

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

## Autumn-Spring Term 17-18 Newsletter



# Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

So much has happened at St Wilfrid's over the last term and a half, giving rise to this bumper edition of our newsletter. There is much to celebrate, not only have our students continued to excel and rise to the challenge in a variety of ways from being short-listed for the National Celebrating Young People Awards, participating in raising money for our House Charities and drawing attention to the plight of the homeless by having 124 Sixth Form students participate in a sleep out just before Christmas. This is just a snapshot of some of our activities since September whilst at the same time our staff and students continue to work tirelessly to make even more progress.

Two pivotal points in our academic year so far have been our Diocesan Inspection (October 2017) and our more recent OFSTED Inspection (January 2018). Both reports commented on the community aspect of this "authentic Catholic School" (Oct 17) and on the "holistic approach to excellence, permeating the life of the school" (Jan 18). Please read more about these reports in the newsletter.



As I write to you, we will soon be entering a preparation period; not only will our Year 11 and 13 students be in earnest preparation for their forthcoming exams, we also start our preparation for Easter through the season of Lent. This time of self-reflection and self-examination gives us the opportunity to focus on the important things in life and to prepare for the greatest event the world has ever known, the death and resurrection of Christ.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to become an even better school where the education of the whole person is central to what we do. I hope you have an enjoyable half term and good luck if you are giving up anything for Lent!

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Ferry  
Headteacher

### A Message from our Head Students

Happy New Year! We can hardly believe how quickly this year has gone already. The last few months have been extremely busy. We have had a huge variety of events going on, such as the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Sixth Form Charity Pyjama Day and the Sixth Form Sleep Out. We are all very proud of how the whole Sixth Form came together to raise such a huge amount of money for our house charities and we are very excited for the upcoming fundraising that the leadership team is continuing to plan for the coming months.

We have had many visitors to St. Wilfrid's recently, including the Diocese and OFSTED Inspectors, all of whom were able to see the amazing community that is St Wilfrid's. It was great to have the chance to show others the harmonious and joyous community that we have, both in and out of the classroom.

In addition to the inspections, we have continued our work as head students through our roles as mentors, promoting student voices through the feedback we collect, and attending and helping to organise school functions.

We are all looking forward to what the next few months will bring as we make the most of our time left at St. Wilfrid's.

God Bless

Jesse, Theodore, Georgia and Keely.



Head Students  
Jesse, Keely, Georgia & Theo



# St Wilfrid's Spotlight Fundraising



Every year St Wilfrid's chooses a different cause for our fundraising focus. This year we chose our Five House Charities:



## Augustine: **Crawley Open House**

Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, or other forms of social exclusion. Our support is available to anyone in need.



## Benedict: **Friends of Embark**

Friends of Embark was born out of the need to provide quality, stable homes and work experience for Adults with learning difficulties, who wish to live more independent lives. Friends of Embark enable such adults to experience life to their best ability, not only by enabling them to live more independently in secure and stable homes but also by supporting projects and providing work experience. This support and development gives individuals a sense of purpose and achievement and provides them with opportunities to integrate with the local and wider community.



## Catherine: **St Catherine's Hospice**

St Catherine's Hospice are there for people in Sussex and East Surrey, with expert hospice care, when and where they are needed the most. Their skilled teams are on hand to support people living with terminal illness in their homes, at our Day Hospice and on our wards. This care is only possible thanks to the generosity of the local community who donate and volunteer.



## Dominic: **Children with Cancer**

Children with Cancer UK is the leading national charity dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer. Every year in the UK, almost 4,000 children, teenagers and young adults are diagnosed with cancer. Children with Cancer UK aims to determine the causes, find cures and provide care for children with cancer.



## Francis: **Chestnut Tree House**

Chestnut Tree House is a children's charity providing hospice care services and community support for children and young people with progressive or life-shortening conditions. Their goal is to provide the best quality of life for children, young people and their families, and to offer a total package of practical, social and spiritual support throughout each child's life.



