



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 3



YEAR 11 CURRICULUM EVENING

This session is designed to support both pupils and parents in preparing effectively for the upcoming GCSE examinations. During the evening, we will share important information on:

- Key dates and events
- Subject-specific guidance
- Resources available to support pupils at home
- Next steps and Sixth Form

There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions and speak with core subject leaders about revision expectations.

Details: Tuesday 23rd September 5-6pm

MEET THE TEACHER

Name: Mrs Anderson

What subject do you teach?
Religious Education

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I love helping young people grow in confidence and find their voices. No two days are ever the same, the one constant is that something makes me smile or laugh every day! And both of my grandmothers were teachers, so there's definitely something in the blood.

What's a fun fact about you that pupils might not know?

I've had type 1 diabetes for 27 years now. It's never stopped me from doing anything, including working briefly with a school in Cameroon, and helping raise enough money to build a new playing field for students who were thrilled! As long as I've got a bag of jelly babies or Percy Pigs for emergencies, I'm good to go! To all fellow type 1 diabetics at St Wilf's: if you need a chat, some reassurance, or just some jelly babies, pop by and say hello!

Favourite books/movies?

For books, there are too many to name but one I really enjoy is High Performance, based on the podcast interviews. It shares stories of so many high-performing individuals who, despite setbacks and challenges, have shown resilience, determination, and gone on to achieve amazing things. Movies: Home Alone 2 (the ultimate Christmas throwback), Elf (for festive laughs), and Forrest Gump (because "life is like a box of chocolates...").

FAITH FOCUS



"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money."
— Luke 16:13

This week's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) reminds us that how we use our time, talents, and resources matters. At school, we encourage pupils to take responsibility, act with honesty, and make good choices—no matter how small. Thank you for supporting these values at home.



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WELCOME TO ST WILFRID'S LIBRARY!

On Monday this week, we officially opened our new library at St. Wilfrid's. The library is located near the Harton Lane entrance to the school, behind the main stage in Nichols Hall.

Pupils were welcomed at our amazing launch event: they completed quizzes, design your own book cover competitions and participated in searching for our 'Golden Tickets'.

The library is now open to all pupils during the following times:
Mon – Fri 8.00-8.35am plus lunchtimes, Mon – Thurs after school 3.10-4.00pm.

It is open for quiet reading and/or study. Pupils can borrow a book from one of our diverse and exciting (and re-stocked!) library sections for a two-week period, and books can be renewed if they are still enjoying it after two weeks.

We encourage all pupils to make use of this valuable resource.

If you have any questions about the library, please see Mrs Collings-Backhouse, Mrs Pickering, Miss Coleman or your English teacher.



As we wrap up a truly inspiring week, I want to celebrate the joy and pride we've seen across our school; from the buzz around our newly opened library to the incredible work shared during our Showcase and Shine event. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils confidently presenting their achievements and taking ownership of their learning. These moments remind us of the vibrant, creative community we're building together. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a restful weekend.

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