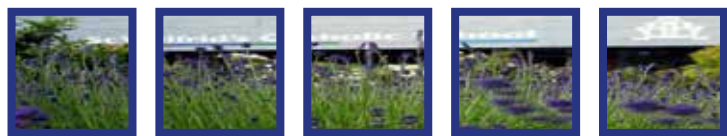


St Wilfrid's Catholic School

Summer Term 2024 Newsletter



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

As a society we have faced many challenges this year and within those there have also been significant challenges in Education. We are at the dawn of a new government who have offered much but as yet have not had time to deliver, we can only hope that they look to fulfill their promises and that they ensure that Education is a priority.

Amidst all this, we have raced through the academic year at what seems like 100mph. Now, as we stop for breath, there is a clear realisation of just how much your sons and daughters have achieved, how hard they have worked and just how many opportunities they have experienced.

The greatest resource of the school is the staff; their commitment and the energy which goes into their daily work ensures that we are able to live out our mission and remain a "flagship school"; one which receives a number of visits each year from staff at other schools who want to see "how we do it". Thanks go to all staff, but also very importantly, to you for your ongoing support throughout the year.

This newsletter will give you a flavour of what it's like to be a part of the St Wilfrid's school community, from our record fundraising year, our fantastic Sports Day, the various educational visits, sporting success and so much more!

As we look towards September there are a number of new staff who will be joining us:

Jake Battersby	Maths	Lorraine Mango	Music
Morris Dench	Maths	Joanna Mills	Art
Laura Fordham	Design Technology	Carol Neckles	Science
Jen Grace	Display & Design Technician	Richard Perry	Geography
Genevieve Hack	Cover Supervisor	Harry Radenhurst	Cover Supervisor
Sian Harrison	Social Science/PE	Demi Rees	Science
Callum Hickey	RE	Lauren Rice	Social Science
Yasmine Lambert	LSA	Claire Scott	Maths
Aiden Lonergan	Media Studies	Nathan Severs	Science
Erica Intelligenza	LSA	Stacey Westbrook	HR Co-Ordinator
Jen Maguire	Geography		

We also say goodbye to those staff who are leaving us, especially Mrs Power & Miss Law who, combined represent almost 40 years of working at St Wilfrid's. We thank them both for everything they have contributed and, in particular, we wish Mrs Power a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Bawler	Science Teacher	Mrs Lock	RE Teacher
Miss Burton	Maths Teacher	Miss Mooney	Geography Teacher
Miss Campbell	Learning Support Asst	Mrs Papanastasiou	Re Teacher
Mrs Izoura	Learning Support Asst	Mrs Power	Librarian
Miss Jackson	Music Teacher	Miss Seabrook	DT Teacher
Miss Law	Geography Teacher	Miss Wilson	Social Science
Teacher			

You have already been written to you with details for the start of term, so until then, I hope you and your families stay safe and well and enjoy the summer break; see you in September!

God Bless

Michael Ferry
Headteacher



Science News

What a busy term we have had in Science! After the amazing efforts the Year 8s put into their STEM egg challenge and the Faraday challenge earlier in the year we thought that some of the other year groups deserved a turn.

Year 7 Science Fair

For the last 3 years we have given all Year 7s an extended project to do in the Summer Term and an opportunity to present their work at a Science fair. The current Year 7s produced some amazing projects showing what incredibly imaginative, creative and hard working young people they are. There were lots of teacher nominations for different types of projects and many more awards given out on the evening for great oracy and presenting skills. The overall winner was Olivia Michalska for her model and poster display that aimed to shine a light on how our actions damage the environment around us. She aimed to inspire others to make kinder choices for our planet.



Wonderdome

On Monday 15th July the Wonderdome came to St Wilfrid's. Year 7 students were invited to come into the dome and have an immersive 3D experience of our universe. It was a fantastic event that most of year group took part in and absolutely loved.



Everfi – Endeavour STEM Careers Workshop

Year 9s have not been forgotten! The whole year group attended a STEM careers workshop with visiting speakers from Gatwick on Wednesday 17th July. At the time of printing this had not yet happened but if last year's experience is anything to go by they will have learned a lot and had the chance to actually try out a few careers online. These included using AI to design a play list for different groups of people, designing a low environmental impact building and designing a new type of trainer.

Year 10s Work Experience at Gatwick

Earlier in the summer the Year 10s were given the opportunity to apply to take part in a week long work experience at Gatwick airport. It was a very competitive field and Raigen Skerys, Emily Dias and Anna Sousa were chosen from many excellent candidates to take part. When Mrs Lintern visited them she said they had settled in brilliantly and were making the most of the experience.



Mrs Tibble's Work Experience at Gatwick

I also had a good time having work experience at Gatwick over half term. Do not worry there is no chance I am leaving St Wilfrid's but if any student wants to find out a bit more about the role of an engineer at Gatwick I have lots of information to share. If there are any other STEM based work placements they would be happy to have a visit from a teacher keen to learn more to share with her students then please do get in touch.



Year 12 Cambridge Biology Challenge Winners

The Year 12 Biologists have continued to have great success in the ongoing Cambridge Biology Challenge. Cambridge set a question for students to think about and then respond to in a wide range of ways. Our industrious Biologists have made a podcast, an essay and a poster but had most success with a fantastic video they made in the form of a new report in response to the topic – 'What species in your area has the most incredible Biology?' They are currently in 10th position in the country.