Our students have embarked on many different forms of fundraising including Tutor Group Fundraising Fridays where we have seen each tutor group come up with a fundraising stall to raise money for their charity and these have included cakes sales, hot chocolate, sweets and a Christmas Film Night.

At Christmas we held our Christmas market where each House held fundraising stalls and this managed to raise over £900. Students also managed to raise nearly £1,500 on Non Uniform Day.

In total we have raised an amazing £9,955!!!! Thank you for all your help and support. This money really will help to change lives!



# Sixth Form Sleep Out

On Tuesday 19th December 124 students and 16 staff from St Wilfrid's slept out in the courtyard raising more than £9,000 for our House Charities: Crawley Open House, Friends of Embark, St Catherine's Hospice, Children with Cancer and Chestnut Tree House.

Each student had to raise a minimum of £25 to take part in the sleep out but this was a whole school fundraising incentive and our Headteacher, Mr Ferry, was challenged by our Sixth Form Leaders to take part. He agreed that if the students in school could raise £1,000 he would take part and, should the students raise £2,000, he promised he would play guitar and sing a song at the sleep out - something that is not in his comfort zone at all! To top this, if the students were to raise £3,000, he agreed to showcase his musical performance in the Reward Assemblies on the last day of term and if they raised £4,000 he would perform this in fancy dress!



The evening began with our Christmas Liturgy, before all the Sixth Form students assembled in the Hall where Chris Oxlade from Crawley Open House came along to give a talk to the students about homelessness and how they were helping with the money they raised. At 10.30pm the students gathered in to listen to "Fezza Fest" where Mr Ferry on guitar and vocals, Georgia Green on Guitar and Vocals and Mr Watts on Keyboard performed "Fairytale of New York" which went down very well with the crowd with the staff joining them on stage for an encore.



At midnight, all the students and staff gathered in the courtyard for a candlelight reflection on their participation in the sleep out and to think about all those that were homeless, before concluding by singing Silent Night. Everybody then bedded down for the night.

Mr Ferry commented, "I am in awe of the students who took part in the Sleep Out last night. They are an amazing bunch of people and I am so proud to be their Headteacher. To get 124 17-18 year olds to commit to such a worthy cause, not only to raise money but to send a clear message that homelessness is wrong and as a society we must do something about it, is just phenomenal. A target of £3,000 was set and if achieved, I would sing them a song and play the guitar! Give me a marathon any day! I was nervous but you know what, I would not have done it for anyone else and when the time came, they were wonderful and so supportive. As I said, they are amazing and I am so lucky and proud to be their Headteacher."



Head Student Georgia Green commented, "Being a part of such a large event was inspiring. It was an amazing atmosphere and great to see so many of our school community participating to raise money for such a worthy cause. Homelessness affects so many people in Crawley alone, so it was wonderful to get the opportunity to organise and help plan the Sleep Out, to get to experience just a taste of what being homeless can mean."

St Wilfrid's sixth form students raised an amazing £4,276.10 for their five house charities!





# Fundraising Race Night: March 9th 2018 6.30pm

This year Catherine House have signed up to the St Catherine's Hospice Five-O school project an annual enterprise challenge for local schools. The project is designed to develop students' business skills, as the Five-O Project challenges a team of six students from each school to create a business plan, event or idea that will raise a minimum of £1,500 for St Catherine's from an initial £50 investment.

As part of this, the team are holding a fundraising Race Night on Friday 9th March at 6.30pm. Tickets are available via ParentPay at £6 per adult and £3 per child and includes Domino Pizza.

Please do come and join us for a night at the races! There will be multiple races shown on the big screen with a tote & raffle and a chance to win some prize money.



A big thank you for our sponsors Crawley Rugby Club, McGurran and Co, Milestones accountancy, Kamsons, Countrywide Grounds, Sodexo, Elliot Scott Group, Sussex Uniforms, Furngate FC, SBS creative, Barclays, Freedom Leisure, RJ Currie Property Development.

