

St Wilfrid's Catholic School

Autumn Term 2016 Newsletter



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

Pope Francis calls us all to be revolutionary; "a christian who in these times is not a revolutionary is not a christian". His challenge encourages us to become closer to God through our actions; to promote peace, tolerance and understanding; to stand up for injustice and to contribute to the Common Good.

Our focus in Lent is towards Jesus and our path to freedom; a path which leads us to the foot of the Cross. I would encourage everyone to reflect on this and do something, perhaps during Holy Week, to reaffirm your relationship with God maybe through prayer or by doing a good deed.

This term has made me value the support of parents/carers and students alike. The way that you have responded to the campaign for fairer funding has hardened my resolve to continue to ensure that we can offer a broad and balanced curriculum for all of your children.

Your support has been invaluable in our bid to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care and I have been humbled by the efforts of your children in raising to date £18,837.54. This is an amazing achievement and one which will certainly spur me on this Sunday.

In this newsletter is just a fraction of what we have done this term; a term filled with so much success and joy. It is fitting then that we end the term looking forward to the joyous resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and holy Easter with great thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Ferry
Headteacher



A Message from our Head Students

We have now reached the end of another fantastic term, full of a range of different achievements from our fellow students. Our production of Wind in the Willows marked the tenth anniversary of our school productions, with an outstanding, humorous and nostalgic performance.

Gina, Vienna and Naina from our Year 11 competed in the national STEM competition with their Beats project, in which they achieved the award of Intermediate Runners Up. We are all very proud of their success, and encourage other students to follow in their footsteps.

We are sad to inform you that this will be the last time you hear from us as Head Students. We wish the rest of the school the best of luck as Sixth Form and Year 11 start their exams next term. It has been a privilege to be a part of this community, and we wish St Wilfrid's staff and students continued success in the future.

Many thanks and Happy Easter!



Head Students
Sophie, Iseoluwa, David and Tilly



THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Wind in the Willows Returns to St Wilfrid's!



St Wilfrid's school hall turned into a fully-fledged theatre in March when we celebrated a decade of outstanding school productions revisiting our first production performed under Mr Hadden's direction, *Wind in the Willows*, a spectacular musical based on Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic!

Over five productions, the audience joined Ratty, Badger, Mole and the impulsive Toad as they embarked on a series of riotous adventures spiralling from Toad's insatiable need for speed! Emilia Zelewicz was outstanding in her comic portrayal of Toad along with fantastic performances from Albie Campbell as Ratty, David Oppong as Badger and Dominic Smith as Mole.



The riotous comedy followed the impulsive Mr Toad whose insatiable need for speed lands him in serious trouble. With his beloved home under threat from the notorious Chief Weasel and his gang of sinister Wild Wooders, Toad attempts a daring escape which leads to a series of misadventures and a heroic battle to recapture Toad Hall.



The cast consisted of 50 students who sang, danced and acted their way through this fantastic story of adventure, friendship and consequences. Behind the scenes there was a live band of 7 students led by Musical Director, Miss Debbie Betts, and another 14 students involved in the Tech Team led by Mr Josh Smith.

Mr Michael Ferry, Headteacher, commented, "The school productions are a high point of the school year. Once again, after all the hard work and eager anticipation, the students have excelled themselves! I must say a huge thank you to the dedicated team of staff, led notably by Mr James Hadden, who continue to ensure that school productions at St Wilfrid's go from strength to strength. As their Headteacher, it makes me so proud to know that they have worked so hard to maximise their talents and in doing so reinforce the growing reputation of St Wilfrid's. This is their school, their production and, in my eyes, they are brilliant!"



On the opening night the original cast were invited back to see the new production of *Wind in the Willows* and all ticket sales went to Macmillan Cancer Care, our chosen charity this year, raising £936.67 with ticket sales and donations for Macmillan Cancer Care.



