

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 7



ASH WEDNESDAY

This week, we marked Ash Wednesday; the beginning of the season of Lent. We were delighted to welcome Father Anthony, who led a Celebration of the Word with our pupils.

During the service, pupils reflected on Lent as a time for kindness, renewal, and making positive choices.

All pupils who wished to were able to receive ashes, a simple but meaningful sign of our shared commitment to grow in faith and compassion during this special season.

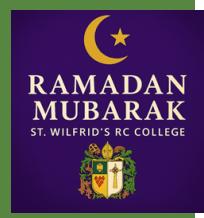
We thank Father Anthony for joining us and helping our school community begin Lent in such a thoughtful and reverent way.



RAMADAN

As many of our families begin the holy month of Ramadan, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone fasting. We understand this is an important and reflective time, and we are committed to supporting pupils throughout the period.

Pupils who are fasting are still welcome to collect a sandwich, snack and drink at lunchtime to take home with them, particularly those who qualify for free school meals.



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

On Wednesday, we welcomed families into school for our Year 9 Options Evening, where pupils and families had the chance to explore the pathways available to them as they move into Key Stage 4.

Subject staff are a good first point of contact for pupils to learn more about the different subjects on offer as they can share information about course content, assessment methods and future opportunities, helping pupils make informed and confident decisions about their next steps.

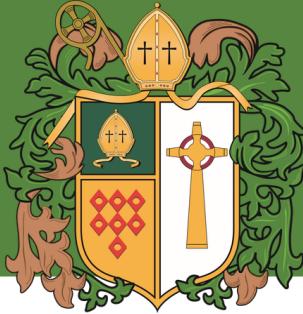
All relevant resources, including the options booklet and subject videos, are available on our school webpage for pupils and parents to access at any time:

Year 9 Options

Year 9 pupils are receiving ongoing guidance from their form tutors and Miss Tennet, who will support them throughout the options process.

We look forward to supporting our pupils as they choose the subjects that best reflect their interests, strengths, and aspirations.





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FAITH FOCUS



But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- Matthew 4:4

As we begin this season of Lent, we remember Jesus in the wilderness, resisting temptation by remaining faithful to the Father rather than choosing the easy options. For our school community, this reminds us that true strength comes from trusting God, especially when the right choice is not the easy one.

UNIFORM REMINDER

As we approach the half-term, we would like to remind families of our school uniform expectations. Wearing the correct school uniform helps pupils to feel part of our school community, promotes equality and supports a focused learning environment.

Key Points to Remember

- Appropriate footwear must be worn- no trainers
- School trousers must be grey. Black, fitted or flared trousers are **not** permitted
- No jewellery should be worn

Thank you for your support in ensuring that all pupils follow our uniform standards.



KEY DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Information about how to book appointments for parents' evening will be shared after the half-term holiday.

Year 9 Parents' Evening- 11th March 2:45-6

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Curriculum Information- 25th March 5-6

As we reach the end of term, I want to congratulate our pupils in Year 11 and Year 13, on completing their prelim examinations. This is an important milestone, and I am incredibly proud of the focus and determination they have shown throughout.

When we return after the break, the countdown to the real exams truly begins! We know this can be both an exciting and demanding time, and we are committed to supporting our pupils every step of the way. Further information about revision, examination preparation, and additional support sessions will be shared with Year 11 and Year 13 in the first week back.

For now, I hope all our pupils, families, and staff enjoy a restful and well-deserved holiday.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

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