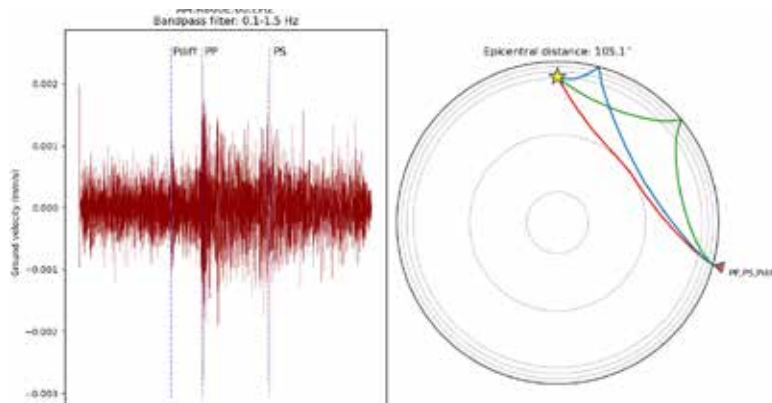
Year 12 Biology Field Trip

In final news, there was a summer! It may have only been 3 days long but we managed to pick one of the warmest days this year take the Year 12s to Boxhill. The sun shone, the students sampled, successfully completed one of their required practicals and were rewarded with lollies at the bottom of the hill. A great day was had by all.



Geography News

The Geography and Science departments have teamed up with University College London to have a seismograph fitted in school to measure seismic activity. This is part of an investigation with the University alongside two other schools to monitor seismic activity as a result of Fracking in Balcombe. The seismograph has been able to pick up shockwaves from a large 7.1 magnitude earthquake on Thursday 11th July which hit in the Philippines.



The Geography department have just completed all their fieldwork trips for GCSE and A level students. We were able to tie these in to the Geographical Association national festival of fieldwork. This celebrates the role of fieldwork is an essential part of a geographical education. It enables young people to develop their subject knowledge, gain a range of skills that are difficult to develop in the classroom and helps them to understand the 'messiness' of geographical reality.



The Year 10 GCSE students were blessed with clear skies as they headed off to Seaford and Birling Gap to investigate the impact of coastal erosion on both the town, where the beach is carefully managed and Birling Gap to see the coastguard cottages where they are falling into the sea. We also went to London's Olympic Park to look at regeneration in the area. Year 12 students went to Brighton and also Nymans gardens to conduct their own research looking at a range of self-selected topics from shop accessibility to soil type and biodiversity.



History News

This has been a really busy year for the History department, a big thank you to all the parents who have supported our trips.

In the Autumn term we took students to the Tower of London, the Historic Dockyards in Portsmouth, and the Imperial War Museum. Year 13 students also visited Auschwitz. Since then, we have taken students to the battlefields of Belgium and France, Hampton Court, Whitechapel and the London Dungeons, Parliament and the Supreme Court, the Wiener Holocaust Library, and finally to Arundel Castle!

Here are some memories of these trips.

Year 7 exploring the Great Hall of Arundel Castle

From our recent immersion day visit.



Year 12 being shown part of the archive at the Wiener Holocaust Library.

The library is one of the top four such archives in the world, and the visit, that included a lecture by Dr Peter Morgan, is helping them prepare for their independent coursework



Year 12 in the Westminster Hall of Parliament ,

This is where Charles I was tried. We are wearing audio-visual equipment not Mickey Mouse ears! This was a joint trip of history and politics students.



Year 9 &10 trip to Belgium and France.

Alice Herbert and Noah Dunford laying the St Wilfrid's wreath at the Last Post ceremony in Ypres. The ceremony takes place every day at 20:00hrs and is organised by the Ypres Fire Service.



Our Belgian guide and our Year 10 girls at the Newfoundland memorial, looking out over the Beaumont-Hamel trench system at the Somme.



Dare to Dream

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This term, Year 9s has taken part in the 'Dare to Dream' mentoring programme, provided by Love Local Jobs Foundation. Elekta, a company that provides up to date cancer treatment technology, sponsored the programme and worked with 15 Year 9 students. The intent of this programme is to help inspire and fuel students with ambition.

Jack Hayes, a radio presenter for Heart FM, presented 3 whole year assemblies that spoke about identity, character, self-belief, employability, resilience, and happiness. The atmosphere in these assemblies was heartwarming and you could sense the students indulging in every message. Additionally, 15 students went to Elekta to explore what happens day to day in real workplace environment. What an experience this was! Meeting mentors again and having a chance to create their own radio show. (They mentioned the food wasn't bad either).

As previously stated, 15 Year 9 students were selected to take part in mentoring sessions with employees from Elekta. The first day was an apprehensive start when meeting their individual mentors. However, they blossomed into developing a strong connection with their mentors and the self confidence in the students was amazing to watch over the 6-week period. Not only did they have to build a relationship with their mentors, but they also had a chance to build stronger relationships with their peers. The students had this to say about the programme:



"It has taught me about my comfort zone and resilience. It has encouraged me to be more confident. Throughout the programme it has made me happy."

"This programme ensured children like us reach our full potential but never giving up and engaging in new and exciting things. It teaches us to love one another but especially love ourselves."

This is something that has made us very proud of the whole year group. To have willingness to invest time in wanting to learn about how they can be more employable and be the best version of themselves is a testament to the year group. On numerous occasions, Jack said, "These students are a credit to the school." Students simply loved Jack and we hope they have learnt a lot and can take a lot of the messages within going into GCSE in September.

In the words of Jack Hayes "Whatever choice you make, make sure it is the one that makes you happy... you bunch of Legends"



Are you ready to dare to dream?