## Crawley Open House Clothes Collection

Are you having a Spring Clean over Half Term? Please could you bring any clean clothes or toiletries eg. shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants, shaving gel etc. to support the work of our local homeless shelter and our Augustine House charity. Please ask you son/daughter to bring any donations to the Library during the week of 26th February to 2nd March 2018 either before school or during break time. Students will receive two house points per item.



## St Wilfrid's Presents Grease

This year St Wilfrid's promise an electrifying school production of Grease which promises to be the biggest show yet!

Grease is the original high school musical, featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie including *You're The One That I Want*, *Grease Is The Word*, *Summer Nights*, *Hopelessly Devoted To You*, *Sandy*, *Greased Lightnin'* and many more.

St Wilfrid's version will be a mixture of the original stage production and the film and has been rewritten and adapted to ensure that it will be our biggest and best production yet! We are also drawing ideas for the recent Grease Live TV version, which included many of the original film ideas.



The cast consists of nearly 90 students who sing, dance and act their way through this fantastic and well-loved story of friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s.

This year's production promises to be the biggest and best yet and Friday and Saturday night are now sold out! It will run over four nights from Wednesday 21st February until Saturday 24th February 2018 starting at 7.00pm with an extra Matinee performance on Saturday 24th February at 2.00pm. There are tickets still available for Wednesday and Thursday nights, and there are a limited amount available for the Saturday matinee.

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £5 for concessions and are available via ParentPay or by contacting Debra Riches in the Student Services Office on 01292 421421.



# National Big Bang Fair

On the 14th and 15th March two teams of scientists will be competing at the NEC in Birmingham for the titles "UK Young Engineer(s)" and "GSK UK Young Scientist(s)" of the year.

In 2017 the team of Gina Ardines, Vienna Cooper and Naina Trivedi were Intermediate Runners-up with their project "Beats", an investigation into the effects of music on the human body.

This year we have 2 teams competing. Carmen Goddard and Violet Given are competing for young scientists of the year and have been investigating the effects of negative comments on teenagers. Their project initially started with Year 11 girls but has now grown, and the team are looking at using their findings to further support those in need at St Wilfrid's. If successful, they will use their research to promote positivity in other schools, on-line and in a potential app design.

Rushil Patel, Benjamin Piggott, Darren Da Silva and Aaron Erickson make up the team called Mindmote and are competing for young engineers of the year. This is a complex engineering experiment which has involved different stages of analysis, creation and development. They have designed a device to control common household appliances with brain waves. With the less mobile in mind, and the image of a mind controlled smart home in their thoughts, it's a potential breakthrough for the people this was originally designed for. The project has grown to include many other uses, for example, safety in trains and the remote control of drones.

The school is immensely proud of both teams and their achievements in reaching the final, for being so caring for those in times of need and for showing their fellow students just how relevant science and engineering are to all our lives. We also thank the Catenians and Thales who have generously donated sponsorship for the second year running to enable our students to compete and gain this valuable experience.



## Autumn Term Celebration Breakfast

Our termly celebration breakfast was held on Thursday 7th December where we celebrate students achievements by inviting them to share breakfast with Mr Ferry and members of the Leadership Team. This is an event that is run once a term and nominations are submitted from all the teaching staff at St Wilfrid's. As ever, the nominations for this term's high achievers were astounding, with over 250 students being nominated and 79 of those invited to the Celebration Breakfast.

The students gathered in the Partnership Learning Centre before lessons for juice, pastries and fruit. Mr Ferry spoke to each student, congratulating them personally, with other members of the Leadership team also passing on their own congratulations. The Celebration Breakfast celebrates not just high academic or sporting achievements, but all those students who have excelled in their personal best in some way. This could include extra effort in school work, outstanding attitude to learning, impeccable presentation, sporting achievement or any other form of hard work and self discipline that makes them a good role model for their peers.



# Section 48 Inspection

In October, St Wilfrid's had their Section 48 Inspection and were delighted to have been classified as "Outstanding" in every category.

