, at an important time in the academic year, helping support young people by bringing together students, employers and advisers through careers events and free resources.

National Careers Week is a great opportunity for parents to get familiar with routes their child can take into the workplace, no matter how their child learns best.

The Parents' Guide to National Careers Week is a free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form, how your child can find great opportunities and where they might lead.

theparentsguideto.co.uk

North East Apprenticeship vacancies:

Please follow the link below to view the most recent apprenticeship vacancy report for South Tyneside.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Vacancy-Report-12.02.24.xlsx>

This has been generated from [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://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.

Nissan Apprenticeships

Applications for 2024 Apprenticeships are now open, with over 140 opportunities across several schemes, including Manufacturing, Maintenance, Production Quality and Engineering (Degree Apprenticeship)

There are no upper age restrictions, though candidates must be at least 16 years of age by 1st Sept '24 and have the right to work in the UK.

Applications close 28th February '24 and interested candidates must apply on the Nissan website:

<https://careersatnissan.co.uk/apprentices/>


Siemens Apprenticeships

Join Siemens for Live Virtual Career Events
05th March - 18.30-19.30 Parents and Students

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024 #NAW2024
IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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This National Apprenticeship Week, what better time to consider your future? We have two very exciting events coming soon for students, parents and influencers to explore apprenticeships at Siemens and how to apply.

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| <p>Why Siemens? Why Apprenticeships?</p> <p>A live event for parents and influencers Tuesday 5th March 6.30pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>Register</p> | <p>Early careers with Siemens & how to apply</p> <p>A career breakfast for students Tuesday 11th June 8.45am - 9.15am</p> <p>Register</p> |
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Ready to create
your own journey?

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The Building Careers Programme

To help promote National Apprenticeship Week, Sunderland Councillor Linda Williams, Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills at Sunderland City Council, met our students who are part of the Building Careers Programme in collaboration with Sunderland College, at a housing development in Ryhope.

Hosted by housebuilder Persimmon at their St Michaels Way development, Councillor Williams met students who were given a tour of a live construction site.

The students met with Persimmon apprentices working on the site and were given a tour of the development, which will deliver 450 new homes when complete.

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/news/councillor-meets-students-in-national-apprenticeship-week-4515251>

Key dates / upcoming events:

- **29 February:** Year 9 Options evening 5.30-6.15pm
- **4 – 9 March:** National Careers Week
- **6 March:** Year 9 Parents' Evening. School closes 2.10pm - scholars buses available.

Sixth Form:

PSHE – Week beginning Monday 23rd February

Year 12 – Revision ahead of assessment week: revision timetable

Year 13 – FutureMe - Beyond the Personal Statement

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