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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

St Wilfrid's Feast Day

October the 12th is St Wilfrid's Feast Day! We have celebrated this by coming together as a community for a whole-school liturgy. St Wilfrid's life offers us profound lessons; he was unwavering in his faith despite many challenges and was dedicated to a life in God's service. He built many churches, monasteries and religious institutions but was also quite a rebel; often clashing with other religious leaders leading to two separate exiles from his diocese!

Our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do here at St Wilfrid's and it is our aim to cultivate an environment where all pupils learn the importance of service to others and aspire to be as courageous as St Wilfrid.

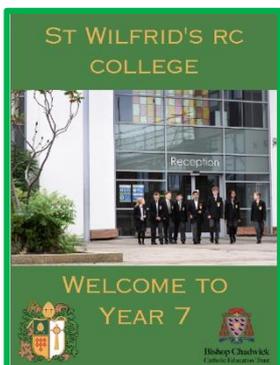


Arbor App

We regularly send messages and updates through the Arbor App; this is our main form of communication for parents. If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor App, please follow the instructions below:

[Help with Arbor](#)

Welcome Booklets



All pupils in Years 7 to 11 will have received a welcome booklet this week. This document includes key dates, information about the year ahead as well as details about your child's curriculum. All welcome booklets are available on our website and can be accessed via the links below:

- [Year 7 Welcome Booklet \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)
- [Year 8 Welcome Booklet \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)
- [Year 9 Welcome Booklet \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)
- [Year 10 Welcome Booklet \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)
- [Year 11 Welcome Booklet \(st-wilfrids.org\)](http://st-wilfrids.org)

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum



Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 8 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Wednesday the 23rd of October. A letter with more information, including how to book appointments, will be sent to parents of Year 8 pupils.



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday, St Wilfrid's celebrated World Mental Health Day. This year's focus was on mental wellbeing in the school community. Pupils spent time during PREP considering ways that they could be proactive in protecting their mental health by using strategies such as exercise and connecting with their peers. We have a wonderfully supportive pastoral team in school and, if pupils ever need support, they can speak with their tutor, Head or Assistant Head of House or any other trusted adult.

Year 7 Welcome Mass- Thursday 24TH October

Our Year 7 Welcome Mass will take place on Thursday the 24th of October. Mass will begin at 2pm. It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families into the St Wilfrid's community. We ask that anyone who wishes to join us that afternoon registers their attendance with us ahead of the event. Further information, including how to register attendance, will be shared with you in due course.

Parent Survey

Thank you very much to all those families that have completed our Parent Survey. We really do appreciate and value your feedback. There is still time to contribute, and we would love to hear from as many families as possible. [Parent Survey October 24](#)

Finally, I wish to share a prayer so that we may, like St Wilfrid, remain steadfast in our faith:

Gracious God, inspire us with the zeal of Saint Wilfrid
guide us to be strong and courageous in our faith
shine your light upon us as we journey forward.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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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