



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 2



External Examinations

As the examination season begins, we want to take a moment to recognise the dedication and determination shown by our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils. We are incredibly proud of their efforts so far and encourage them to continue with a balanced approach to revision, rest, and wellbeing in the coming weeks.

Attendance and Punctuality

Written examinations began on Thursday 8th May, and pupils have received individual timetables. It's important that pupils arrive at least 15 minutes before each exam, with morning sessions starting at 9:00am and afternoon sessions at 1:00pm. If your child is delayed or absent, please contact reception immediately using the number: 0191 456 9121.

Year 11 pupils are expected to attend school as normal during the examination period. When not sitting exams, they will take part in structured revision sessions or targeted support lessons. Lunchtime and after-school revision continues throughout the exam window.

Year 13 pupils are expected to attend all lessons as normal until their exams for individual subjects are completed.

Please remember that contingency days have been set by exam boards in case of disruption. Pupils must be available on 11 June (pm) and 25 June (am & pm)—no holidays should be booked during this time.

Results Days

A Level results will be available on Thursday the 14th of August.

GCSE results will be available on Thursday 21st August. Sixth Form registration will take place on the same day, with staff available to support option choices.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of House. We wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils the very best in their exams.

Year 12 Information Evening

We would like to warmly invite the families of our Year 12 students to our Year 12 Information Evening, which will take place on Tuesday 13th May 5.00-6.00pm.

This evening is an important opportunity for families to gain insight into the key aspects of Year 12 and the support we provide as students begin to plan for life beyond sixth form. The evening will include information and guidance on:

- The UCAS process and applying to university
- Alternative post-18 pathways, including apprenticeships and employment
- End of Year 12 examinations and academic expectations
- The transition into Year 13 and how we support students through this crucial period

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and speak to members of the Sixth Form team.



Celebrating our Pupils

We love hearing about our pupils' achievements outside of school. If you would like us to highlight something your child has achieved please continue to pictures and a summary to celebrate@st-wilfrids.org so we can congratulate them!



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Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted to share that our pupils have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition. This challenging experience required teamwork, resilience, and determination, and our pupils demonstrated all of these qualities in abundance. From navigating unfamiliar routes to setting up camp and supporting one another, they represented St Wilfrid's with maturity and enthusiasm.

It was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth, and we are delighted to celebrate their achievements as part of this nationally recognised award.



First Place in Orienteering

Congratulations to our pupils who achieved first place in the recent Leadership Academy Orienteering Event held at North Marine Park.



Pope Leo XIV

We join the global Catholic community in welcoming the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, with joy and prayerful gratitude.

As a school rooted in faith, we will be sharing this significant event with our pupils, helping them understand the importance of the papacy and encouraging them to keep Pope Leo XIV in their prayers as he begins his sacred mission. May this new chapter in the Church inspire us all to deepen our faith, live with compassion, and continue growing together as a school community.

Many of our pupils are about to embark on their external examinations—a time that calls for determination, resilience, and belief in all they have worked so hard to achieve.

We continue to hold all our exam students in our prayers, asking that they be blessed with calm minds, confidence, and clarity. As a community, we are here to support one another, and we remind our young people that their worth goes far beyond any grade—they are valued for who they are and the effort they put into all they do. May the weeks ahead be filled with encouragement, quiet strength, and the assurance that they do not face this journey alone.

Warm regards,

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