Dragons Den

This year, the Year 10 Enterprise students have been working extremely hard to create social enterprises with the aim of tackling a social issue, such as climate change, knife crime and abuse. At the beginning of October students attended workshops, interventions and conference calls with industry experts about the different issues they could tackle and how to set up a Social Enterprise. Over the course of the academic year, students put their ideas into practice and began about setting up their mini social enterprises. This week, St Wilfrid's hosted an internal Social Enterprise Dragons Den Event. An exciting, fun and innovative way for the students to showcase their ideas, develop valuable skills and gain support for their social enterprise.



Each Social Enterprise team planned, prepared and pitched their social enterprise ideas to a panel of Dragons. Panellists included Mr Ferry, West Sussex Country Council representative Louise Stallard, Horsham Coffee Roaster Owner Amelia Gardener, Business Specialist with HSBC Joshua Chapman and Equity Research Analyst Danielle Johnson. The day was a huge success, with every group magnificently delivering professional pitches.



Huge congratulations to 'COWS' who were the overall winners. Their ambition was to spread awareness of the impacts of climate change through awareness hosting events and selling merchandise.

On reflection, the Business Department are really proud of what the students have achieved this year and we hope that the students continue to develop their entrepreneurial skills in the future.

Design Technology Trip

In June our GCSE Design Technology students travelled to the newly relocated Design Museum in Kensington, London with students exploring the Designer, Maker, User workshop and exhibition. Students were guided through the workshop with support from Lauren, a working designer and educator at the Design Museum with the aim of gaining new perspective on the role of designers and the impact of design in everyday life. Students were exposed to a handling collection of unusual contemporary design objects, all with modern design and making strategies implemented. The students analysed and evaluated the concept and usage of these objects through experimental learning. To finish off students were given a problem scenario and were asked in groups to design an object to help solve the problem whilst also keeping in mind the unusual nature element of the products they had been exploring beforehand.



Miss Seabrook, Design Technology teacher commented, "Watching students engage, develop and design unusual looking everyday products during the workshop gave me a glimpse into what their design strategies might look like in the future of their GCSE and I am excited to see how far out-of-the-box their problem solving skills will take them."



Music Department News

Moving on from a busy musical start to the year, our final terms have been equally creative and filled with many events in which we've seen our students flourish.

Our worship band continue to support the liturgical music in our Friday Masses but alongside this and the school production of We Will Rock You, they also learned all the songs in order to accompany both our own choir and singers from the majority of the other locality secondary schools in Crawley, at The Hawth Theatre at 'Crawley Sings Live' and have since been performing in the studio and also taking part in music festivals as the band 'Eclipse'. 35 students from Years 7 to 9 performed at this event standing out from the crowd with their performances in both our solo number and then the play list of three diverse songs with a massed choir of 150 students with our band and musicians from Ensemble Reza leading the musical accompaniment. Our band "Eclipse" were singled out by the musicians and organisers for their professionalism, adaptability and skills in both the rehearsals and concerts and the choir ended the concert to rapturous applause. And a special mention should go to Jakob Harrison for his leadership skills and attention to detail in making sure that the music was the best that it could be.

Again our GCSE and A Level Music students were in action and the departmental staff were treated to some exceptional solo and ensemble performances which was reflected in some of the portfolios recorded and produced. We are so impressed by the diversity of the music performed by our students and the breadth of musical styles that they learn; from Brahms to Debussy, Pop to Heavy Metal, Musical Theatre and just about anything in between. Special thanks should also go to students from outside these exam groups who come together to support each other by performing in ensembles so thank you to Leah Birchmore, Mikey Nash, Matilda Singaporewala and Kyan Upton who stepped up to support their peers.

But the musical showcasing does not stop there as under the stars and the wonderful flags of Cultural Diversity Week we had our Spring Concert. From flutter-tonguing Jazz flautists to Heavy Metal guitarists, solos, duos, bands and choirs, it was a musical treat to the ears listening to our numerous students from all year groups entertain friends and families. Once again we were treated to many new, first time performers as well as many of our Year 13 students for whom it was their last concert performance. We wish them well in their future endeavours and hope that music will continue to play an important part in their onward journey. Finally the term ended with our Easter Liturgy with the mass band and choir leading the music and the whole school as we prepare for our Easter celebrations. It was a beautiful calm and reflective way to end a busy term and set us up nicely to then begin preparations for our whole school Mass on St Wilfrid's Day and a different afternoon showcase featuring performances of solos and band numbers with representatives from each key stage and staff alike.

Dates and opportunities to look out for next Year will include a trip to the Opera at Glyndebourne, a workshop and choir opportunity for Year 7 students to perform alongside other schools and the Glyndebourne Orchestra as well as a great programme of concerts, trips and workshops.

Looking into next academic Year please look out for more details about how your child can get involved in future musical events and performance opportunities. Also, if your child wishes to begin learning an instrument or have singing lessons, remember you can find out all the details on the West Sussex Music Website here: [Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#)



Drama Department News

This term has been as busy as ever in the Drama Department. In June, Years 10 and 12 went to see a production of *The Kite Runner* at the Theatre Royal in Brighton which was an incredibly poignant and moving story-telling of the famous novel by Khaled Hosseini, directed by Giles Croft. We had a bit of time to spare so walked down to the shore, although no one dared paddle in the wintry weather!