Year 11 student Emilia Zelewicz who played Toad commented, "The overall experience of being part of this year's production was absolutely fantastic! It was hard work but very exciting and incredibly rewarding. Mr Hadden gave me a lot of freedom to experiment with the characterisation of Toad, I knew if I had got it right if I made him laugh or write notes! Working with all the cast and crew was great as we all got to know each other's strengths and weaknesses' and supported each other from the very first rehearsal.



We were all nervous when it came to show week but we never failed to make each other laugh and have fun. It was like being part of one big family. The feedback I received from the audience was brilliant. It was an incredible feeling to know that the audience loved watching the show as much as we did performing it and I am eternally grateful for this experience."



Brooke Hill who played Otter added, "The experience of being part of the school production at St Wilfrid's is always a great one! It's fantastic making new friends through the rehearsal process and all throughout the production week. The plays we put on at St Wilfrid's are always outstanding and the experiences will stay with me for life. I love the whole feel of the production community, we are all like a big family. The whole cast supports each other throughout, helping learn lines, helping with the Tech Team and even making tea for Mr Hadden.



The performances themselves are amazing and always blow the audience away. It is such a good experience to be involved in and I can't wait until next year for the next production!"

Mr Hadden, Subject Leader for Drama and School Production Director commented, "This year's production of Wind in the Willows has been of particular importance to me marking 10 years of directing the shows and 14 years of teaching at St Wilfrid's. However, none of it would have been possible without the vast team of students and staff who commit to our production week, many of them giving up their half term and committing to long days and late nights. I have been bowled over by the commitment and the want to be involved from the staff, students and even ex-students this year and it has made the whole thing a very humbling experience."



The amazing production set was designed, built and lit by Mr Josh Smith and his Tech Team. It was built from recycled production sets and featured some amazing props including a flying toad! With clever set design using a hydraulic platform with built in "up lighting" which was built into the level of the stage and with Emilia (Toad) wearing a harness for the whole of the first half of the play, Toad flew! Another great prop was the camp fire which with clever use of two lights, a smoke machine and another hydraulic lift, gave the effect of a smouldering log fire. The caravan and the barge were actually the same prop but when placed upright became the caravan and when horizontal became the Barge and the rowing boat which was pulled along stage on a wire."

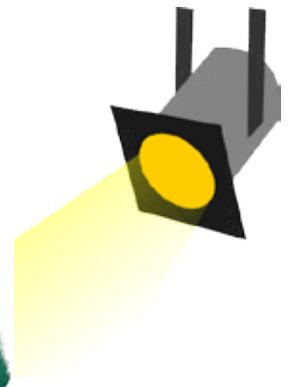


Congratulations to everybody involved for another outstanding production!



St Wilfrid's Spotlight

Fundraising



Every year St Wilfrid's choose a different cause for our fundraising focus. This year we chose Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Cancer Support is one the UK's biggest charities which helps people affected by cancer.

Douglas Macmillan started Macmillan Cancer Support in 1911, following the death of his father to cancer. Douglas was so moved by his father's illness that he decided to start a charity to try and help other people with cancer. For over 100 years , Macmillan Cancer Support has helped millions of people affected by cancer.

Here are some of the things that Macmillan Cancer Support do:

Cancer can be really tough. People going through cancer often feel scared and alone. And it's not just them – families and friends are affected too. When you're worried and need advice or information its good to have someone to turn to. Someone who can listen and help and give advice. That's what Macmillan do - their team is there to support everyone affected by cancer.

Macmillan fund special nurses called 'Macmillan nurses' who care for people all the way through their cancer treatment. They also offer emotional support and help people with cancer deal with their symptoms and pain.

There are many questions that people may have and Macmillan have a phone line which anyone affected by cancer can call. Their cancer experts answer peoples' questions and worries, or just listen if they need to chat.

Macmillan help to advise people if they may have to take some time off work and pay for extra things like traveling to hospital appointments. Their experts talk people through their money worries and tell them what benefits they can get. They can also give people money for things like heating bills or a much needed family holiday.

