

# Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



**St. Wilfrid's**  
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*Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support*

### **Faith:**

The theme of our House assemblies this week has been English Martyrs. A martyr is a person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs. It is extremely difficult to stand up for what you believe in or what is right. We are called to be courageous witnesses to Christ, just like the first disciples.

Lord Jesus,  
Make me a better person, considerate towards others, honest with myself and faithful to you.  
Help me to find ways to bring happiness to myself, and to others.  
Amen.

### **Learning:**

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

Our wonderful winners this week were:

**Aidan:** Azeem Oyewole 7A1 and Sophie Robson 10A2

**Bede:** Kai Anderson 7B1 and Sophie Ragun 8B1

**Cuthbert:** Samuel Idle 8C2 and Asma Safi 9C2

**Hilda:** Precious Igbo 8H2 and Erin Judd 10H2

**Margaret Clitherow:** Jerom Jojan 8MC1 and Ava Carr 10MC1

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

## Celebrating Student Achievements

Congratulations to William Duncan (8A1) who secured a podium finish at the GB Climbing All Nations Scottish Bouldering Championships on Saturday. A superb effort in a very strong field of competitors resulted in him receiving his bronze medal, pictured below. Well done William!



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

We have been incredibly proud of the dedication and commitment our Year 11 students have demonstrated towards the various strategies implemented throughout the academic year. Now is the time for Year 11 to put their hard work into practice, flourish and be the best version of themselves as they prepare to sit their external examinations.

Year 11 teachers, tutors, the pastoral team and wider school community would like to echo the 'good luck' messages shared with our students during assembly today.

We are all rooting for you and we wish you the very best of luck!

## Year 9 Options

Following last 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.

## Support:

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

#### North East Apprenticeship Vacancies

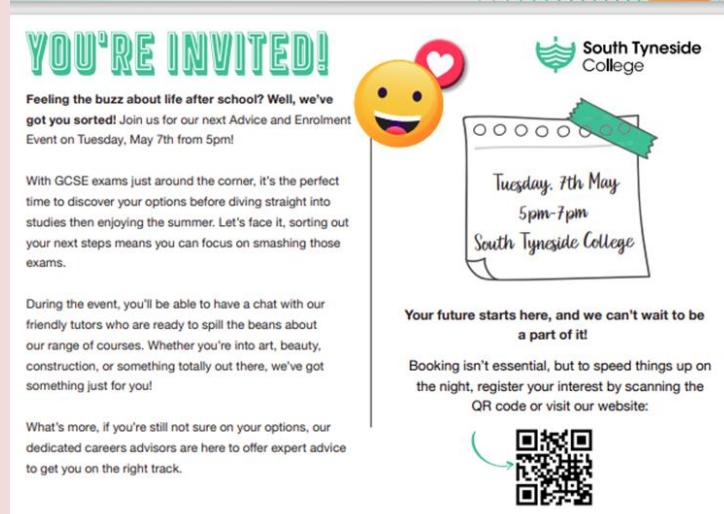
Please follow the link below to view the most recent apprenticeship vacancy report for South Tyneside.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Vacancy-Report-30.04.24.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.

#### South Tyneside College Open Event

South Tyneside College will be hosting an open event on Tuesday 7th May 5pm -7pm.



## 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](mailto:arborqueries@st-wilfrids.org) if you are having issues logging in.

## Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is Week 2 of the timetable.
- Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Year 12 Information Evening: 16<sup>th</sup> May 5.30-6.30pm.

## Sixth Form:

### Year 12 Information Evening

We would like to invite all Year 12 students and parents to join us for an Information Evening on **Thursday 16th May, 5.30-6.30pm.**

We recognise that Year 13 is a demanding year for our students, and we would like to take the opportunity to outline the support we have in place for them next academic year. During the evening, we will provide information on how students can best prepare for external examinations, strategies for parents to support with this and guidance on applying to university, for apprenticeships and jobs.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

### Year 12 End of Year Exams

Students in Year 12 will sit assessments in their subjects in formal exam conditions, **3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June.** These internally assessed end of year assessments will take place alongside the externally assessed examinations that students have already received their timetables for.

We ask students to follow the same routines and procedures as they will follow for their external exams to prepare them for the unique challenges and demands around terminal exams.

All assessments will be used as a measure to inform student progress and all students will receive bespoke repair work following the assessments. The results of these assessments will also help us to form a picture of their predicted final grades for their UCAS and apprenticeship, applications and references. We ask students to prepare for each assessment thoroughly using resources provided from their subject staff.

We appreciate that students will want to do their best in the assessments, and they may feel a heightened sense of pressure to succeed, which is absolutely normal around this time. As a school we continue to put strategies in place to support our students to prepare for the assessment period, both

academically and emotionally. An exam timetable will be provided to students in advance, with a copy available on the school website.

### Year 13 Study Leave

From **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, Year 13 students will only be expected to attend lessons for those subjects where they are yet to complete their exam. Students beyond this point are invited to study at home in their study periods and do not need to attend registration or personal development time. Students may be recalled into school at any point for coursework resubmissions.

Students who are on an intervention timetable will be expected to remain in school full time and follow this timetable as usual.

### Year 13 Leavers Celebration

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be celebrating the exceptional work that our Year 13 students have demonstrated over their time at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form as we say farewell. We will mark the occasion with a celebration assembly before gathering for some treats, staff farewell messages and student awards in our Sixth Form Cafe.

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