LAMDA

Our LAMDA club has grown from 11 students last year to 25 this year and all of them took their exam on 9th July where they performed two pieces to a visiting examiner. We had an impressive range of material from students in Year 7 undertaking Grades 1 and 2, to Years 10 and 12 who entered at Grade 5 and Bronze level respectively. The exam asks for them to deliver monologues or duologues with clarity of annunciation and technical precision and they have worked extremely hard to refine their performances to an outstanding level. We look forward to seeing their results soon and have no doubt they will have done themselves proud.

Key Stage 3 Drama Club

The Key Stage 3 Drama Club staged an adaptation of 'The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty' to an audience of parents and friends on 4th June in our Drama Showcase Evening. The piece explores issues of bullying and peer pressure and the students performed the play with sensitivity and flair. The club meets every Tuesday 3.30-4.30 and if your child would like to join and develop their confidence, self-expression and make new friends, they are welcome to sign up in the new term.

Languages Trip

On 18th June, a group of 50 Year 8 and 9 students took part in a workshop with GCHQ to learn how they can use languages in the civil service. They learnt that taking languages can lead to careers in cyber intelligence and the foreign office, as well as the home office and MI5. It was very interesting to hear about all the opportunities that are available, and we will look forward to more links with GCHQ in the future.

Year 7 French Trip

On 12th July, a group of 50 Year 7 students spent the day in Boulogne, France. After a very early start, we took the ferry ready for a delicious breakfast of croissants and chocolat chaud. We then travelled to a local snail farm, where we learnt all about how snails are cultivated and some of us even tried some! We then had a lovely explore of the Old Town of Boulogne and finally stopped in a hypermarket to stock up on French sweets before catching the ferry back home! It was a fantastic day, and we loved having a chance to practice speaking French.



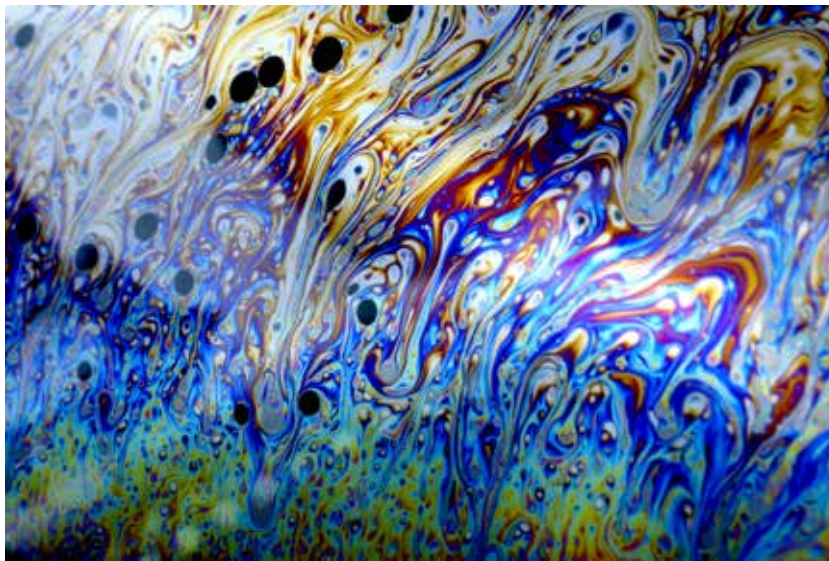
Photography Competition

This year was the third time that St Wilfrid's ran its 'St Wilfrid's Big Photo Shoot' with a top prize of a Canon SLR Camera, a bag and tripod, a prize worth over £300 and Amazon vouchers for the other shortlisted contestants. Again, like the previous two years, there was great student interest with some fantastic photographs from all year groups submitted on the theme of 'Colour'.

Mr Tennant Subject Leader for Art and Photography commented, "The standard of entry this year was again exceptional with many original and eye catching responses to the theme. It is great to see such interest in Photography and The Arts in general. We have some very talented young photographers and I am looking forward to many of them going on to study GCSE and A Level Photography with us here at St Wilfrid's."

This year's winner Leo Ventham of 10TD. Leo is a GCSE Photographer who has been exploring the theme of Colour in his coursework. This winning shot involved Leo using oil, water and soap liquid and took hours to painstakingly try and capture the film on the bubbles he made. Well done Leo, enjoy using your new camera.

Next year's theme will be announced in September 2024.



Winning Entry by Leo Ventham 10TD



Simas Dambrauskas 8TD



Finley Jeankins 7JE



Jade Kalkaprosand 12

VI Form News



Introducing our new VI Form Head Students who head up our Student Leader Team for 24-25!

Kate O'Mara, Head Student

Hello, my name is Kate O'Mara, I feel honoured and privileged to be chosen as one of the Head Students here at St Wilfrid's. I have studied at St Wilfrid's since 2018, I feel the support and opportunities presented to me here have nurtured my confidence and character. I strive for my peers to feel the same sense of enjoyment and satisfaction. As a school we are rapidly evolving, expanding and consistently progressing, the student voice is something that will also continue to grow. Together with the Leadership Cohort, we will continue the successful legacies brought in from previous years, such as Culture week, the Macmillan coffee morning and eco-friendly measures. However, we also plan to implement and introduce new projects, perhaps mentoring programs and societies. As a Head student, I wish to be a 'friendly face'. As a student, if you feel something is missing in your school or there is an idea you would like to bring forward, I would like to support you in this! I would also encourage students to get involved in extra-curricular activities, as I feel my participation in such activities (e.g. School Productions) has enriched my education. Ultimately, we are a community driven by faith. According to the Colossians 3:14, "over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity", I believe this unity is evident in our school, and this is something that will be maintained. I look forward to next year!"