They can also have a team of volunteers who help people living with cancer with everyday things like shopping or a lift to hospital.

If you would like to find out more about Macmillan Cancer Support, please visit their website at macmillan.org.uk or call their support line on 0808 808 00 00 Monday–Friday, 9am–8pm.



In September our Fundraising started in earnest for £9,000 for Macmillan and to see Mr Ferry run the Brighton Marathon in a Green Wig. Over the last two terms we have seen the students really excel in their fundraising efforts.

This term we have seen some fantastic fundraising efforts! Every Friday we have a tutor group run fundraising event and these have included Sponge the Teacher, Film Night, Hot Chocolate, Cakes, Personalised Rulers to name but a few. To date we have raised over £1,000 for these tutor group fundraising events. The ticket sales from our opening night of Wind in the Willows were donated to Macmillan as well as a percentage of ticket sales for An Evening of Dance. Fundraising events will continue throughout the Summer Term.

On Tuesday, 4 April, we held a special fundraising assembly which was streamed to the whole school. The assembly started with a fundraising presentation to show how much money had been raised by all the different activities that had take place during the Autumn and Spring Term. The amazing grand total of £9609.80 was announced but there were more surprises in store. Mr Ferry was invited up on stage where he thanked everybody for their support and amazing fundraising. Our Head Students then invited Ritchard and Gail from Barclays Bank on stage where they presented a cheque for £9,000 to add to our fundraising total to bring it to the grand total so far of £18,609.80!



Barclays Bank runs a scheme called Matched Fundraising in which it allocates £1,000 to staff members to match money raised for charity and 9 staff members choice to support the St Wilfrid's effort for Macmillan Cancer.

Mr Tom Lay, Fundraising Manager at Macmillan Cancer Care and an ex-student then took to the stage to talk about how the money that we have raised so far can be spent to help people and their families living with cancer. This presentation really reinforced how all the hard fundraising work will actually change lives and it was a very moving presentation.

Mr Ferry will run the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 9th April and we all wish him the very best of luck and hope that the students fundraising efforts will carry him on when the going gets tough during the 26.2 miles. If you would like to support Mr Ferry and Macmillan Cancer please visit his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Michael-Ferry>

Macmillan KS3 Sponsored Marathon

On Wednesday 5th April, we held a KS3 Sponsored Marathon where all students in KS3 were invited to take part. The event started with each House Leader running 1.2 miles and then students from each house running at least 1 mile to make up 26.2 miles of the marathon. Each student that took part committed to raising £5 in sponsorship

There was a great atmosphere out on the school field and Mr Ferry came out to show his support and wish them all luck. Miss Jennings, House Leader for Benedict was the first one to complete 1.2 miles and so Benedict House students set out first.

Francis House were crowned winners, completing the Marathon in 1hr 22 mins and 38 seconds followed by Catherine House at 1hr 22 mins 50 secs, Dominic 1 hr 23 min 48 secs, then Benedict 1h 27 min 55 secs and finally Augustine 1h 28min 22 secs.

Well done to all our runners, you raised £345! A huge thank you to Mr Iddles and the PE Department for organising such a successful event!



Year 11 Girls Win Award at The National Big Bang Fair

A team of Year 11 girls took their science project to the national Big Bang Fair, at the NEC, Birmingham, in March and received the runners up award in the Intermediate Science Category after going up against 200 other students in that category!

Naina Trivedi, Gina Ardines and Vienna Cooper won their award for a project called "BEATS: The effects of music on heart rate". The project involved monitoring how a person's heart rate changes while they listen to their favourite music. They tested over 150 people over a wide age range, including both staff and students at St Wilfrid's. They formed partnerships with companies including Toshiba Medical and Thales and were also mentored by a representative of BT.



The team had a stand at the Big Bang Fair where people could come and see what their project was all about and ask questions about the project. The girls also had the opportunity to watch some of the stage shows. Finally, on Thursday they had to make a presentation to the judges on their project and then await the results.

