

## Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 22 March 2024



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

*Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support*

### **Faith:**

Sunday 24 March is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week – we are invited to deepen our faith and draw closer to God.

It holds special solemnity as a time of devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ. During this week, various significant events take place:

- Palm Sunday: Commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where people waved palm branches to welcome Him.
- Maundy Thursday: Marks the Last Supper, where Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples and instituted the Eucharist. The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," meaning "commandment," referring to Jesus' command to love one another.
- Good Friday: Observes Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of solemn reflection and mourning.
- Holy Saturday (Easter Eve): The day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, symbolizing Jesus' time in the tomb.
- Easter Sunday: Celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead, signifying victory over sin and death.

### **Learning:**

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

Our wonderful winners this week were:

**Aidan:** Zara Wisniewska 8A1 and Eleanor Atkinson 10A2

**Bede:** Noah-Ethan Whitehead 8B2 and Thomas Brown 8B1

**Cuthbert:** Heidi Hailstone 7A1 and Ted Brown 9C2

**Hilda:** Annabelle Rennison 7H1 and Anastasia Burn 10H2

**Margaret Clitherow:** Lacey Duffield 8MC2 and Kinga Starzak 10MC1

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

## **Celebrating Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Lola Kerr 7C1. Lola and her trio competed at the North East Gymnastics Association Regional Qualifiers competition at Newton Aycliffe this weekend. They won first place and will go to Stoke in May to represent the North East of England in the National Competition. Lola trains four days per week and has worked very hard to get their excellent score – very well deserved, Lola!



Congratulations also to Ayden Bovill 7MC1 who also achieved first place with his partner in Grade 2 Mixed Pair. Ayden will also be representing the North East in the Nationals in May – well done, Ayden, excellent news!



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

When we return after the Easter holidays, there will only be three school weeks until the start of the external examination season. These final weeks are crucial in ensuring our students fulfil their potential. Next week our Year 11 students will be completing a reflection exercise to highlight their specific areas for development, in order for us to support them to set targets to ensure they continue to progress ahead of their examinations in May.

All students will be set homework for the Easter holidays in all of their subjects. We expect our Year 11 students to maintain pace with their independent study, work hard and be the best version of themselves to ensure they fulfil their potential this summer. They will be taking some time next week with their tutor to plan and prepare when they will complete this homework to ensure they are balancing their time appropriately.

## Support:

### Duke of Edinburgh Award: Year 9

There will be a parent information evening for all Year 9 students participating in Duke of Edinburgh on Wednesday 27 March between 5:30-6:30pm. This will take place in the new part of Saints Cafe. Refreshments will be provided. If you plan to attend, please return the reply slip to Miss Dunn as soon as possible.

## **An important letter from Northumbria Police about anti-social behaviour**

I am writing this letter to inform yourselves of the ongoing incidents that have been occurring around SOUTH SHIELDS CITY CENTRE, THE INTERCHANGE, SOUTH MARINE AND NORTH MARINE PARK. There have been mass gatherings of youths aged from 11-18 years of age in the above areas on evenings and weekends. There have been around 40-50 youths causing anti-social behaviour in the area. This includes intimidating members of the public, shouting, swearing, consuming alcohol, criminal damage, riding bikes in an anti-social manner around the parks and roads on motorbikes/mopeds which have been reported stolen, causing a general nuisance to the public. There have been numerous reports over the past couple of months regarding these issues, therefore this behaviour **MUST** stop. We cannot do this unless we have the support of parents/guardians, we encourage parents to ensure their children are not part of any mass gatherings or anti-social behaviour.

Action has been taken and will continue to be taken until the matter is resolved to ensure the safety of the residents and public. Dispersal notices have been given out to numerous youths causing anti-social behaviour, meaning that they are required to stay out of the town centre plus any area stated on the dispersal notice for up to 48hours. If ANY youth is acting in an anti-social manner in these areas, then they will be given a dispersal notice. Once this is issued, should they return to the area before the specified time frame, then this is an arrestable offence and officers will be required to execute their duty.