The report commented that our school is an inclusive Catholic community in which every member of the school community is valued and treated with dignity and respect. It also highlighted that the Headteacher and his Leadership Team constitute an empowering and inspirational presence, particularly in the context of the animation of the Catholic life of the school. Another highlight was that Collective worship is central to the life of the school and forms the heart of every school celebration.



Mr Ferry commented, "This report really reflects our community at St Wilfrid's. We are delighted to have received an "Outstanding" grade and the inspection team from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton were highly complementary about the work that our staff and students and their families do to promote the Catholic life of the school. I am so proud of our school community and cannot thank them all enough for their ongoing support which ensures we are able to provide a distinctive Catholic Education, for all of our students, to the highest of standards."

Please read the full Section 48 Report on our outstanding Catholic school by using the following link <http://myzone.stwilfridsschool.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Section-48-Report-Oct-2017.pdf>

# OFSTED Inspection

In January St Wilfrid's had a one day OFSTED Inspection and were extremely pleased to receive a "Good" rating.

The report is a recognition of the way the school has improved since the last inspection and recognises the efforts which are being made by staff, students, governors, parents and carers alike to ensure that we continue to seek improvements in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and for the extremely positive way that messages were sent to the Inspection Team by so many parents/carers.

Please read our report letter by using the following link <http://myzone.stwilfridsschool.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/St-Wilfrids-Catholic-School-Ofsted-Report-January-2018-PDF.pdf>





# Celebrating Young People Awards

St Wilfrid's One World Group were invited to a glittering awards ceremony in London's Leicester Square on Thursday 23 November for the national Celebrating Young People Awards.



Our Chaplain, Claire Franke, nominated three groups for the awards. Our St Wilfrid's Charity Team were nominated for their outstanding fundraising efforts for Macmillan Cancer, were nominated for St Josephine Bakhita Award, Celebrating Human Dignity. Sixth Form student, Georgia Green, was nominated for her exceptional commitment to the community life at St Wilfrid's for the Dorothy Day Award for fostering community and participation and our One World Group, a group of like-minded students who meet, pray and plan actions around those issues to raise awareness surrounding Fairtrade, Climate Change and Refugees were nominated for the Barbara Ward Award, Caring for the Environment.

"We were delighted that our One World Group were shortlisted for the work that they have done in school. They are incredibly dedicated and proactive, meeting regularly to discuss and pray about Justice and Peace. This is a wonderful way for them to get some recognition of the impact of their work" said Mr Ferry, Headteacher. Nominations and Awards were made in eight categories, including the Barbara Ward Award, Caring for the Environment which St Wilfrid's One World Group were shortlisted for. The guest of honour, Archbishop Malcom McMahon, gave the Pope Francis award on the night, the overall youth award.



"Young people all too often get a bad name," said Danny Curtin, Director of Million Minutes. "But often their selfless and sometimes unseen actions can inspire all of us. Million Minutes is all about giving a voice the young people that get overlooked. We're delighted to have held these awards to celebrate all that young people are and all that they give to our world."

The awards are intended to celebrate and inspire young people to get more involved in social action projects, as well as helping everyone to reflect on how Catholic social teaching is being lived out in the everyday of our lives. The awards have been organised and promoted by Million Minutes, a charity that supports projects helping young people to transform their lives and put Catholic social teaching into practice.

## St Wilfrid's Actually.....

Every December St Wilfrid's staff come together to record a film to give something back to the students and sending themselves up is always part of the format. This year Mr Smith devised a St Wilfrid's version of Richard' Curtis' Love Actually and the school's version proved so popular it was trending at No.33 on YouTube as well as making it in to the Daily Mail and The Mirror! It even received a wonderful response from Emma Freud whose partner Richard Curtis directed the film. She tweeted "Richard says "your version is better directed than mine". It's ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS. thank you for tweeting it. And congratulations. What a school! She then tweeted, "Would you tell your headmaster that his speech at the end had us in tears. What an amazing school. What a brilliant video. What an incredibly beautiful message you are giving your students and staff! Total respect and love to him and you all." If you haven't had a chance to watch it click here for the link <https://youtu.be/5QpnRjXtm1A>



# Chaplaincy



Autumn term has not only seen the Chaplaincy welcome new students through retreat programmes and Masses, these additions have made for an exciting term with lots of new ideas, energy and new people actively involved in the spiritual life of the School.