Analise Woodhead, Head Student

Hi, my name is Analise, and I am the new Head Student at St Wilfrid's. I feel privileged to have been given this role and to work with the student leadership team in producing fresh and innovative ideas. I intend to maintain a positive and welcoming environment for all the students at St Wilfrid's; this is achievable through encouraging the involvement of students in extra-curricular activities provided, for example the school production. This is a brilliant way for everyone to feel a positive sense of inclusivity and bond with students across all year groups. This supports the ongoing feeling of community unique to St Wilfrid's and puts friendship and happiness at the forefront of our school.



Immersion Days 2024-25

We are thrilled to announce that our Immersion Days are set to take place this November, offering students unique opportunities to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom.

- Year 7 and Year 8 students will have the chance to choose from a series of exciting trips that will introduce them to new jobs, environments, and skills. Details on these trips will be shared in September, so stay tuned!
- Year 9 students will engage in a dynamic team-building day designed to foster cooperation and leadership skills.
- Year 10 students will participate in a meaningful community day organised by the RE department.
- Year 11 students are in for a treat with an exhilarating day planned by the science department, which includes a visit to the Zoo. This will be a fantastic opportunity to see science in action!
- Year 12 students will get a head start on their academic futures, exploring higher education options and begin planning for life after school.

These Immersion Days promise to be enriching and memorable experiences for all students. We look forward to sharing more details soon!

St Wilfrid's Host General Election Debate & Mock Vote

On Wednesday 3rd July 2024, St Wilfrid's hosted its own General Election Question Time with Labour Candidate Peter Lamb, Conservative Candidate, Zac Ali, the Reform Candidate Tim Charters, Green Candidate, Ian Dickson and Liberal Democrats candidate, Lee Gibbs.



The debate was streamed live to all our students in their classrooms and on the school YouTube channel. Our Deputy Headteacher, Christopher Franke, hosted the event which started with each candidate outlining their core party principles before questions were taken from the audience of our Student Leaders and VI Form students.

The first question started with Hamza Najam asking the candidates about the cost of living and how they could improve it. There were further questions on the economy, immigration, the Environment, school funding with the candidates having the opportunity to respond to the questions.

On Thursday 4th July 2024, St Wilfrid's also ran its own mock election to help raise student awareness of the democratic process and the issues that were discussed at the national level. The results were as follows:



Labour 239
Green Party 115
Liberal Democrats 98
Conservatives 84

Christopher Franke, Deputy Headteacher commented, "We were delighted with the participation of our local Parliamentary candidates and the students of our school. It was great to have the candidates challenged by some very perceptive questions from our VI Formers, and to have the students so engaged with the democratic process."



Wellbeing Garden Update

Despite having seemed to have been in coats for a lot of this term and the fact that the slugs and snails have been enjoying eating all of the seedlings as it's been so wet which has been annoying, our students have been working hard, sowing seeds, potting on and enjoying time down by the school pond.

Down at the pond, the trail cam has been a fantastic bonus and we have caught footage of much wildlife including a very curious little blue tit who gave us an hilarious close up image.

We were lucky enough to see our Canada goose family move back again and see them raise their goslings, unfortunately losing one, we suspect, to our local fox.

We have enjoyed a lot of wildlife activity up in the garden area too, with Mr Radenhurst helping a very soggy dragonfly and me discovering a mouse nest in my walking boots in the shed.

Interestingly, the vines in the polytunnel are growing incredibly well and I have high hopes that we will be able to harvest some grapes this autumn.

Once again, we were joined by some gardeners from our neighbouring school, Holy Trinity, every Monday where they helped with seed sowing, crafts and making a waterproof habitat.



Chaplaincy



Summer term ends with a liturgy based on the theme “Rest”, inspired by this coming Sunday’s Gospel and in particular, the quote “You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while”. We will reflect on the importance of having a break. We will also give thanks for the busyness of school life and celebrate all that we have achieved this school year. We sincerely hope you all have restful break when it comes! Here is a taste of some of the other highlights of this term:

Sacramental life of the School:

Weekly Mass

Our 09:00hrs Friday Mass continues to be popular with students, staff and parishioners; all are warmly welcomed to share in this weekly celebration with us. We have had some specially themed Masses this term, including a Mass offered for the intentions of all our students who made their Confirmation this term; a Mass dedicated to staff leavers; A Year 11 Celebration Mass, just before the Year 11’s started their exams they gathered together in the Chapel to celebrate, reflect and give thanks for their time so far at St Wilfrid’s. An evening Mass of celebration to mark the last time all Year 13s would be together at St Wilfrid’s and the start of their examinations; And our Last Mass of the School Year was a Mass of Welcome on our Year 6 Induction Day. This was not meant to be the last Mass. We were supposed to have our whole school, open air, Patronal Feast Day Mass on St Wilfrid’s Day, but the weather did not play ball and we had to bring our celebrations indoors and end with tutor led liturgies instead. We will however, be moving our whole school Mass of St Wilfrid’s to 13th September (so let’s hope that Autumn brings less rain than this “summer”!) Special thanks to all who dedicate their time to our Masses, from our Altar servers, (in particular Jesse Warwick-Godfrey, who serves week in week out) to our readers (too many to name!) to our Eucharistic Ministers in particular and Mrs Baldwin for her weekly dedication to this service and last but not least, to our Worship Band & Choir, supported by Miss Jackson & Mr Marr, for their dedication to the ministry of music for these Masses. We extend our gratitude to our local Priests at the Friary who commit to celebrating Mass here with us every week and for those who come from further afield to support our sacramental life.