Naina, Gina and Vienna qualified to take part in the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Young Engineers competition after winning regional awards at the Big Bang Fair South East last June. The awards, which attract thousands of entries from throughout the country, recognise and reward young people's achievements in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). The girls won the CGG Prize for Mathematics and the EMC Prize for Data Analysis, as well as being named runners-up in the Intermediate/ Senior Science category of the regional Big Bang awards.



Gina commented, "The whole experience was amazing, but I especially loved the stage shows we watched and the interest people took in us and our project. The stage shows were so inspiring, and many of them were hosted by people who made the science programs I used to watch when I was younger! Having judges, spectators and representatives of worldwide businesses come over and talk to us was such a great opportunity. Everyone took a genuine interest and showed us just how much potential our project has and how much potential we have as scientists."

Mr Donaldson, Subject Leader for Science, who accompanied them on the trip comments, "I am so proud of the girl's achievements. After winning the South East award last year and gaining a place in the finals, their investigations did not stand still but instead gathered momentum. Their evidence was strengthened by working alongside a STEM ambassador mentor, Judith Harding, from British Telecom and further support from Eve Maywood at Thales which proved essential in providing further research opportunities, financial aid and guidance. As a result, the evidence clearly shows that listening to your preferred style of music will lower your heart rate. Toshiba delivered the chance for our students to work alongside local industry professionals too. This has led to their research being used as discussions are taking place at senior level regarding office policy on the wearing of headphones. From a spark of an idea 18 months ago a STEM flame has been lit at St Wilfrid's. The challenge is to keep it burning!"



An Evening of Dance



On Thursday 16th March, St Wilfrid's held An Evening of Dance where we showcased our students amazing talents to a packed school hall. We had over 50 students take part in the show with 31 separate performances.

The event showcased work from our Key Stage 3 Dance and GCSE Dance students with a variety of choreographies based on different stimuli. Some dances were choreographed by the students as part of their GCSE assessment and others were choreographed in accompaniment with the Dance Department.

There were a variety of Dance styles including Ballet, Irish and Hip Hop with themes including gang culture, women's rights, dementia and mental illness. There was also a Sports Acrobatic Quarter Performance which showcased the elite level of Sports Acrobatics.

The performance also included a Dance for Film piece, Within Her Eyes, which was created by Miss Kennedy and edited by Mr Smith. It is based on one of the AQA Anthology's from the new specification. The students worked through contact improvisation tasks to create their duet material and then went to site specific locations around the school to film this piece. You can view the film here: <https://youtu.be/Di2gMOBhrMM>.

Miss Kennedy, Subject Leader for Dance, commented, "The Evening of Dance 2017 was outstanding. The standard of the performances improves year on year and the students were professional and confident when performing. Year 11 showcased 80% of their GCSE work within the evening which they had performed as for their live moderation exam the week before.

The variety of performances this year was overwhelming, with outstanding control and balance shown throughout the gymnastics performance pieces, to fluidity of performances at Key Stage 3 and excellent communication of the theme within group choreographies. It was enjoyable to see so many boys participate in this year's Dance show executing excellent technical skill and showing innovative choreography.

I was extremely proud of every student who participated in the dance show. There has been tremendous amounts of hard work and rehearsal time put into these showcased performances. This was reflected throughout the show in the high quality choreography that I had the pleasure of watching."

All the performers were invited to a Celebration Breakfast by Mr Ferry to thank them for their outstanding performances and hard work.



Chaplaincy

Spring term seems to match the season in Chaplaincy as we see the groups that we nurtured in Autumn Term begin to grow and blossom and enhance 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. Many thanks to all who share their ministries at this time, including our dedicated group of servers, readers and musicians.

Reconciliation:

Our Lenten day of Reconciliation was very well supported by our deanery priests, which meant that they were able to hear in excess of 200 confessions. As usual the students treated this time with great respect and reverence and their approach made for a very meaningful experience.