## Sacramental life of the School:

**Weekly Mass:** Our 9am Friday mass continues to run with the support of the Priests of the Friary. All are warmly welcomed to share in this weekly celebration with us. We have had some specially themed Masses this term.

**Welcome Masses:** We were able to continue with our recent tradition of making Mass the very first thing we do with Year 7 when they start at St Wilfrid's. We are indebted to our parents and primary school colleagues for preparing them so well - their full participation, including singing and responses to the Mass, was beautifully moving. The Sixth Form Welcome Mass had to be moved to the Hall again this year as we expected a big attendance. Upwards of 300 staff, students and parishioners attended. Many thanks goes out to the 6th form committee and Chapel Choir for their passion and zeal in organising and promoting it. Again, with thanks to Fr Paul Fleetwood, we were able to have a voluntary Mass on All Saints day in school. We also offered a special Mass in November for the intentions of all deceased staff, students and family members.

**Reconciliation:** We marked the feast of St Lucy with a voluntary day of reconciliation. I'm ever grateful for the support of our deanery priests who, even in this busy Advent season, offer us time to come and hear our confessions. Students came in a constant and steady flow to spend time in the chapel examining their consciences and making their confessions with great respect and reverence. It really is a beautiful, grace-filled sight to see.

## Autumn Term Activities:

**Retreats:** Each tutor group in Year 7 had a whole day off timetable in late September or early October. The day was rooted in the scriptural passage of 1 Corinthians 12-31, "one body with many parts". The aim of the day was to have fun, cement friendships and develop personal faith. The retreats were a great success and feedback from the students was very encouraging. For me it was a real highlight of my term to be able to spend more time with them in a relaxed environment and get to know our fantastic year 7s better. I must say, that the days went so well that I have very high expectations for this year group as they progress through the school.

**Year 10 Discipleship Day:** This took place during our first Immersion Day. The students had an opportunity to "shop" around, hearing different people share their take on discipleship. Our Disciples (The Dominican Sisters, Father Simon and a representative from CAFOD HQ) talked about living in faith communities, putting faith into action through involvement in justice & peace groups, and expressing discipleship in an expressive way, through art and music. The day also covered the theme of discipleship from an academic point of view and deeply explored the diverse ways that people live out their lives as Christian disciples. A huge thank you goes to all our visiting disciples, the RE team and last, but not least, the Year 10 students who approached the day with maturity and respect.

**November, the Month of Remembrance:** Throughout the month, students were able to contribute prayers and names of people that they would like to remember at this time. All of these intentions were written down on "Poppy Petals" and were used to make up one big poppy in the Chapel. The theme of Remembrance was particularly poignant, as assembly was lead for the fourth year in a row by our Head of Humanities, Mr Pitman, who has serviced in the Armed Forces. Staff and students who are members of uniformed organisations were invited to wear their uniforms on Friday 10th November and a memorial service was held at break time. A short film capturing this mark of respect can be viewed on our school YouTube channel.





## Autumn Term Activities Cont'd:

**One World Group:** This dedicated group continues to meet weekly. During these meetings students pray, reflect and plan a number of actions. This term they created a notice board, organised a collection of food for Harvest Day and ran an Advent Fairtrade stall. It's great to see young people finding practical ways of showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. They plan to organise a clothing collection for Crawley Open house after February Half term so please bear this in mind if you are having a sort out!

