**2nd September 2025**

**Key Stage 4 Update**

Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to St Wilfrid’s tomorrow morning at 8:40. Heads of House and tutors will meet pupils at their respective yards where we will check uniform and equipment.

Aidan- Meet on the MUGA

Bede- Main Yard

Cuthbert- Harton Lane Entrance

Hilda- Main Yard

Margaret Clitherow- STEM Yard

**Parent Engagement**

We’re committed to strengthening our partnership with families. This year we are excited to launch:

* Our parent forum
* Online information sessions
* In-person events

A termly calendar will be shared, starting with Meet the Tutor sessions:

* Year 7 and Sixth Form- Monday 8 September, 5-6pm
* Years 8 and 9- Tuesday 9 September, 5-6pm
* Years 10 and 11- Wednesday 10 September, 5-6pm

**Uniform Reminder**

In line with our Uniform Policy, can we please emphasise that pupils require:

* Full uniform and formal shoes [no trainers]
* No jewellery, false nails or lashes
* Earrings must be removed before returning to school

**Equipment Reminder**

In line with our St Wilfrid’s Standard, pupils should have with them:

* A black pen, green pen, pencil and ruler
* Scientific calculator
* Reusable water bottle
* Reading book

Pupils will be issued with a new planner that must be brought to school and lessons each day. Pupils not meeting uniform expectations will be expected to resolve this immediately.

**Year 10 Teaching Sets**

In core subjects’ pupils will be placed into parallel sets based on prior attainment, where all groups are taught to the same high expectations. This allows for flexibility in teaching and learning and improved opportunities for targeted intervention and support throughout KS4.

In all other subjects pupils’ classes are created using their KS4 option choices.

**Year 11 Teaching Sets**

As previously outlined as part of our ongoing efforts to support wellbeing of all pupils, we will be moving from a linear set structure to parallel sets in core subjects. Previously, pupils have been grouped into linear sets based on prior attainment. Moving forward, pupils will be placed into parallel sets, where all groups are taught to the same high expectations.

This change allows for greater flexibility in teaching and learning and improved opportunities for targeted intervention and support as we move closer to final examinations.

Please note that this is a structural change to class grouping and does not reflect any concerns about your child’s performance. Our teaching staff will continue to ensure that all pupils are challenged and supported appropriately in lessons.

If your child is affected by this change, the name of their class may have changed, or they may be placed in a new teaching group. We understand that transitions can sometimes be challenging, and pastoral support will be available to ensure a smooth adjustment.

We remain fully committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all our pupils and believe that this change will support their academic progress as they enter this crucial final stage of their GCSE journey.

**Our Newly Refurbished Library**

We are excited to announce the opening of our newly refurbished school library, which will be available for all pupils to enjoy. The library will open each morning from 8:15am and will also be accessible at lunchtimes and after school until 4:15pm.

The library will be a vibrant hub for study and enrichment. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing more information about the extra-curricular opportunities available, including clubs, events and activities designed to inspire and engage our pupils.

**SEND Update**

We are pleased to share that Mrs Dugdale, Trust SENDCO, will be supporting us in the role of SENDCO. Mrs Dugdale brings a wealth of experience and expertise, and we are delighted to welcome her to our team.

We are confident that pupils and families will benefit from her knowledge and support during this time.

If you have any queries regarding SEND, please do not hesitate to contact us via SENDenquiries@st-wilfrids.org.uk.

**Site Access**

To ensure pupil safety, no vehicles are allowed on site during:

* Morning: 8:15-9:00am
* Afternoon: 2:10-3:30pm

We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Head of House:

Best Wishes,



Miss H Tennet [Assistant Headteacher]