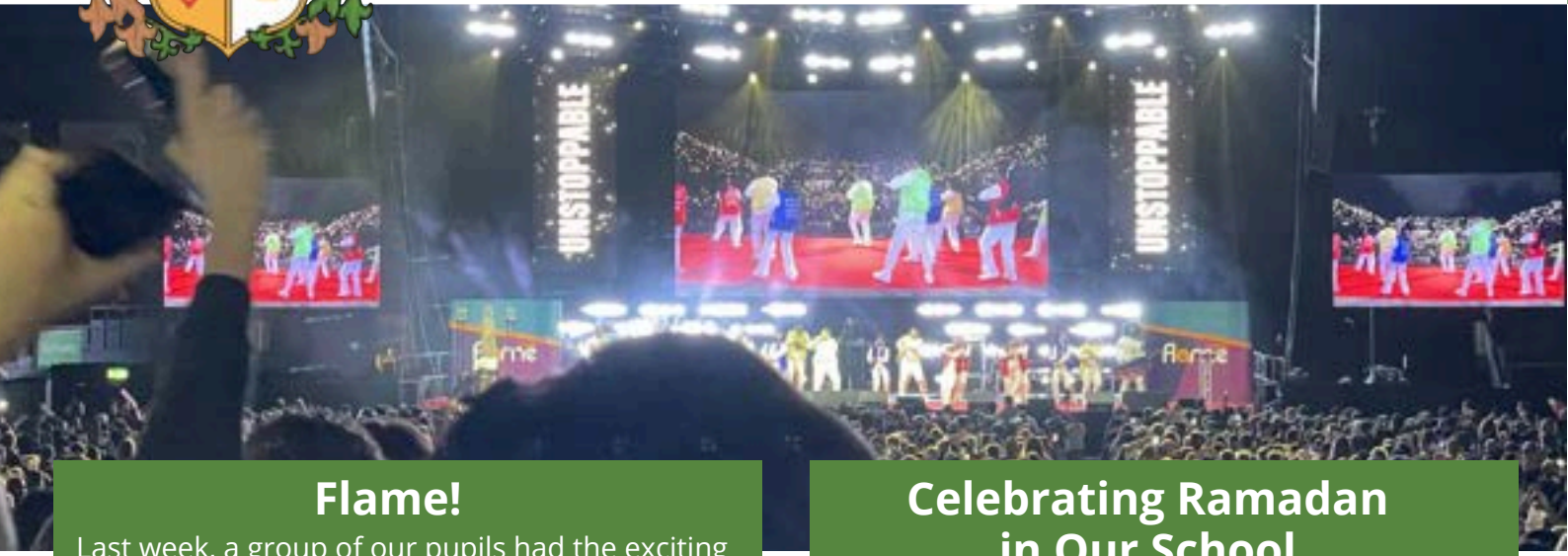




HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER



Flame!

Last week, a group of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend Flame at Wembley Arena, the largest Catholic youth event in the UK.

The day was filled with inspiring talks, uplifting music, and moments of reflection, bringing together thousands of young people from across the country to celebrate their faith. Adding to the excitement, the Carabao Cup Final was taking place at Wembley Stadium next door, creating a fantastic buzz in the area.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere and came away feeling motivated and encouraged by the powerful messages of hope, compassion, and unity shared throughout the event. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