Year 10 Discipleship Day

This took place during our first Immersion day of the Summer term. The students had an opportunity to “shop” around, hearing different people share their take on “discipleship”. Our Disciples included a Spiritual Artist and Volunteers from Gatwick Detention Centre. Students also had the chance to experience Eucharistic Adoration and workshops of Catholic Social Teachings and Equity in practice. The day also covered the theme of discipleship from an academic point of view and explored deeper than would be possible in normal GCSE curriculum time the diverse ways that people live out their lives as Christian disciples. Huge thanks goes to our visiting disciples, the RE team and last but not least the Year 10 students who approached the day with maturity and respect.

Bereavement Services

This summer we 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. This term we ran two parallel groups, one tailored for KS3 and the other for KS4&5. The programme culminates in a day off timetable for all participants to reflect on their weekly sessions and celebrate the bonds that they have made with their peers.

If you would like more information about this group please don't hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Franke, the lay Chaplain, and I will be happy to talk through the programme and the suitability of any particular young people for the course. We will be running Rainbows again for more students in the Autumn term.



Boost Group

Based on the same successful principles as our Rainbows group we also run a peer support group for student who would like to improve their self-esteem and confidence levels. The group is called Boost. Again, 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.



Flourish:

This term we also have a new intervention group, similar to BOOST but exclusively for year 7s. Flourish is a peer group intervention programme designed for students who are experiencing feelings of worry or anxiety or feeling that they haven't fully settled into life at St Wilfrid's.



Year 12 Community Day

In addition to our enrichment activities for Year 12 students, we held a Community Day for them on Friday 14th July. The aim of the day was to give the Year 12 community an opportunity to reflect and recharge after the challenges of their first year in our VI Form. The programme for the day started with Mass in the Chapel and had time built in for relaxation and reflection, culminating in an end of year celebration.



Diocesan News & Events

The Good Shepherd Celebration

In June a group of students who have been leading our prayer clubs in school attended the diocesan celebration of education as our representatives. They joined students from other schools for this special occasion at Worth Abbey.



Chaplaincy continued

Confirmation:

It has been a great pleasure to attend some of the Confirmation Masses of so many of our young people within the Crawley Deanery. Most Confirmations took place at Worth Abbey this year, though there were so many Candidates from the Friary this year that they had to make their Confirmation on a separate date to the rest of the deanery! Please look out for announcements in your Parishes in the Autumn term for the details to apply for the Confirmation process of 2025. Details will also be advertised in school. Please be aware that our Diocese is encouraging candidates to apply "when they feel ready" rather than when they reach a certain age or school year. This means in recent years we have seen a move away from just our Year 10 students applying and now we have many more students making their Confirmation in Year 9.



Lourdes Pilgrimage:

We are delighted to have 40 students and staff joining the Arundel and Brighton pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of July. We will be joining with hundreds of other people from across the Diocese to have a week of fun, faith and friendship. The students have been working hard raising funds all year round to pay for their pilgrimage and I'm sure will return to school with the joy of Lourdes, ready to share their experiences with others. We will be advertising next years pilgrimage when we return in September.



National Events

Faith in Action Awards:

This year saw a huge group of students participating in the award scheme to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. They participated in a huge variety of activities, from supporting the St Catherine's Hospice Youth Enterprise awards to supporting Junior Church in their local community. They supported in Rosary club and fundraised for different charities. The group participated in the World Day of Prayer service here in Crawley, as well as some members of the group attending the Good Shepherd Mass at Worth Abbey. It was an absolute honour to see them receive their awards at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 6th July. These were awarded by Bishop Richard and it was such a proud moment for them and their families.



Wintershall Trip

On Thursday 29th June, we took a group of 30 Year 7 students to the Wintershall Estate to see an open-air production of The Life of Christ. The students and staff were blessed that the weather stayed fair and we were able to enjoy a stunning re-enactment of the full life of Jesus. The performance really brought the story of Jesus to life for us all and let us learn what it would have been like to be around at the time of Jesus and hear him preach. We will be brining what we learnt back into our classrooms to share our experience of the day, which links perfectly in with our current Life of Christ module.



Chaplaincy continued

CAFOD Leaders

On the 14th June, the CAFOD Young leaders visited Romero House, the CAFOD headquarters in London, as well as St. George's Cathedral, the national shrine of Oscar Romero, to celebrate the end of their CAFOD Young Leaders Programme. The students presented the fundraising work they have done to a cathedral full of fellow CAFOD Young Leaders. It was a lovely day celebrating the five Year 12 students' hard work and commitment to the Catholic ethos of St. Wilfrid's, implementing the teachings of Christ in our school and local community by striving for the common good.

'Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will not abandon you!' – Pope Francis



Pastoral Curriculum

As part of my role in school I oversee the "pastoral curriculum" This includes Pastoral, Social, Health, Economic Education (PSHE) which is delivered to all students at 09:00hrs every Wednesday morning and also lead the Careers provision for the school. Our Careers programme is known as THRIVE (Teaching life skills, Hard work and Resilience through Improving Vocational Education) Thrives sessions happen every two weeks at 9am on a Thursday morning and are supplemented by Thrive immersion activities, assemblies, trips, careers fairs, subject lessons, individual careers guidance and weekly newsletters.



