

## Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

### Friday 15 March 2024



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

***Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support***

#### **Faith:**

We are rapidly approaching Holy Week – we break up for the Easter holiday on Maundy Thursday, the 28 March. The following day is Good Friday – the crucifixion. If you wish to gain the courage to embrace the small crosses in your life with joy, pray the Stations of the Cross. This is an excellent prayer that should not only be confined to Lent but ought to be prayed on Fridays throughout the year. Pope John Paul II's 'Stations of the Cross at the Colosseum' are available here:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=2758>

#### **Learning:**

##### **Students of the Week**

Our wonderful winners this week were:

**Aidan:** Joseph Ruddock 8A and Liam Booth 10A

**Bede:** Holly Gray 11B2 and Anya Dalshad 10B2

**Cuthbert:** Amy Adams 7C1 and Oliver Gibson 11C2

**Hilda:** Aston Singh 7H1 and Joshua Burnett 9H1

**Margaret Clitherow:** Olivia Yule 8MC1 and Bradley Haswell 10MC1

**Headteacher's Award:** Grace Myers 8A1

**Tutor Group of the Week:** 7C1

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

#### **Celebrating Student Achievements**

Erin Newbrook Y9 and Harry Watson Y10 played trumpet in a concert at The Customs House as part of a showcase of music within South Tyneside. They both play for South Tyneside Senior Wind Band and were also joined by some other musicians from St Wilfrid's. A great achievement for all involved – we love to see and hear about you using your God-given talents to entertain!



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

## Year 11

**STEP** continues this week. It is vital that all students check the updated lists with their tutor via PREP on Monday to ensure they attend all timetabled sessions. STEP will not take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March to allow all our students to attend our Sixth Form Taster Evening (please see further information below).

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

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday: English – English Literature Paper 2: Power and Conflict Poetry.
- Wednesday: RE – Jewish Prayer.
- Thursday: Maths – Exam question practice.
- Friday: Biology – Acids Core Practicals.

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

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 11 students will be able to order a 2024 **Leavers Hoodie** from Impact Apparel. Students have been able to try on different sizes at break time this week and a letter will be shared via the 'Letters for Parents' section of the website today, to provide information around

ordering and payment. Hoodies can only be ordered directly with Impack Apparel, who will deliver the hoodies to school to be distributed at the end of May.

### **Sixth Form Taster Evening – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

We are delighted to offer **all year 11 students** an additional opportunity to attend a Taster Evening at St Wilfrid's R.C College Sixth Form. The purpose of this evening is to allow you to experience what studying will be like in Sixth Form and for you to make the right subject choices when you leave Year 11. This follows on from the Taster Day in November 2023 and you are encouraged to try a different route or set of subjects to experience this time. Those that attended the college taster session should attend this evening to get a taste of what a mixture of A Levels and Vocational courses would be like at either a Sixth Form or College.

The evening will begin at 4:30pm with a short presentation in Nichol's Hall and then will be followed by three, 30-minute taster sessions in the subjects of your choice. Pupils can attend in your casual clothes if you prefer to.

You should select your subjects by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code



<https://forms.office.com/e/KSZmpBeCxG>

Further information about each of the subjects on offer at Sixth Form can be found:

[Key Stage 5 - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College \(st-wilfrids.org\)](https://www.st-wilfrids.org/)

Support will be available on the evening for anyone who wishes to discuss their Post-16 options and who are still to complete their Sixth Form application.

As an incentive, there will be **two £50 Amazon vouchers** that will be randomly drawn out of a hat and awarded to pupils who attend on the night.

We are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful sixth form subjects and we hope you find the evening informative.

### **Support:**

### **Behaviour Expectations Outside of School**

A polite reminder that whilst wearing school uniform, students are expected to display exemplary behaviour to and from school. We received a report today that some students were not being the best versions of themselves whilst using public transport. This is unacceptable and brings our school into disrepute with our neighbours in the community. We frequently receive positive comments about our students and the wonderful things they do – most of our students fill us with pride with their politeness, kindness and positive attitudes. Students that bring the school into disrepute in the community, however, will be sanctioned.

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

### Careers Fair

As an extension to last weeks' National Careers Week 2024, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March the school held a careers fair giving all year groups the opportunity to talk with employers, training providers and FE/HE establishments about future career progression pathways. These included: Nissan, Balfour Beatty, the Civil Service, SMD, HomeGroup, A&P Tyne, ASK Apprenticeships, SETA Apprenticeships, Newcastle University, Sunderland College, Newcastle College, South Tyneside College, and Zenith Training.




### The parents' guide to what's next?

*The 'Parents' Guide to'* exists for parents of teenagers, to provide you with the information you need to help your child create a happy and successful future. This clear, unbiased online guide gives you everything you need to know about your child's options after GCSE and sixth form – all in one place! It means you'll know what decisions they need to make and be able to give them the right advice at the right time.

This guide covers a range of topics including: post 16 and post 18 options, studying for exams at KS4 and KS5, applying to university or for an apprenticeship and personal growth and development.

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### KPMG Career Pathway in Audit



## Webinar-

### KPMG - Exploring Career Pathways in Audit

Information session for students, teachers, parents and carers

We will be covering:

- What does the Audit Apprenticeship programme entail
- Structure and support available on
- Insight from first and final year apprentices

**Thursday 25th April 6:00pm**





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FOR CAREER LEADS, TEACHERS, PARENTS & STUDENTS



**Audit Apprenticeship programme**  
Join us and build your own exceptional future.



**Register**

**Nerisa Anwar**  
Student Recruitment Attraction Officer  
KPMG



This is an invitation for students, parents and carers for a virtual session with KPMG to learn all about the career pathways in audit. With apprenticeship opportunities close to school, this will be an insightful session delivered by the KPMG student recruitment team and first and final year apprentices to understand what a possible future career could look like.

Please register your place [here](#).

KPMG look forward to welcoming you on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 6pm - 6.30pm.**

### Key dates / upcoming events:

- **Wednesday 20 March:** Live music performance by 'The Mercians' for Y12, followed by a mental health, discrimination and appropriate relationships talk.
- **Thursday 21 March:** Sixth Form Taster Evening 4.30-6.30
- **Thursday 28 March:** School closes for Easter holiday 12.20

### Sixth Form:

On Wednesday of this week, a number of our Year 12 students attend a workshop with Sunderland First choice at Sunderland University on Wednesday. They explored the City Campus and took part in a revision skills workshop. The feedback from students was that they found this informative, and they really enjoyed exploring the facilities at one of our local universities. Well done to everyone who attended!

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, all Year 12 students will be involved in a session with The Mercians, an indie band who will perform for them and then deliver a workshop to discuss current and contextual issues, including misogyny and mental health.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we have an open evening to showcase our Sixth Form to prospective Year 11 students. Thank you to the many Year 12 students who have volunteered to support us on this evening.

### **PSHE**

Year 12 – Year 12 are exploring Finance

Year 13 – We have FutureMe delivering a session: Finance Next Steps to explore: Student finance, budgeting, accessing bursaries and other incentives at university.

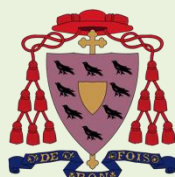
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