Spring Term Activities:

Chaplaincy Outreach Project to our Deanery schools: We are continuing to do outreach work to our deanery primary schools, and we are enjoying involving our students in this. Most recently we have visited Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Langley Green, with our "One World Group". We were very proud of the students who delivered fantastic Fairtrade lessons to all classes and then held a whole school Fairtrade pancake race. Lots of learning and fun was had by all. Well done and a huge thanks to Gina Ardines, Eoin Baldwin, Patrick Bellord, Lewis Brooker, Callum Brown, Krisha Chudasama, Tessa Feltham, Dominic Goddard, Nyah Hawkes, Jasper Hawkes, Kincso Huczek, Seb Lolo, Zereh Pam, Diego Silva Santos, Sergio Santos, Kaine Stephens and Naina Trivedi.



Women's World Day of Prayer: The 4th March was interdenominational "Women's World Day of Prayer". Each year the women of one country write a prayer service that is then prayed in over 170 countries worldwide. The day of prayer begins as the sun rises over Samoa and as each country joins in we become a great wave of prayer that continues to encircle the earth until the last service is held as the sun sets over American Samoa. This year five of our students, Amy O'Connor, Jodie O'Connor, Shriya Chudasama, Angeli dela Cruz and Chinazo Okeke were selected to lead the Crawley prayer service which took place at St Johns Church.



Taize Group: Since September 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". Each evening has proved more popular than our transport has allowed and so it has had to be on a first come first serve basis and it is with that in mind that we look forward to hosting it for the first time in June here at St Wilfrid's, which means that everyone who wants to can come and enjoy this time of faith and friendship.



Spring Term Activities Cont'd:

Bereavement Services:

We are pleased to announce an addition to our school programme. Beginning this term, we will have weekly support groups for our children who have experienced a significant bereavement or loss. The organisation behind the programme is called Rainbows. At secondary level the groups are called Spectrum. We are currently running two groups, one tailored for Keystage 3 and the other for Keystage 4&5. If you would like more information about this group please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Franke, the lay Chaplain, who will be happy to talk through the programme and the suitability of any particular young people for the course.



Flame:

The theme for Flame 2017 was "10,000 Reasons." This is the title of a song by Matt Redman, who was leading the music at this huge youth event. The Arena, to capacity, seats 10,000 people. We took a group of 12 up from St Wilfrid's and had the ability to keep the costs relatively low as the Crawley Catenians had very generously offered to cover the cost of five tickets.



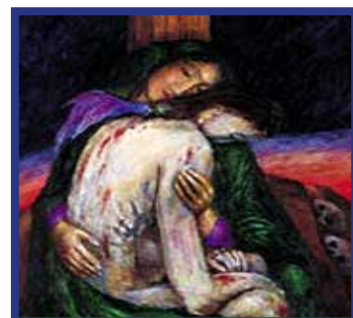
Lent:

Ash Wednesday marked the start of our Lenten journey with a prayer filled and thought provoking "Ashing Service" for all students. Many thanks to Fr Simon for leading us at this time



Stations of the Cross:

As part of our Lenten preparations we have been reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. To help us in this we have used Modern stations painted by the artist Sieger Koder. Copies of his paintings are on display around the school building and many students have been physically journeying through these stations in small groups led by myself. This has given us the opportunity to analysis the artworks, open ourselves up to the events depicted on Jesus' last day and ask the all-important question of what these events mean in our own life today, both as a community founded on these events and as individuals in the wider world.



Lent Liturgy:

This will take place on the last day of term and will focus on Passion of Christ. Look out on social media for an in house video that will provide further Lenten reflections to build on the thoughts and prayers within this particular liturgy



And finally, a big thank you from the "One World Group" to all those of you that supported our Lenten food collection for those in need in Crawley. There was a great variety of foods collected. It was particularly touching that many students chose to donate their snack for the day, thus not only taking part in the charitable aspect of Lent, but also in the fasting element.