Links to what students have been studying in these areas of Pastoral Curriculum can be found here:

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[PSHE: St Wilfrid's Catholic School - PSHE \(stwilfrids.com\)](http://stwilfrids.com)



[THRIVE: St Wilfrid's Catholic School - THRIVE Our Careers Programme \(stwilfrids.com\)](http://stwilfrids.com)

THRIVE Careers Fair:

On 16th July the Hall was transformed into an interactive and diverse Careers Fair. We have many visitors running stalls from various sectors, including the Police Force, Finance, Aviation, Law, Fire Service, NHS, Applied Sciences, Ambulance Service, local Further & Higher Education providers, Medical Schools, Apprenticeship Providers and local businesses. All students from Year 7 to Year 12 had the opportunity to visit and interact with the stalls. Visitors were very complimentary about our students, commenting on how polite and engaged they were. The way that our young people at St Wilfrid's conducted themselves means that we have had many offers of follow up talks and supports for those students who showed particular interest in different sectors.



Thanksgiving Mass

Miss Laws and Mrs Power received their certificates and medals from Bishop Richard at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 4th July at Arundel Cathedral. These were in recognition of over a combined 40 years of service for St Wilfrid's Catholic School. Miss Law is moving on to pastures new and Mrs Power is retiring. They will both be greatly missed and we wish them well.



Sports News



Sports Day

Sports Day 2024 was held at K2 Leisure Centre on a cool, dry day and with a fantastic atmosphere. The VI Form and staff leadership made for a brilliant and supportive community day! All the houses were adorned in their house colours, bibs and supported each other throughout.

There were some lovely moments, lovely memories, some individual PB successes and some competitive action between the students during their events but in it all, they shook hands and hugged and wished each other a very well done. The All star relays went down well and were a big hit to finish the day, with the Year 7 boys relay team taking the school record with 56seconds (Mtho Moyo, Henry Bromham, Riaan Mitchell and Kieran Buwure!) Top scorers on the day were Tobey Ellison with 39 points, Esteban Chery with 38 and Jozef Potok with 37.



In Year 7, Augustine were the winners in a close set of results across the teams. Augustine pipping Dominic by 8pt. A special mention to Henry Bromham who matched the Year 7 100m record of 12.8 seconds. Oliver Chudy broke the Year 7 shot putt record with a throw of 8m 77cm, Blanka Pacucha taking the vortex record with a throw of 30.86m and Matilda Singaporewala took the girls 100m record with a time of 13.8secs.



In Year 8, Catherine ruled the Year group with a convincing win. In Year 9, Dominic took the title after Benedict didn't keep to the structures, taking the win by only 4 points. In Year 10, Benedict took the title by only 18 points as Dominic matched them tot to toe but participation numbers meant Benedict took the title.



Special mentions to Year 10 students that won their events. Tayan Mutagaya won the 100m in an unconfirmed new school record, 200m and a new 300m record of 39.1secs, and the 800m. Thea Kennedy (shot and triple jump), Erin Kelly (200m), Dasha Korol (100m), Dawid Zmuda (Javelin) Layton Mamarot (High Jump and Shot Putt), Oscar Piggott (Discus), Victoria Maunder (800m and 1500m), Julia Taylor (Javelin), Wojtek Fox (Long Jump), Lynden Huggins (Triple Jump), Dan Campbell (1500m) and Carolina Fernandes (High Jump), Chelsea McLean (300m), Jenny-Phrancedess Nnaemeka-Ikeogu (Long Jump) and Scarlett Kennedy (Discus).



Overall, Benedict took the title for their first win in 14 years.

Top Performers

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Blanka Pacucha	35	Thashviythan Selvaraj	34	Tobey Ellison	39
Lionel Fernandes	34	Tristan Upton	34	Esteban Chery	38
Henry Bromham	31	Dorian Adamczewski	33	Jozef Potok	37
Matilda Singaporewala	30	Rylee Donaghey	31	Simone Censorii	36
Sariah Mutagaya	28	Kamile Pusciute	31	Matthew Komisarek	35

Final Results	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	TOTAL
AUGUSTINE	519	472	436	626	2053
BENEDICT	413	528	550	888	2379
CATHERINE	369	579	453	724	2125
DOMINIC	511	410	554	870	2345
EDITH	411	432	456	566	1865
FRANCIS	424	511	397	566	1898

Town Sports Day

On a sunny dry day in July... Oh wait, let me start again. On a wet day in July we took our 70 strong team down to K2 for the annual Athletics Championships. We were defending champions of the Year 7/8 boys but had positive thoughts towards taking the Year 9/10 boys title this year.

The day started well with Jamanda, Matilda, Daisy, Rylee, Dorian and Lynden progressing through their hurdle heats only for the rain to prevent finals from happening later in the day, but times meant that Matilda and Lynden won.

The students were putting in some top performances through the day as Tayan took the Year 9/10 100m and 200m titles. Victoria and Preston in the 1500m, Gains in the 800m, Preston's 1500, Rylee winning the triple jump, Oscar winning the discus in a rain affected event, Esteban in the long jump and then there were students battling for 2nd and 3rd out of a possible 16 students, setting PB's such as Sam, Ryan and Kevin in the 300m. Lucas knocking off 10 secs whilst breaking the 1500m 5min barrier, Manny, Leja, Junior, Anwuli, Layton, Alicja, Mariana, Henry, Scarlett, Tobey and so many more.

The relays to cap it all off had the 4x300m junior and inter boys (see picture) win their races followed by the inter boys capping off the day with a 4x100m masterclass.

The end result had the junior girls in 3rd, inter girls in 4th, junior boys only 7 points behind Hazelwick, coming in 2nd but the Inter boys capped off some top performances by taking the title for the first time ever. Overall, St Wilfrid's finished a magnificent 2nd behind a very consistent and top performing Hazelwick School.