**Big Encounter:** For the first time, an annual Diocesan Youth festival for 15-30's took place at Cardinal Newman College, Hove. We took a minibus of year 11's and a few staff to this evening and we had both great fun and enjoyed a deeply prayerful experience. The amazing worship band "One Hope Project" led the music for the evening and a talk was given by Maria Rodrigues of *Premier Christian Radio*. Bishop Richard then led us in a time of Adoration. We all came away feeling spiritually uplifted and looking forward to this becoming part of our annual activities! We have also been running a traidcraft stall at break times with the help of a dedicated band of volunteer students. These students are also members of our "One World Group" who find this a practical way of showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

**Christmas Liturgy:** Huge student participation really made this a liturgy to remember. This year's liturgy was titled "One Star, One Child, One Night" and the theme helped us to focus on the Christmas story from lots of different angles, including a moving personal reflection on the Stars and the effect of the Bethlehem Star by our Assistant Head and keen astronomer, Mrs Denyer. Talking about stars, a new one was born in the liturgy as Mr White allowed us to use his beautiful baby girl in a "St Wilfrid's Christmas Advert" used at the start of the liturgy. If you haven't already seen it on please look it up at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z49j-6sac0A&safe=true>



## Diocesan News & Events

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Applications are now available! This year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will depart on July 25th. There will be around a thousand people in total, some of whom will be sick and disabled and others who will be there to help and care for them. Many thanks to our students and Mr Watts, who went on this pilgrimage in the summer and came back into school filled with passion to promote and encourage more of our community to become pilgrims to Lourdes. The students have led assemblies to great effect and numbers of students on our "interested list" for this summer's pilgrimage is looking very healthy.

**Taize Evenings:** Since September 2016 we have gathered with a number of other diocesan secondary schools taking part in these wonderful Taize evenings. The young people in our group have a chance to mingle, share some food and then have a meaningful time of music and reflection in "Taize style". We are hosting the next evening on 16th March at 5pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

**Celebrating Young Peoples Awards:** The Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place. The awardees were drawn from throughout England and Wales and reflect achievements in every area of social action. We nominated our "One World Group" group, for the Barbara Ward Award which recognises young people who have conserved, enhanced or protected creation. We were delighted (and very excited!!) they made it to the shortlist and took part in the glittering red carpet awards ceremony in London in November. Being present at this evening was such a privilege and an inspiration. The examples set by our students, and the other young people, have the ability to reach out to those who maybe don't come to Church - those who Pope Francis talks of being on "the margins". Well done!



# Sports News

The PE Department have been extremely busy this Autumn & Spring Term in providing many opportunities and experiences to the school. There is always a buoyant atmosphere down in the PE corridors, as extra curricular clubs are busy and students are checking their team sheets and looking for the next experience on offer.

## Rugby

Rugby continues to improve under the guidance of Mr Waterman, with the students regularly being provided with training sessions and matches. A couple of victories under our belt are helping to improve the students' confidence.

On February 6th, our Under 13 squad recently played Christ's Hospital which saw a spirited team performance against a strong opposition. St Wilfrid's were resilient throughout the match with performances continuing to improve. Final score St Wilfrid's 30 – 45 Christ Hospital.

In November, our Under 13's squad were narrowly defeated against Tanbridge House after a fantastic team performance. Tanbridge House 35-30 St Wilfrid's.

In October, St Wilfrid's played against Oriel at Crawley Rugby Club in front of a 1,500 strong crowd, narrowly losing the game 20-25.



## Badminton

### County School Games

After qualifying through the Area badminton tournament, we entered the County stages as part of the Sainsbury's School Games. We were representing Crawley at under 16 level in both the boys and girl's sections.

The boys had group matches with Downlands, Felpham, Kings and Chatsmore Catholic School. Despite some decent performances, we were unable to unpick the opposition enough to come out victorious. Each match consisted of 5 games, to 21 points, in 2 singles matches and 3 doubles matches. Results consisted of respective 5-0, 3-2, 3-2, 5-0 losses but a good experience in a competitive environment nonetheless.

