

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

*'The best for all; the best from all'*

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## A Family of Catholic schools

Welcome back to everyone in our schools at the start of the Autumn Term. It is always amazing how quickly everyone settles back into school routine. We hope especially that anyone who has started a new chapter in reception all the way up to Sixth Form will flourish in the year ahead.

All schools were invited to our student academy conference on Thursday 22nd September where we enjoyed the opportunity to work together with representatives from across all our schools for students from Year 2 up to Year 13 at [St Wilfrid's Catholic School](#) in Crawley.

During the day there was the opportunity to develop the identity of our plans for a Catholic family of academies. The students looked at the mission statements from each school with Year 2 students acting out key themes. They also researched names of possible patron saints we could be named after.

We are thrilled that they ended up choosing **Saint Teresa of Calcutta** who was made a Saint by Pope Francis on 4th September 2016. They were inspired by her faith, service of the poor and trust in God.

We are, therefore, planning to be called the **Teresa Catholic Education Trust** and you will see you can keep up to date with the progress of our work together by following us on [twitter @teresacet](#).

We will also be creating a website over the coming year to give an overview of our work. To give you an idea of the key areas of this work have a look at the [Xavier Catholic Education Trust](#) which has been established in another area of the diocese.

This term we will continue to work with Headteachers and Governors in each school to support and prepare us to be ready to convert to the academy when the time is right. We will spend time in each school to review the progress and identify areas of strength and shared themes for continued improvement. During the Spring Term we will also be engaging in a consultation process with parents, staff and students to engage them in the journey we are on.



Please keep all of our school communities in your prayers in the term ahead.

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus the blessing of our work as a family of Catholic schools. Teach us to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess our whole being so completely that our life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ferry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Ferry  
Headteacher