Celebrating Ramadan in Our School Community

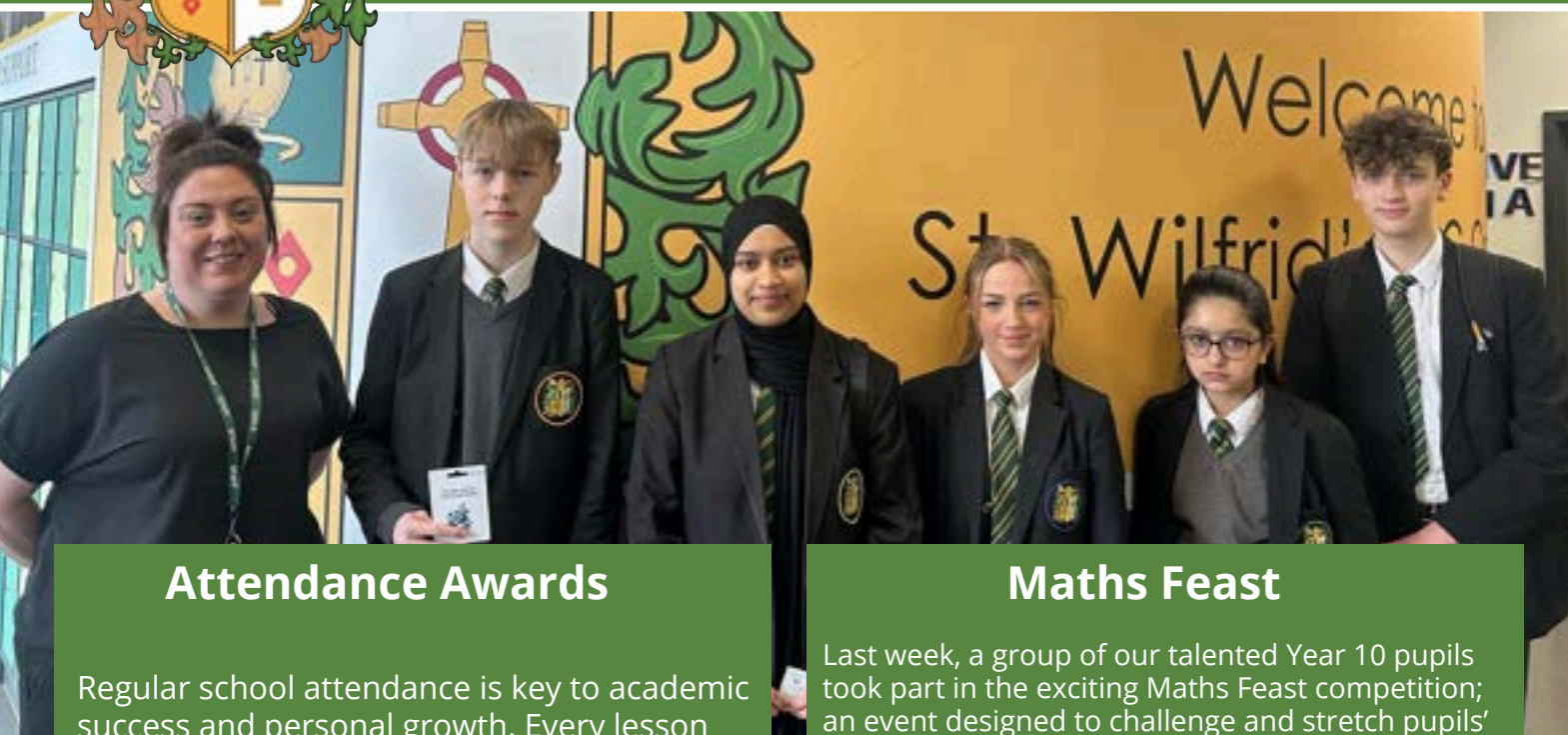
This week, a group of our pupils thoughtfully planned and delivered an inspiring assembly about Ramadan. With the guidance and support from Miss Rahman, they shared the significance of this holy month for Muslims around the world, explaining the importance of fasting, prayer, and reflection.

The assembly helped raise awareness and understanding of why many of our pupils are observing Ramadan and fasting during the school day. It was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together, show support, and celebrate the values of compassion, self-discipline, and empathy that Ramadan represents.





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Attendance Awards

Regular school attendance is key to academic success and personal growth. Every lesson builds on the one before it, so missing even a single day can make it harder to keep up with learning.

Before the half-term, we launched an attendance competition to celebrate and encourage excellent attendance from our pupils.

All pupils who maintained 100% attendance during the last half-term were automatically entered into a prize draw.

Congratulations to our winners!

Maths Feast

Last week, a group of our talented Year 10 pupils took part in the exciting Maths Feast competition; an event designed to challenge and stretch pupils' mathematical thinking.

Over the course of four demanding rounds, they tackled a variety of complex problems that tested not only their maths skills but also their ability to work effectively as a team. Each round required a different approach, from quick-fire questions to deeper problem-solving tasks that called for creativity and strategic thinking.

Competing against 15 other schools from across the area, our pupils demonstrated determination, collaboration, and impressive mathematical knowledge. We are incredibly proud of their effort and enthusiasm—well done to everyone who took part.





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Year 9 Parents' Evening

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended our Parents' Evening this week.

Your ongoing support and engagement play a vital role in your child's education, and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss their progress and achievements with you.

These conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring we work together to support each pupil's learning and wellbeing. We truly appreciate the time you took to join us and look forward to continuing to work alongside you throughout the year.

Many of you were curious to learn more about the options process. Please use the link below to access the resources linked to this year's process. If you have any further queries, Miss Tennet, our Assistant Headteacher and lead for KS4 would be happy to help. Miss Tennet can be contacted by emailing our admin inbox admin@st-wilfrids.org.

[KS4 Options](#)

Sports Leaders

Our Sixth Form Sports Leaders had the privilege of supporting the Lord's Taverners Table Cricket Competition, hosted by the Durham Cricket Foundation at Seat Unique Riverside.

Schools from across Durham and Washington took part in this fantastic event, and our leaders played an essential role in officiating the games, ensuring fair play and creating an encouraging environment for all participants.

This was the second event we've proudly supported, following an equally successful competition at Temple Park last month. Daryl Smith, Disability Development Officer at Durham Cricket Foundation, spoke highly of our leaders, commenting: "The leaders were a true asset to not only themselves but Durham Cricket Foundation and St Wilfrid's Sixth Form College."

A huge well done to everyone involved for their commitment, professionalism, and enthusiasm.

As we continue through Lent, we are reminded of the call to listen to Jesus and to live out His mission in our daily lives. Inspired by the message of the Transfiguration, we encourage our pupils to reflect on how they can grow in faith, show kindness to others, and play their part in building a supportive and caring school community.

It is always such a pleasure to share the fantastic achievements of our pupils whether this is their fantastic attendance, excellence in lessons or when representing the school at different events.

Mrs C Lennox
Headteacher 21/03/2025