Officers are involved with high visibility patrols in the area as this behaviour **WILL NOT** be tolerated by any person as it is having such a negative impact on the members of the public, residents, and local area.

I advise parents to ensure their children are not involved in anti-social behaviour as action can and will be taken towards those involved.

Kind Regards,

South Shields Neighbourhood Policing Team.

## **WhatsApp group encouraging self-harm in young people**

CNTW NHS Trust has made us aware of a WhatsApp group called "everyone you know x" which is circulating in North Tyneside. It is aimed at Y6 students. There are currently 500 members, and the group encourages members to self-harm.

Three young people (two from Gateshead and one from Northumberland) are in hospital following overdose and they have disclosed that there is a social media trend whereby young people are being encouraged to take overdoses on a points scoring system e.g., if admitted to hospital, if a liver specialist has been contacted etc.



As these young people are not from the North Tyneside area, and there is potential for this to affect other year groups, we are making all schools in our force area aware.

The NSPCC website has information about helping children who may have been affected by such content [Content promoting self-harm, suicide and eating disorders | NSPCC](#)

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

### KPMG Career Pathway in Audit



The graphic is a dark blue and purple promotional poster for a KPMG webinar. At the top left is the KPMG logo. To its right, it says 'FREE LIVE EVENTS' and 'FOR CAREER LEADS, TEACHERS, PARENTS & STUDENTS'. Below this is a photo of two women talking, with the text 'Audit Apprenticeship programme' and 'Join us and build your own exceptional future.' In the center, it reads 'Webinar - KPMG - Exploring Career Pathways in Audit Information session for students, teachers, parents and carers'. To the right of this text is a QR code and a pink 'Register' button. Below the main text, it lists topics to be covered: 'What does the Audit Apprenticeship programme entail', 'Structure and support available on', and 'Insight from first and final year apprentices'. A pink box highlights the date and time: 'Thursday 25th April 6:00pm'. At the bottom right is a circular photo of Nerisa Anwar, 'Student Recruitment Attraction Officer KPMG'. At the bottom left are logos for 'the school outreach company' and 'THE GATEWAY BENCHMARK'. A small disclaimer is at the very bottom.

**KPMG**

**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**

**Nerisa Anwar**  
Student Recruitment Attraction Officer  
KPMG

**the school outreach company**

**THE GATEWAY BENCHMARK**

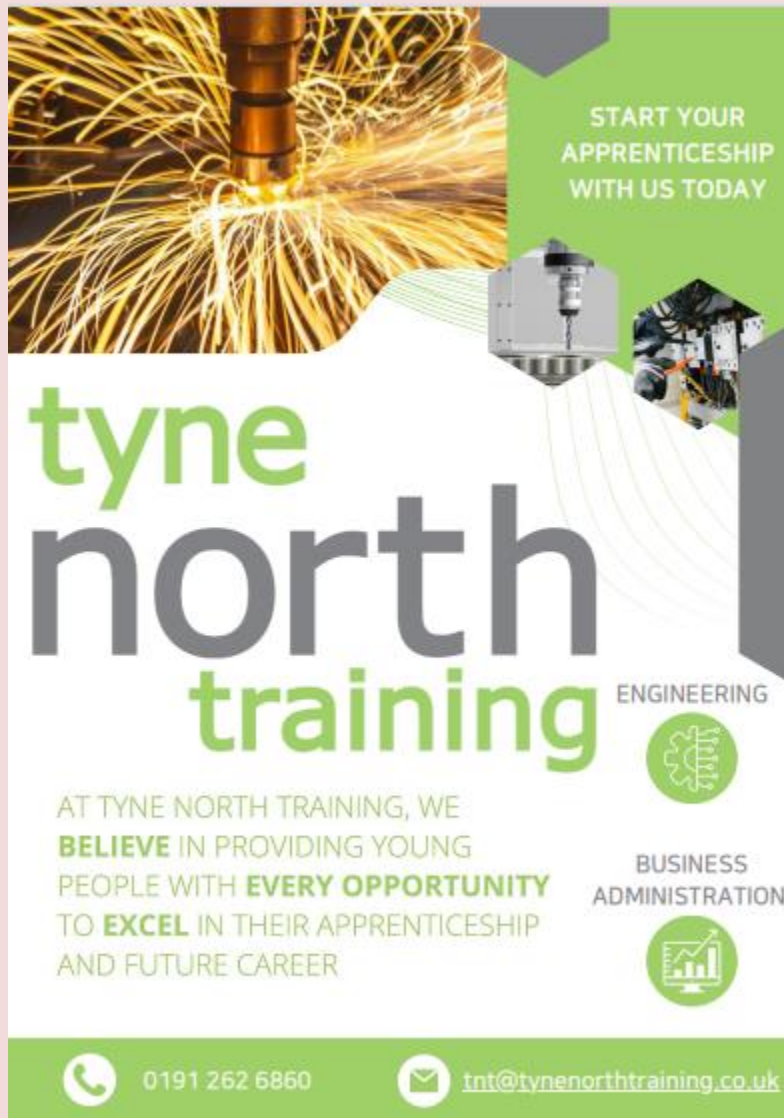
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This is an invitation for students, parents and carers for a virtual session with KPMG to learn all about the career pathways in audit. With apprenticeship opportunities close to school, this will be an insightful session delivered by the KPMG student 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.**

