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Dear Families,

At St Wilfrid's RC College, our vision is clear:

We strive for every pupil to realise their God-given potential, become the very best version of themselves, and leave us equipped with the knowledge, character and skills needed to thrive in society.

To achieve this vision, we have a shared set of explicit learning habits. These habits underpin everything we do and are expected of every member of our community each day.

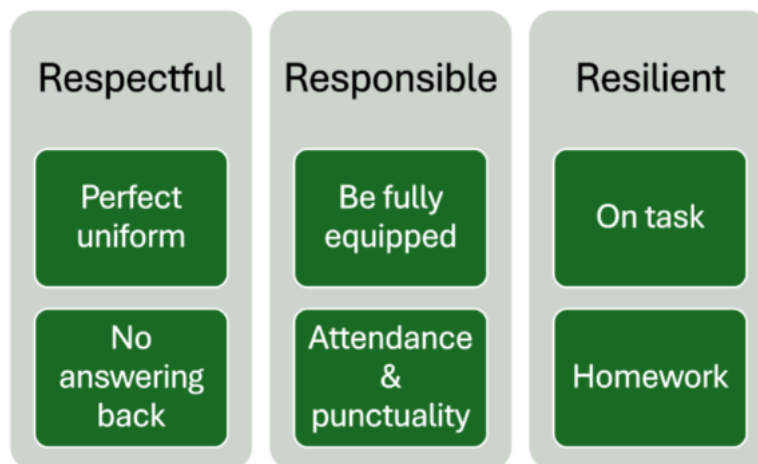
As we get ready for the new academic year, I want to update you on our return to school in September, changes to the structure of the school day, and the key learning habits that support your child's progress.

Pupils will return to school on:

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September [08.40]	Year 7
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September [08.40]	Year 8, Year 11 and Year 12
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September [08.40]	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 13

### Learning Habits

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and beginning the year with a positive and purposeful start. As we prepare for the term ahead, we want to remind families of our core learning habits. These habits guide how we support every child, ensuring their wellbeing, safety and dignity remain at the heart of our behaviour systems.





## Perfect Uniform

Wearing our uniform correctly and with pride:

- Supports safeguarding by helping staff identify who belongs on site
- Creates a sense of belonging, equality and pride
- Builds habits of professionalism and high standards

Please ensure that pupils return in September with **full and correct uniform**, including appropriate footwear and any required PE kit. If you need clarification, please refer to our uniform policy: [Uniform Policy 25-26.pdf](#)

## Be Fully Equipped

Being ready for learning every day:

- Supports a calm, ready-to-learn environment
- Prevents disruption and wasted learning time
- Develops organisation, independence and responsibility

Required equipment:

- Clear pencil case
- Black pen x 2
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator [recommended model: Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator]
- Student Planner

To support pupils in being fully prepared, a clear pencil case containing all required equipment is available to purchase for **£1.50**. The recommended scientific calculator is also available to purchase at cost price. Purchases can be made via Arbor Pay.

## Behaviour Policy

Our school's behaviour policy has been updated to more closely reflect the core values and learning habits we expect all pupils to uphold. These values underpin everything we do, and the revised policy ensures that our expectations are clear, consistent, and supportive of a positive learning environment for every child.

A key change to note is that all detentions will now take place after school on the same day the incident occurs. This allows us to address concerns promptly and helps pupils make a more immediate connection between their choices and the consequences.



We also want to emphasise the importance we place on restoration and reconciliation. After a detention, every pupil is offered a genuine fresh start the next day. This reflects our commitment to forgiveness, a core Gospel value, and ensures each child feels supported to learn from mistakes and move forward positively.

A copy our updated behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

### School Day

From September, we will be introducing a revised structure to the school day to further support safety, supervision and a calm learning environment. Please note that the start and end times will remain the same for all pupils.

Year 7, 8, 11 and Sixth Form	
8.40 – 9.10	Morning Meeting
9.10 – 9.15	Movement between lessons
9.15 – 10.05	Lesson 1
10.05 – 10.10	Movement between lessons
10.10 – 11.00	Lesson 2
11.00 - 11.15	Break
11.15 – 11.40	Reading/ Intervention
11.40 – 11.45	Movement between lessons
11.45 – 12.35	Lesson 3
12.35 – 1.25	Lunch
1.25 – 2.15	Lesson 4b
2.15 – 2.20	Movement between lessons
2.20 – 3.10	Lesson 5
Year 9 and 10	
8.40 – 9.10	Morning Meeting
9.10 – 9.15	Movement between lessons
9.15 – 10.05	Lesson 1
10.05 – 10.10	Movement between lessons
10.10 – 11.00	Lesson 2
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 11.40	Reading/ Intervention
11.40 – 11.45	Movement between lessons
11.45 – 12.35	Lesson 3
12.35 – 12.40	Movement between lessons
12.40 – 1.30	Lesson 4a
1.30 – 2.20	Lunch
2.20 – 3.10	Lesson 5

We value the partnership between home and school. If you would like to provide any feedback on the school day, please contact [admin@st-wilfrids.org](mailto:admin@st-wilfrids.org).



We encourage you to discuss our learning habits with your child so that we can work together to support their success.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Tennet'.

Miss H Tennet

Assistant Headteacher