

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you with just a few days to go until the autumn term begins and hope that you have had a lovely summer. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about the first few days of term, so that students can be as well prepared as possible.

As per Mr Ferry's letter, Year 7 students will begin school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Students should arrive in school uniform and on arrival, will be ushered to the chapel for Mass beginning at 9am. Following Mass, students will move to the school hall for an assembly in which they will be given details of the day and allocated their tutor groups. After the assembly, students will have some time in the tutor groups, getting to know one another. During this time students will be introduced to their timetable and will complete a variety of administration tasks such as having their finger prints scanned to enable students to use our cashless system.

After what will no doubt be a very exciting morning, students will have their first break and I am very pleased to be able to inform you that for the first week of term, all students in Year 7 will be able to have a hot main meal from the canteen free of charge!

In the afternoon, students will follow their timetables, having the chance to meet their teachers and get a flavour for some of the subjects they will study. There will also be a second break time for students to play etc.

The school day will end as normal at 3.20pm.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 7 students will have an extended tutor time each morning (until 10am), then will follow their timetables for the rest of the day. Thursday will see students following a normal school day and as you will be aware, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating St Wilfrid's Day. This is a non-school uniform day which will begin with a whole school Mass. The aim of the day is to celebrate our community and also to raise funds for local organisations. Students will work together with their tutor groups to run a fundraising stall. When Year 7 students meet their tutors on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, they will discuss their plans. In the afternoon there will be a talent show for all to enjoy. This is always a lovely day which is usually celebrated at the end of term, but it is wonderful that our Year 7 students will get a chance to celebrate this at the start of the year. I really think that the team work and camaraderie involved with this day, will give the new tutor groups and extra chance to bond even more quickly.

I hope this information will help give you a flavour for the first few days and I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks.

Best wishes,

Kathleen Law  
Year 7 Leader

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