



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 7

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening earlier this week!

It was a pleasure to welcome so many enthusiastic pupils and families into our school community; both from our existing cohort and from other local schools. We hope you found the evening informative and inspiring, and that it gave you a clear insight into the wide range of opportunities available in our Sixth Form.

If you have any further queries or would like to arrange a follow-up visit, please don't hesitate to get in touch; we're here to help you make the best decision for your future.

Further information can be found on our website:

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/sixth-form>



VPN USAGE

Children are increasingly using VPN apps to bypass parental controls and access blocked content online. This can expose them to inappropriate material and privacy risks.

What families can do:

- Talk to your child about VPNs and safe internet use.
- Check their devices for VPN apps (look in Settings > VPN).
- Use parental controls like Google Family Link or Apple Screen Time.
- Set clear rules about app downloads and online activity.

For more tips, visit Internet Matters:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Inset Day Reminder

Reminder that school will be closed on Friday 24th October. Pupils break up for half term on Thursday 23rd October and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November.



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ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We're excited to share our extra-curricular timetable for this term, offering a wide range of clubs and activities to support your child's personal growth and interests outside the classroom.

From sports and music to academic support and wellbeing, there's something for everyone:

- Sports Clubs – Pupils can take part in lunchtime and after-school sports that link directly to their PE lessons, helping them build confidence and skills.
- Music Opportunities – Choir, orchestra, and band rehearsals are open to all. One-to-one instrumental lessons are also available—please speak to Mrs Tolan if your child is interested.
- Academic Support – A lunchtime study space is available for Key Stage 4 pupils, and our Homework Club runs Tuesday to Friday after school in the library for all year groups.
- Clubs for Curious Minds – Pupils can join ICT and Computer Science clubs with Dr Henderson or test their logic and strategy at Chess Club with Mr Smith.
- Wellbeing & Inclusion – We offer a STEM Club, World Religions Club, and a Safe Space Group at lunchtime, all designed to support pupil wellbeing and encourage inclusion.
- Youth SVP Group – Led by our chaplain, this group helps pupils grow in leadership, service, and reflection.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be highlighting some of these clubs in more detail so you can see the fantastic experiences your children are enjoying.

We encourage you to chat with your child about the clubs on offer and help them choose one (or more!) to get involved in. These activities are a great way to make new friends, try something different, and build confidence.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO OFFER SOME FEEDBACK AROUND OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Netball Active Lunch (Week 1/A) MUGA Mrs Nuttall	Netball Active Lunch (Week 2/B) MUGA Mrs Nuttall	Chess Club SC1 Mr Smith	STEM Club SC9 Miss Trueman	Safe Space H6 Miss Close
Trampoline Active Lunch Veitch Hall Mrs Jensen	Trampoline Active Lunch Veitch Hall Miss McGhie	Trampoline Active Lunch (Week 2/B) Veitch Hall Miss McGhie	Trampoline Active Lunch Veitch Hall Mrs Jensen	Trampoline Active Lunch Veitch Hall Miss McGhie
Football Active Lunch Field Mr Taylor	Football Active Lunch Field Mr Manuel	Football Active Lunch Field Mr Manuel/Mr Taylor	Football Active Lunch (Week 1/A) Field Mr Taylor	KS4 Study Space Maths Classrooms Miss Tennet
Badminton Active Lunch (Week 2/B) Sports Hall Mr Manuel	Badminton Active Lunch (Week 1/A) Sports Hall Mrs Nuttall	Badminton Active Lunch Sports Hall Mr Taylor/Mr Manuel	Badminton Active Lunch (Week 2/B) Sports Hall Mrs Nuttall	Badminton Active Lunch Sports Hall Mrs Jensen
Choir Practice MU1 Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau	KS4 Study Space Maths Classrooms Miss Tennet	Girls ICT Club IT2 Dr Henderson	Youth SVP Chaplain's Office Mrs Gregory	
KS4 Study Space Maths Classrooms Miss Tennet	World Religions Club RE1 Miss Chambers/Miss McNeill	KS4 Study Space Maths Classrooms Miss Tennet		
ICT Club IT2 Dr Henderson				

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM AFTER SCHOOL

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Orchestra Practice MU1 Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau	Band Practice MU1 Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau	Netball Club MUGA Mrs Nuttall	Homework Club Library Miss Colman
Trampoline Club Veitch Hall Mrs Jensen	KS3 Girls Football MUGA Mr Smith	GCSE Computer Science Coding Club IT2 Dr Henderson	
Badminton Club Sports Hall Mrs Nuttall	Homework Club Library Miss Colman	Homework Club Library Miss Colman	
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FAITH FOCUS

"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart."
- Luke 18:1

In this week's Gospel (Luke 18:1-8) Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow, a woman who refuses to give up in her pursuit of justice. As a school community, we are often faced with challenges that require patience, resilience, and faith. The widow's determination encourages us to keep praying, confident that God listens and walks with us always.

INSTRUMENT LESSON REMINDER

For pupils that wish to take instrumental lessons in January, the deadline for returning letters is Friday the 14th of November.

Letters can be collected from Mrs Tolan and should be returned to her directly also.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our Sixth Form Open Evening this week. The evening was fantastic and full of excitement, and it was especially lovely to see so many pupils from Years 10 and 11 engaging thoughtfully with staff and exploring their future options!

A reminder that next Friday is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to pupils while staff take part in important training and development. Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs C Lennox 17/10/25

MEET THE TEACHER

Name: Miss Fraser

What subject do you teach? Science (but mainly biology)

What inspired you to become a teacher? All through university I tutored students through their GCSEs and loved it so much. I decided to go down the teaching route as it's a busy job that never gets boring and I love seeing students develop and become successful.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? Spend time with family and friends. I've got a 2 week old baby niece who I'm obsessed with, so she is taking up a lot of my time at the minute!

Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy running and loved seeing so many students during the Great North Run. I enjoy music and dance and most students who know me know how much I love Taylor Swift!

Favourite books? I love reading and particularly love psychological thrillers; my favourite author at the moment is Freida McFadden, I find her books so gripping!



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