**Tyne North Training**

The graphic features a large image of a welding torch with bright sparks on the left. On the right, there are smaller images of industrial machinery and a worker in a factory. The text 'START YOUR APPRENTICESHIP WITH US TODAY' is in a green box at the top right. The main logo 'tyne north training' is in green and grey. Below it, 'ENGINEERING' and 'BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION' are listed with icons. A green bar at the bottom contains contact information: a phone icon, the number '0191 262 6860', an email icon, and 'tnt@tynenorthtraining.co.uk'.

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Tyne North Training are a training provider specialising in Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeships and Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeships. They have currently got a high demand for Engineering Apprenticeships (for a September 2024 start) in the local area, a great opportunity and career start for any student.

Their website link is: <https://www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk/>

### **The Building Careers Programme and Nissan Skills Academy**

Below is the media release for the Gentoo Trades Academy. Gentoo, one of the North East's largest Housing Associations, will now become the employer sponsor for the construction focussed Building Careers Programme within school, in exactly the same way that Nissan are the employer sponsor for the engineering focussed Nissan Skills Academy.

*New Construction and Housing Trades Academy launched in Sunderland*

*An innovative new skills partnership that bridges the gap between education and the world of work*

*has been launched in Sunderland.*

*Leading housing association Gentoo, Sunderland College and Bishop Chadwick Education Trust will co-design and deliver the 'Gentoo Trades Academy' which will see 14-16-year-olds study towards a specialised construction qualification alongside their GCSEs to advance the skills pipeline in the region.*

*The Academy, launching later this year, will initially be based at Sunderland College's technical City Campus before moving to the college's new Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy (HICSA) when the world-class training centre opens in 2025.*

*Supported by the college and a team of experts from Gentoo, the pupils will develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours to progress onto a T-Level or an apprenticeship, to prepare them for an exciting career in the construction and housing industry.*

*Building on the success of the Nissan Skills Academy, this construction and trades model will be a first for the region and trailblazing in terms of housing organisations.*

*Councillor Graeme Miller, Leader of Sunderland City Council, said: "Sunderland is an ambitious and fast-changing city – and with that transformation comes more opportunity for our young people. "Collaboration – such as this - between anchor institutions in the city will allow us to unlock the vast potential of our young people, creating pathways to rewarding careers."*

*Louise Bassett, Gentoo's Chief Executive Officer, said: "We are delighted to be able to partner with Sunderland College and Bishop Chadwick Education Trust on this fantastic new venture.*

*"It's really exciting to be able to see this come to life. For these pupils to have the opportunity to be trained at the world-class HICSA training facility is amazing and we wish them all the best with their future studies."*

*Ellen Thinnesen, Chief Executive of Education Partnership North East and Sunderland College, said: "HICSA originated for the collective vision of Cllr Miller, Sunderland City Council, MOBIE and Sunderland College. What the public will start to hear more about over the coming months is the development of several innovative skills models entirely driven by strategic collaboration.*

