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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and productive week here at St. Wilfrid's RC College, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you. Every day, I am reminded of the incredible dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils, whether in the classroom, representing the school at competitions, or through their contributions to our wider school community.

Please take a moment to read through this letter for key updates, upcoming events, and important reminders. As always, thank you for your continued support—it makes a real difference in helping our pupils to thrive.

Celebrating Creativity



One of our brilliant Year 8 pupils, Sehaj, has designed her own book cover as part of our extra-curricular ICT Club. Sehaj is also writing her novel in her spare time. What fantastic talent!

As part of their English homework, Miss Macdonald's class has been taking part in an exciting competition to create their own comic books. We are delighted to announce that the winners have now been selected and have

received prizes in recognition of their creativity and hard work. Well done to all who took part!



Building on this enthusiasm for storytelling, we are excited to launch a new review-writing competition for all Year 8 pupils. Pupils are invited to write reviews of books, films, TV programmes, podcasts, comics, or a book from our Reading Canon. The best reviews will be featured in our library and literacy displays around the school, celebrating our pupils' creativity and critical thinking.

Full details of the competition will be shared with pupils in their English lessons, and we look forward to reading their insightful and imaginative reviews. Thank you for your support in encouraging our young people to engage with reading and storytelling in new and exciting ways.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week takes place from the 3rd to 9th February, and this year's theme is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." At St Wilfrid's, we are dedicated to supporting our pupils' mental well-being and

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helping them develop self-awareness, confidence, and resilience. Throughout the week, we have been engaging in activities that encourage pupils to reflect on their emotions, strengths, and goals, empowering them to understand themselves better and grow both personally and academically. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, fostering a supportive environment where children feel heard, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Together, we can help every child thrive.

Academic Trips

Last Friday, our GCSE English Literature pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend Poetry Live, an inspiring event that brought some of the UK's most renowned poets directly to students. Throughout the day, pupils listened to poets such as Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard perform their work, discuss the meaning behind their poems, and share valuable insights into the themes and methods that pupils have been exploring as part of the anthology poetry section of their course. Pupils also benefited from a session with an experienced examiner, who provided key advice on approaching the poetry section of their exams with confidence. What a fabulous, enriching experience for our pupils that will undoubtedly support them in their studies.



Attendance Competition



We are excited to announce our attendance competition, which aims to reward those pupils with exceptional attendance. Pupils and Tutor Groups will compete to achieve the highest attendance rates. I am sure you will agree that regular attendance is crucial for academic success, and we would like to encourage all pupils to participate. Let's work together to make every day count!

If you have any queries or your child requires any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Heads of House:

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Best Wishes,

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