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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been fantastic to welcome all of our pupils back to St Wilfrid's RC College this week. They have made a positive and purposeful start to their academic studies and staff are excited to be delivering the high-quality teaching and learning opportunities that pupils have come to expect here at St Wilfrid's.

It has been lovely to see so many enthusiastic Year 7 pupils starting their journey with us and adapting to their new environment so well. We have also welcomed many returning and new students in our Sixth Form. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, this year will undoubtedly be challenging but we have a committed team here to support and guide them through the challenges of external examinations.

I would also like to extend my thanks for all of the support that you provide to the school. I have been overwhelmed with the supportive welcome that I have received as your new Head Teacher. Pupils, Staff, Governors and parents have really demonstrated what a fantastic community we have here at St Wilfrid's and I look forward to getting to know many more of you in the months and years ahead.

Assemblies

This week assemblies have focussed on uniting our school community; highlighting our shared mission as staff and pupils alike and considering our own unique contributions to this.

Our Shared Mission...

At **St. Wilfrid's Roman Catholic College**, we are committed to inspire and develop **all members of our community** on a journey through **faith and learning**.

We strive to achieve **excellence** and overcome challenges through mutual **respect** and consideration, underpinned by **Gospel values** and the example of **Christ**.

Faith and learning is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every child **fulfils their God given potential**.

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum



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Mass

On Monday we welcomed Fr Agley into school to celebrate mass with us. It was a great way to start the year, reaffirming with us the motivation that our Faith provides in guiding our work here at St Wilfrid's.



I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to Mrs Gregory who joins us as our dedicated School Chaplain. We are thrilled to have her as part of the St Wilfrid's team and we look forward to the pivotal role that she will play in supporting our school.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see all of our pupils returning to school looking smart and taking pride in their Uniform. A small number of pupils may have needed a gentle reminder about wearing their uniforms correctly and I want to thank you for your support in ensuring that our high uniform and punctuality standards continue to be met each day.

St Wilfrid's truly is a special place to learn and grow and I hope, as we enter this new academic year, that your child feels inspired and supported to become the best versions of themselves.

Finally, I wish to share a prayer with you all to ask for God's support in bringing us closer as a community.

*Dear God,
We ask that you gather us together as one
We ask for your guidance and grace
and pray that you instil unity among the members of our community.
Help us to remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ,
called to love and support one another.
Gather us to come together in harmony,
working towards a common purpose.

St Wilfrid, servant of God, pray for us.*

If your child needs any support as they settle back into school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their Head of House Via email: admin@st-wilfrids.org or telephone: 0191 456 9121.

Best Wishes,

Mrs C Lennox