*"In this example. I cannot express how deeply impressed I have been by the inspirational leadership of Gentoo and Bishop Chadwick Education Trust. Along with my Deputy Chief Executive Toni Rhodes, a truly employer led curriculum has been designed uniquely blending technical and national school-based curriculum with the values, skills and competencies required by the construction and housing industries."*

*The initial cohort will be from St Wilfrid's RC College which is part of Bishop Chadwick Education Trust, who will split their time between Sunderland College City Campus and valuable sector experience at Gentoo, where they will learn about different aspects of trades required to meet the demands of a significant housing association providing homes for more than 60,000 people.*

*The curriculum will also include retrofit related skills, modern methods of construction as well as the essential trade skills include multi-skills, health and safety and essential communication skills when working in customer homes.*

*Academy pupils will receive a guaranteed unconditional offer to continue their education at Sunderland College and a guaranteed interview at Gentoo for an apprenticeship upon graduating from the Trades Academy.*

*Brendan Tapping, Chief Executive at Bishop Chadwick Education Trust, said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership to provide a blend of high-quality workplace experience and qualifications to our students.*

*"This is an exciting opportunity providing an in-depth understanding of the trades required in the modern housing industry. It will provide our students with an advantage, as they begin their career journeys in a competitive jobs market, allowing them to be the best version of themselves."*

*Sunderland College has worked in partnership with Gentoo for several years, with dozens of apprentices securing full-time positions within the housing association. This led to the formalisation of a strategic partnership in 2017 to develop the region's workforce.*

*To date, the collaboration has allowed Sunderland College to ensure its students are gaining the necessary skills to prepare them for the world of work and have helped Gentoo to promote employment and career opportunities to students through work experience initiatives, whilst providing further development and training to develop its workforce.*

*HICSA – a ground-breaking training base that will educate and upskill local people with the technical skills to build, retrofit and create innovative factory-built new homes – will rise from the ground in 2024, after a partnership agreement was signed between Sunderland College and development lead Sunderland City Council, who have appointed local firm Brims Construction Limited to construct the facility.*

*Located in the heart of Riverside Sunderland – one of the UK's most ambitious regeneration sites – HICSA will provide 'next generation skills for next generation homes' and support the city's advanced manufacturing, carbon reduction and renewable energy ambitions, working with young people and adults to ensure they are able to install new technologies and construct homes of the future.*

### **Key dates / upcoming events:**

- **Thursday 28 March:** Maundy Thursday – school closes at 12.20pm
- **Friday 29 March:** Good Friday – beginning of Easter holiday
- **Monday 15 April:** Start of Summer Term

### **Sixth Form:**

### **Year 13 Final Examination Preparations**

When we return after the Easter holidays, there will only be three school weeks until the start of the external examination season. These final weeks are crucial in ensuring our students fulfil their potential.



All students will be set homework for the Easter holidays in all of their subjects. We expect our Year 13 students to maintain pace with their independent study, work hard and be the best version of themselves to ensure they fulfil their potential this summer. They will be taking some time next week with their tutor to plan and prepare when they will complete this homework to ensure they are balancing their time appropriately.

## The Mercians

On Wednesday, Year 12 were treated to a performance by The Mercians an up-and-coming indie rock band. As well as performing their latest single, the Mercians spoke about mental health, discrimination and misogyny. This was a fantastic afternoon and we are very grateful for The Mercians performing for our students.





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This week, we have six of our Year 12 students heading down to Cambridge University for the final workshop of their HE+ programme. They will explore how to write competitive personal statements for the UK's top universities. We hope you have a fantastic time and that you find the experience really informative!

On Thursday, we have a student alumni coming to deliver a medicine workshop to support our Year 12 students with their applications to study medicine at University.

## **Year 12 Duke Of Edinburgh**

All year 12 Duke of Edinburgh participants must attend a meeting on Wednesday during periods 5 & 6.

## **PSHE**

Year 12 – Target setting ahead of the upcoming end of the Year 12 exams

Year 13 – All personal development time for Year 13 has been dedicated to final exam preparations.

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