Sports News

Rugby

We have continued to develop our Rugby Club this term at St Wilfrid's. With each student developing their knowledge and understanding of the game with every competitive game-play experience which has resulted in both of our teams becoming much more competitive in matches.

Our after school club has increased this term from 10 students to 25-30 students which has formed a great rugby community within the school. This has created an environment where students learn from one another. With the expertise of Mr Waterman and Mr Redmayne, who plays for Worthing Rugby Club, each student has developed their basic skills and knowledge of the game. We have also introduced a number of RFU coaches who further add to the expertise on offer, supporting and leading a number of skill development stations, progressing onto tactical awareness within game-play.

Students have also benefited from a number of experiences such as competitive fixtures against local schools, including a Rugby Sevens Tournament at Christ Hospital School and most recently our Rugby Development Day at Worth School. This day included both the Under 13's and Under 15's travelling over to Worth School to further their progress in the sport through training together and participating within practice games, along with support from our staff expertise and England Universities International Thomas Richardson (Head of Rugby at Worth School). We hope the success of this day can flourish and provide St Wilfrid's with an experienced Rugby partner to learn from in the future.

To continue our progress within the sport we aim to develop Rugby Sevens within the summer term. This aims to continue to develop skills, teamwork and continue the groups positive camaraderie. The PE department would like to thank all of the students hard work and willingness to progress this term.

Sky Sports Living for Sport:

Back in January, 20 students were given the opportunity to take part in the Sky Sports Living for Sport Project. This opportunity actively engaged and inspired each individual through Physical Education. The scheme was delivered by Sky Sports Athlete mentor Gillian Lindsay. Gillian shared her own personal experiences with the students and led a number of activities that focused on improving self-esteem, social and skills and confidence. We hope all of the students were inspired by Gillian and found the experience engaging and motivating.

Basketball

On the 29th March we saw 30 Year 7-10 students take to the basketball court at St Wilfrid's for an intra-school basketball tournament. The students got stuck in with the 5v5 games and demonstrated some great basketball skills, teamwork, enthusiasm and attitude. Throughout the games we saw some impressive shooting opportunities and drives to the basketball, particularly from Jamilla Khan, Chris O'Reilly and Lex Sowter to name a few. At the end of the tournament we saw Daniel Rodriguez pick up the MVP prize not only for his basketball performance but also his mature and positive approach to all games played. A special thanks to Hosana Kitenge, Sylvia Kitenge, Sophie Ridge and Louis Rowland for giving up their time to help and support in refereeing and scoring the games throughout the tournament.



Dance

Keystage 3: The KS3 Dancers are a group of 25 strong very committed performers who attend regular rehearsals. Since the start of term they have been working very hard on two dances which were performed in the Dance show, one choreographed two 6th form students who are previous GCSE Dancers, and one piece choreographed by Miss Kennedy which was based on Beauty and the Beast. The KS3 students will now start working on pieces for the Performing Arts show and Arts Festival in the summer term.

The Y9 GCSE Dance Taster trip ran this year and we visited the professional conservatoire LABAN Dance school, this was so enjoyable and the students had a fantastic time learning technique and looking around the school meeting studying dancers.

Keystage 4: The GCSE Y10 Dancers have made an amazing start with the new specification and have three pieces completed already with one piece being Dance for film which has gone up on our school YouTube site and been re-tweeted by Mr Ferry! The Y11 dancers have been an absolute credit to the school this year showing professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to their studies. They have excelled at moderation and have now completed 80% of their GCSE. The students showcased their excellent work in our annual Evening of Dance which really was fantastic!

Dance Trips and Workshops: This year we have been off to the Ballet to watch Swan Lake, have a Pineapple trip lined up, and have a Unit 1 theory specialist examiner in to work with our Y11 students. We also a Workshop for the new specification Anthology Emancipation of Expressionism coming up in the spring term for the Y9 students who have chosen GCSE Dance and for the current Y10 GCSE Dancers.

