

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER, 14TH MARCH 2025



International Women's Day

International Women's Day was proudly celebrated at St Wilfrid's this week, as we came together to recognise the achievements, strength, and contributions of women past and present.

Across the school, pupils engaged in discussions focused on this year's theme of "Inspiring Inclusion", exploring how we can all play a part in creating a more equal and inclusive society.

It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to reflect on the importance of gender equality and to be inspired by the stories of women who have made a difference locally and globally.

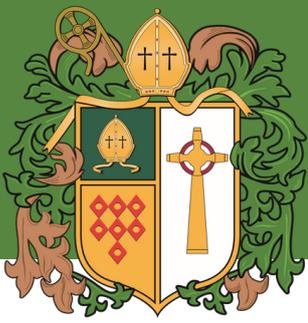
Prom Shop Success

Our Prom Shop was open on Monday at our Year 11 Parent Information Event. The Prom Shop's goal is to give our Year 11 pupils the opportunity to purchase sustainable outfits for their upcoming prom at affordable prices.

The shop offered a fantastic selection of dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories, helping to ensure that all pupils can feel confident and prepared for their special night. It was wonderful to see so many pupils making the most of this opportunity, and we are proud to offer a service that makes prom accessible to everyone.

A huge thank you to Mrs Anderson for organising this fabulous initiative.





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Careers Fayre Highlight

On Monday, pupils from every year group attended our annual Careers Fayre; an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of future career pathways.

Throughout the day, pupils engaged with industry experts, local business representatives, and professionals from a variety of sectors, asking thoughtful questions about their roles and gaining valuable insights into the world of work.

The event aimed to inspire pupils to think about their futures and the many possibilities available to them.

Our pupils represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to learn more about different careers — a big thank you to all the visitors who gave their time to support and inspire the next generation!



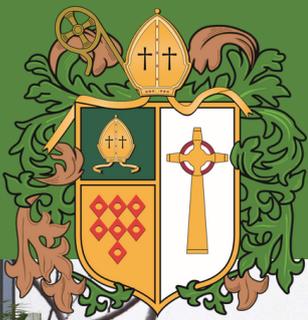
Striking Success: Pupils Have a Ball at Bowling Trip

Some of our talented Year 7 and Year 8 pupils took part in a 10-pin bowling competition at Riverside Bowl in Sunderland, competing against 10 other schools.

Our pupils did an incredible job, with two of them earning special awards for scoring over 100 points in their game!

A huge well done to all who took part.





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YOUR COMMUNITY: YOUR VIEWS

School Uniform Questionnaire

At St Wilfrid's we really value the importance of a school uniform which supports our sense of community, which fosters an inclusive learning environment and reflects the high standards that we hold and puts pupils in the right frame of mind for focused learning.

We would love to hear your voice on our current school uniform.

Please click the relevant survey below. We kindly ask that all responses are submitted before Friday the 21st.

[Pupil Questionnaire](#)

[Parent Questionnaire](#)

National Youth Strategy - survey open until 16 April

The Government is seeking the views of 10-21 year olds, and those up to age 25 with SEND, to shape its [National Youth Strategy](#).

A [survey](#) as part of its national listening exercise is open until 16th April 2025. Young people are encouraged to share their views on support services, facilities, and opportunities they need "outside the school gates".

It would be great for as many of our pupils with SEND to participate in this survey as possible:

[Survey Link](#)



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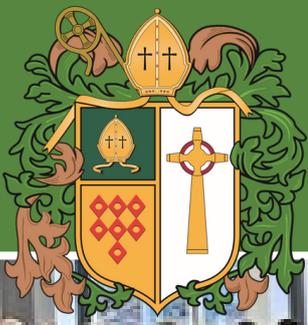
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Year 9 Parents' Evening

We are pleased to welcome families to our Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday the 19th of March.

Arrangements for Parents' Evenings

- School will finish at the slightly earlier time of 2:15 to allow appointments to begin at 2:45
- School buses will arrive early to collect all pupils

Further information can be found by clicking the link below.

[Year 9 Information](#)

Resources for Parents

This week we have hosted two information evenings for our families.

- Year 11 Examination Preparation
- Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to all the families who attended — it was fantastic to see so many families engaged and working together to support pupils in achieving their best.

If you were unable to attend and would like copies of the KS4 Options information, please click the link below:

[KS4 Options](#)

It has been wonderful to see pupils engaging so positively with the opportunities and events taking place in school this week, from the Careers Fayre to preparations for upcoming exams.

As we continue through this season of Lent, we are also encouraging pupils to reflect on their own growth, kindness, and the ways they can support one another. Your support at home makes a real difference, and together we are helping our young people to grow in confidence, compassion, and resilience.

As always, we remain committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that every pupil feels valued, supported, and ready to succeed.

Mrs C. Lennox
Headteacher