The girls fared better with matches against Tanbridge House, Longhill and Chatsmore Catholic School. The girls were excellent in their focus and determination to succeed in difficult games. An opening 3-2 win against Tanbridge consisted of a doubles showdown at the end, finishing 21-20. A 3-2 win over Chatsmore set us up for a 5-0 win over Longhill School. We were through to the final against Heathfield.

A very strong Heathfield had qualified unbeaten from Group B. The opening game saw Heathfield successful with a 21-8 score line. This was followed by a 21-16 victory for Josie and Grace. We then lost 21-7 before a close doubles game, 21-18, gave Heathfield the victory.

Congratulations to Grace, Josie, Chinazo and Amshika for gaining silver medals at the school games. Well done to Marcel, Alex, Kaine and Connor who never gave up and enjoyed the opportunity.

Our Year 10/11 girl's badminton team won the Area badminton tournament, the girls went on to the county tournament and won the silver medal

Our Year 10/11 boy's badminton team won the Area badminton tournament, the boys went on to the county tournament but did not qualify further.

Finally, our student leaders helped to run a primary badminton event at K2.



## Football

### Year 7 Area League Winners

Our Year 7 boys football team won the Area League, finishing unbeaten in their fixtures. Four students, Harvey Cosh, Bradley De Jesus, Ricardo Da Silva and Thomas Harris, from the team have been selected to represent North Sussex area football team.



### Year 8 and 9 League Winners

Congratulations to our year 8 and 9 football team for winning the league this season.



### Year 7 & 8 Albion Cup 6-a-side Tournament

On Friday 26th January, we took two teams down to the Albion Cup. This consisted of 2 groups of 5 teams with each game lasting 12 minutes, with the top 2 from each group moving into the semi-finals. Our Year 7 team consisting of: Bradley, Samuel, Tommy, Joshua, Ricardo, Owen, Eden and Mason started brightly with a 4-0 over Causeway School (Bradley 2, Ricardo and Owen). They followed this up with a 1-0 win over a strong Year 8 Shoreham Academy A (Bradley) who eventually played in the final. We drew 1-1 with Peacehaven (Bradley) before a 3-1 loss to Cardinal Newman (Ricardo).



Our Year 8 team consisting of Shane, Max, Daniel, Samay, Igor, Leon and Duy found the competition difficult as the pace and strength of the opposition was too tough. A group clean sweep of losses meant they were eliminated with no goals scored.

Our Year 7 team progressed as runners up (Shoreham finishing top), where they played Bohunt in the semi-final. An excellent game ensued but against a fitter and stronger Year 8 team, we lost out 2-0. A fabulous group of displays from the Year 7 team who will fare well next year.

### Year 11 Albion Cup 6-a-side Tournament

On Tuesday 6th February, our Year 11 football team took part in the Albion Cup at Brighton Football Clubs Training Ground. The team won their group comfortably and won their semi-final which set them up for a final against Cardinal Newman. The team were 1-0 with two minutes to go when Cardinal Newman scored, this resulted in a draw which meant it was down to penalties which saw the team lose 6-5. A great team effort!

## Basketball

Our Year 7 girls' basketball team won the league, finishing unbeaten. They have been entered into an NBA style league in which we will be playing as the Memphis Grizzlies against other local schools. We stand a good chance of winning through to the London finals!



Our Year 7 boys' basketball team finished runners up in the league, losing to Holy Trinity but beating Hazelwick with the final free throw in the game. Finally our Year 10/11 boys basketball team got through to the quarter final of the county tournament losing by 2pts.



## Netball

We are currently awaiting the results of the netball league but our Year 7 team are currently unbeaten.

Caterina Freitas and Amber Marshall have been trained to officiate Netball matches and are currently helping to run primary netball events.





# Important Information

## Contact Details

Please could you make sure you update the Student Services Office with any change of address, new telephone numbers or email addresses as soon as possible to ensure we always have a method of contacting you.