Future Dance at St Wilfrid's! I am really happy to announce that St Wilfrid's will be taking part in Rock Challenge this year. This is a national Dance competition which includes being marked and graded on choreography, costume, make-up and hair, lighting, set design, theme and idea. There will be auditions held in the summer term for this exciting new venture!

If you would like to be involved in any of our Dance clubs or performance please get in touch with Mrs Lintern-Goodall or Miss Kennedy- more the merrier.....WE LOVE DANCE!!!

EFL and Kinder+Sport Futsal U16 National Finals

After qualifying through the area and regional rounds, St Wilfrid's School were the only school to represent their local club in both the boys and girls sections of the national finals. The top 8 in the country travelled from all over England (and Wales) to play for the right to be number 1.

The boys worked their socks off and after a 1-1 draw with Burton Albion and a 1-0 win over Newport County it was down to the game against Wycombe Wanderers in the final play-off game. Unfortunately they lost 3-2 and went out of the group on equal records but because they had lost the head to head they had to make do with the 5th/6th play off. They beat Fleetwood Town 3-2 in this and therefore came 5th Nationally.

The girls were determined to do well with a strong squad. This was evidenced with a 5-0 win over Colchester United, a 4-2 win over Swindon Town and a 4-1 win over Burton Albion advancing the team to the semi finals. They dominated the game winning 5-1 and went in to the final in good spirits. The final was a match up against the winners of the Northern section, Hartlepool United. It was a much more difficult game where the team had spells of pressure but could not put the ball wide of the goalkeeper. A couple of mistakes and a well taken goal put Hartlepool in control and they eventually won 3-1. The girls finished runners up in this National competition.

They were excellent in terms of behaviour and discipline and a credit to the school and the club and we are very proud of their efforts, as should they be. Thank you to all the students and well done.

Boys Team: Jamie Buchanan, Aslam Ul Haq, Harry Watts, Fintan Scarffe Cody, Morgan Hayward, Fillipe Goncalves, Jimmy McGrath and Clinford Alexis

Girls Team: Megan Mackey, Hollie Robinson, Billie Saunders, Josie Stannard, Libby Stannard, Emily Harris and Emily Salt



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.

School Uniform

Our School Uniform can be purchased online at www.sussexuniforms.co.uk or telephone 0844 921 0160. Standard school trousers and white school shirts may be purchased from school wear departments of most chain stores. For more detailed information about our School Uniform please visit <http://stwilfrids.com/parent-information/school-uniform>

Attendance

At St Wilfrid's, attendance really does matter! Our students value their school and enjoy coming here. 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. **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

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 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.

Important Dates.....

Mon 24 April 2017	Summer Term Commences
Fri 28 April 2017	INSET Day - School Closed
Thurs 4 May 2017	GCSE Drama Show 6.30-8.00pm
Mon 15 May 2017	GCSE/GCE Exam Period Commences
Fri 26 May	Break up for Half Term
Mon 5-Fri 9 June 2017	Year 8 Exams
Thurs 8 June	Sixth Form Futures Day
Mon 12-Fri 16 June 2017	Year 9 Exams
Tues 20 June 2017	KS3 Sports Day
Mon 19-Fri 23 June 2017	Year 7 Exams
Thurs 22 June 2017	Year 8 Parents Evening 5.00-8.15pm
Fri 23 June 2017	Sixth Form Dinner Dance
Mon 26-Fri 30 June 2017	Year 10 Exams
Thurs 29 June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Thurs 29 June	Performing Arts Evening 6.30pm
Fri 30 June	St Wilfrid's Day
Fri 30 June	Year 11 Prom 6.00pm
Tues 4 July	Town Sports Day 9.00-4.00pm
Weds 5 July	Year 6 Induction Day
Thurs 20 July	St Wilfrid's Unplugged
Fri 22nd July	Summer Term Ends

St Wilfrid's is on Twitter/ Facebook

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 1100 followers to date which includes staff, students, parents and members of our local community!

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

