

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 26th April 2024



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

The theme of our House assemblies this week has been vocation.

We are all entrusted with a vocation.

It is a call to make use of our strengths and gifts to make the world a better place through service, creativity and leadership. It is a call to do good in the world.

It is our duty to show respect towards all who are doing their best to be of service in God's world.

Dear Lord,

Please grant to me the grace to know my true vocation.

Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. May I take heart while I search openly, learn about all the choices, listen to others for advice, and pay attention to my own feelings.

By doing these things, may I hear your call to a lifestyle and a career that will let me love as only I can, and let me serve others with the special gifts that You have given me.

Amen.

Learning:

Students of the Week

Our wonderful winners this week were:

Aidan: William Duncan 8A1 and David Maslak 10A2

Bede: Noah-Ethan Whitehead 8B2 and Paris Hope 10B2

Cuthbert: Kolade Bisiriyu 7C2 and Cody Jeffery 11C2

Hilda: Hannah Blackman 8H1 and Ryan Allen 10H2

Margaret Clitherow: Lois Howe 8MC2 and Maryam Hossain 10MC2

Headteacher's Award: Hannah Blackman 8H1

Tutor Group of the Week: 10H2

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

Year 11

Next week is the final full week of lessons before our Year 11 students begin their external examinations on Tuesday 7th May. We expect maximum effort from our students next week, both inside and outside of lessons, as they continue to build momentum leading into their first exam!

The final **STEP** sessions of this academic year will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Once the examination period begins, revision booster sessions will be hosted by departments on the eve of an exam to support our students with their final preparations. The details of those sessions will be shared with Year 11 on Monday morning in assembly.

Information for the **Year 11 Prom** was communicated with parents this week via a letter which can be found in the 'Letters for Parents' section of our website. Payment must be made via ParentPay by Friday 17th May if your child wishes to attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This week, 32 Year 9 students attended their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award training day which included a practice day walk in Rothbury Forest. They learnt valuable safety protocols and navigation skills, which will help them as they complete their qualifying expedition in 3 weeks' time. We are very proud of all students involved.



Support:

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Zenith Connect Training

The school works closely with Zenith Training, a local Training provider supporting students in their apprenticeship journey.

These are their current Apprenticeship vacancies - follow each link to find out more information on each available vacancy:

Sales/Office Apprentice - Zenith Training

(SEPCO International LTD) **South Shields**. £24,960 Per Annum.

Business Administration Apprentice - Zenith Training

(Apex Time Critical LTD) **South Shields**. £13,104.24-£14,751.60 Per Annum.

Maintenance Admin Apprentice - Zenith Training

(Adler Pelzer Washington Limited) **Washington**. £16,078.98-£20,223.83 Per Annum.

Customer Service Apprentice - Zenith Training

(The Little Haven Hotel) **South Shields**. £15,000 Per Annum.

Apprentice Administrator/Receptionist - Zenith Training

(The Little Haven Hotel) **South Shields**. £15,000 Per Annum.

Marketing Apprentice - Zenith Training

(The Little Haven Hotel) **South Shields**. £15,000 Per Annum.

Accounts Admin Apprentice - Zenith Training

(The Little Haven Hotel) **South Shields**. £15,000 Per Annum.

Warehouse Apprentice - Zenith Training

(Phoenix Steel LTD) **South Shields**. £15,210 Per Annum.

Business Administration Apprentice - Zenith Training

(Quorum Fleet Solutions LTD) **Durham**. £15,000 Per Annum.

Business Growth Apprentice - Zenith Training

(Day2Day Energy LTD) **Gateshead**. £17,500 Per Annum.

Apprentice Administration Assistant - Zenith Training

(The Printed Group) **Cramlington**. £14,000 Per Annum.

Sales Associate - Zenith Training

(Durham Lane) **Newcastle**. £21,000-£26,000 Per Annum.

The Gentoo Trades Academy / The Nissan Skills Academy

On Wednesday of this week, a cohort of Year 9 students attended a taster day at Sunderland College as part of the Gentoo Trades Academy and Nissan Skills Academy recruitment process for next academic year. They participated in construction and engineering based practical activities delivered by both Gentoo and Sunderland College staff.



Arbor Parent App

A number of parents are still yet to sign in to our Arbor Parent app. It is really important that all parents and carers can access the app to ensure school communications aren't missed as we will be moving away from expressions and Group call.

Please check your email address (including junk folder) for log in instructions and email arborqueries@st-wilfrids.org if you are having issues logging in.

Year 9 Options

Following this week's Gentoo/Nissan Skills Academy taster day and recent aptitude tests for computer science we are in the process of finalising year 9 options. Confirmation letters will be issued shortly after May half term.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is Week 1 of the timetable.

Sixth Form:

This week in Sixth Form, during PSHE, Year 12 explored the dangers of substance abuse, the law around drugs in different countries and drugs at festivals. We were really impressed by the level of maturity shown during discussions around this contextual and important issue.

Sixth Form students have been discussing the importance of E-mail etiquette and how to maintain a professional tone in e-mails to teachers, academic tutors at university in the futures and employers.

Year 13 students are expected to continue to attend all timetabled lessons. This includes their timetabled lessons for general RE where they can revise independently during this time.

It is important that our Sixth Form students are punctual to school. Registration starts at 8.40am and all Sixth form students are expected to be there for a prompt start. During this time, important notices for the upcoming day and important upcoming events are shared. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



We were very proud of Harry and Xaw, two of our fantastic Sixth Formers who were representing the 324 South Shields Squadron Air Cadets in school this week. The squadron parades on a Monday and Thursday evening at 7pm at our Squadron on Highfield Road. We are a uniformed military organisation funded by the Royal Air Force that provide many great opportunities to young people. We do a variety of activities to provide you with good life skills that are looked upon favourably by employers and universities. This includes:

- First Aid
- Radio Communication
- Cyber Training
- Method Of Instruction Teaching Qualification
- Flying & Gliding
- Shooting
- Adventure Training
- Duke Of Edinburgh award scheme

The Royal Air Force provides an online tool called squadron finder which can be used to find and register interest with your nearest Air Cadets Squadron, which is linked here:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/find-a-squadron/>

If you would like to ask any further questions, feel free to contact our Officer Commanding, Tom Stridiron at the following email - oc.324@rafac.mod.gov.uk

Next week:

Year 12 students will begin exploring their Post-18 options as we begin to write personal statements
Year 13 students will explore with FutureMe how to make a successful transition to Higher Education.

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