## Attendance

At St Wilfrid's, attendance really does matter! Our students value their school and enjoy coming here and the results of this can be seen in our ever increasing improvement in attendance. Please could you make sure that you contact school on the first day of your son or daughter's absence or if they are going to be late due to a medical appointment by calling 01293 421421 and then press 1 for students in Y7-11 or 2 for 6th form, leaving the name of your child, tutor group and reason for absence before 9.00am where possible. You can also email [absence@stwilfrids.com](mailto:absence@stwilfrids.com). **Please do not email individual staff members regarding your child's absence.**

## School Policies

Our School Policies are available to download from the school website at <http://stwilfrids.com/policies/> or by request from the Clerk to Governors, Mrs James-Bailey at: [c.james-Bailey@stwilfrids.com](mailto:c.james-Bailey@stwilfrids.com)

## Cashless System

St Wilfrid's is a 'cashless' school. This means all payments for educational visits, school lunches, revision aids, etc will be made electronically via ParentPay which by now you are familiar with. Please contact Debra Riches via [d.riches@stwilfrids.com](mailto:d.riches@stwilfrids.com) if you have any questions regarding this or require a reminder of your ParentPay login details. If you aren't able to pay online, St Wilfrid's now accept PayPoint payments. By making PayPoint payments you can still pay in cash but there is no need for your child to carry money into school, creating a completely cashless school. You can make PayPoint payments for school by visiting any store displaying the yellow and purple PayPoint sign. To find out where you can pay, click on the store locator and enter your full post code to receive a list of your nearest stores.

## Twitter/Facebook/Instagram

Please follow us at @StWilfridSchool <https://twitter.com/stwilfridschool> to get tweets about what is going on in school throughout the day as well as information about school trips, after school clubs and general school information. We have over 1200 followers to date which includes staff, students, parents and members of our local community!

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StWilfridsCrawley/>

We are also on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stwilfridschool>



### Important Dates.....

19 February 2018	Return to school
21-24 February 2018	School Production of "Grease"
1 March 2018	Year 11 Parents Evening 5.15-8.00pm
9 March 2018	Fundraising Race Night 6.30pm
15 March 2018	Year 7 Parents Evening 5.15-8.00pm
21 March 2018	KS3 Marathon
29 March 2018	Spring Term Ends
16 April 2018	Summer Term Commences
19 April 2018	Year 11 & 13 Parental Workshops
27 April 2018	INSET Day - school closed
25 May 2018	Break up for Half Term
14 June 2018	Year 12 Futures Day & Evening
19 June 2018	KS3 Sports Day
21 June 2018	Year 8 Parents Evening 5.15-8.00pm
22 June 2018	Year 11 Prom Arora Hotel
25 June 2018	Sixth Form Induction
28 June 2018	Performing Arts Evening
29 June 2018	St Wilfrid's Day/Y13 Dinner Dance
20 July 2018	Summer Term Ends

A recruitment fair poster for West Sussex County Council. At the top, a whiteboard lists various roles: Educational Psychologist, NQT, Business Manager, Teacher, Apprenticeship, Headteacher, Train to Teach, Governors & Clerks, and Teaching Assistant. Below the whiteboard are three wooden desks. The main text reads 'RECRUITMENT FAIR' in large red letters, followed by 'THERE ARE 284 SCHOOLS IN WEST SUSSEX LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU'. The dates and times are: Saturday 3 February 2018 (10am-2pm) at Premier Lounge of Fontwell Park Racecourse, BN18 0SY; and Saturday 24 February 2018 (10am-2pm) at Ifield Community College, Crawley, RH11 0DB. The website [WWW.WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK/JOBSINSCHOOLS](http://WWW.WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK/JOBSINSCHOOLS) is listed at the bottom. The West Sussex County Council logo is in the bottom left, and a quote in the bottom right says: 'Whether you are new to teaching, want to train to teach or looking for a new career, your local school may be the answer'. At the very bottom of the page, there are five colored squares: red, blue, green, purple, and light blue.