EVENT	The Gatwick School	Holy Trinity	Hazelwick	ICC	Oriel	St Wilfrid's	TBBC
Junior Boys	28	198	314	277	189	307	191
	7	4	1	3	6	2	5
Junior Girls	51	159	216	184	217	210	148
	7	5	2	4	1	3	6
Intermediate Boys	122	142	290	271	237	312	97
	6	5	2	3	4	1	7
Intermediate Girls	34	133	306	273	311	227	124
	7	5	2	3	1	4	6
Overall Position	7th	5th	1st	3rd	4th	2nd	6th
TOTALS	235	632	1126	1005	954	1056	560

Cross Country Club

Cross country / running training has continued well beyond cross country season, with a large number of students enjoying our weekly runs into Goff's Park and working hard on the school track. The hard work paid off for many of the students, with notable runs from Lucas Russo, Liam Campbell, Chelsea McLean and Oscar Charman on sports day at K2. Particular thanks must go to circuit training and cross country "stalwarts" Ethan Woodhead and Zachary Charman, who sign off on their St Wilfrid's careers this summer.

As the term comes to a close, students may find themselves at a "loose end"; may I take this chance to remind all that running is an excellent way to get fit, manage mental health and make new friends. There are 2 Parkrun events in Crawley, Tilgate and Ifield Mill pond, which take place every Saturday at 9am. These are free to join! Junior Parkrun for under 14s takes place in Tilgate each Sunday at 09:00hrs. Stay active! Thanks for all of your support and have a great summer, Miss Law



Cricket

We have had a brilliant season of cricket so despite the weather! The number of students coming to training initially indoor and then outdoor has been fantastic, consistently over 30 students have been attending. This has enabled a lot of different students to represent the school in Year 7 matches as well as the U13s and U15s. Students really improved their skills in batting, bowling and fielding as their enjoyment of the game continued to grow. The U15s finished 3rd in their league after 4 really competitive games. The season highlight being a narrow victory over ICC to bounce back from an agonising one run defeat against Oriel. The U13s have done really well, winning one of the three games they have played so far with their season still on going. The team is an exciting prospect for next year with a number of Year 7s competing against Year 8 students and doing really well. Well done to all of those that have trained and represented the school cricket team this year.



Under 15's Rounders

This summer term saw the start of our rounders league for both our U13 and U15 teams. We saw plenty of our Year 7s out for training to develop their striking and fielding skills ready for their matches. The U15s had a great start to the term with a win against ICC which gave them a buzz for the rest of the league matches, they then went on for one more win against Holy Trinity and one loss but they fought well during the match with some impressive rounders being scored. There has been some great bowling by Carolina Fernandes and Julia Taylor, with some great partnership between Mariana Tre-Abreu, Lacey Carden and Thea Kennedy at second base, as well as some support in deep field from Katie Tyler and Dolci Burns. It was amazing to see so many Year 10 girls who participated in matches to represent St Wilfrid's each week. They have been a pleasure to take to fixtures and to see them progress with their striking and fielding skills as well as the bond they have as a team.



Year 7 Rugby Trip

After concluding a clean sweep of the local Y7 School Rugby League, the winning team were taken to the home of rugby, Twickenham stadium. Students learned some of the history behind the traditions of the teams, as well as the development of the stadium. From cabbage patch to one of the best stadiums in the country. They got to sit in the changing rooms, test their strength, learn about reaction times, and perform the Haka.



Safeguarding

Keeping Safe During the Summer

With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online. During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old. Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life.

The guide below will hopefully help you with understanding the risks to young people who may be spending too much time on their phones.

It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?

47% of parents said they thought their children spent too much time in front of screens

What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially recognised gaming addiction as a modern disease. The condition was confirmed as part of their International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which serves as an international standard for diagnosing and treating health conditions.

LACK OF SLEEP

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ADVICE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.

Top Tips for Parents

NOS National Online Safety

LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they woke up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

STATISTICS

- 52% of children aged 3-4 go online for nearly 9hrs a week
- 82% of children aged 5-7 go online for nearly 9.5hrs a week
- 93% of children aged 8-11 go online for nearly 13.5hrs a week
- 99% of children aged 12-15 go online for nearly 20.5hrs a week

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Attendance

If you are reporting your child absent from school we would ask you to please email absence@stwilfrids.com or alternatively leave a message on our absence line. For those who can email, this is the preferred option as it is easier to identify the students name and the reason for the absence as messages left on the phone are sometimes difficult to understand.

Our new Attendance Officer, Ms Boakes, began this term and will be keeping in touch with families where there are concerns about attendance levels.



St Wilfrid's Day 2024

Our annual day of celebration and fundraising was held on Friday 5th June which saw us come together for our last burst of fundraising for our new multi use studio. The day would normally have started with a school Mass outside in our inner courtyard followed by fundraising stalls on the school field but due to the heavy rain a decision was made to bring all activities inside. The students and staff took the adaptations of the day on board and we had a fantastic day with an amazing atmosphere.



The stalls were spread across the wedge, school hall and sports hall with our water based activities just outside in a covered area of the inner courtyard. This year we had over 30 stalls running activities or selling goods and these included Sponge the Teacher, Sumo Wrestling and the infamous Tombola as well as Glitter Tattoos, Gladiators, Penalty Shoot Out, Tuck Shop, Candy Floss and Treasure Lollipop and a new popular addition of Bubble Tea.



We were also entertained with live music from the balcony overlooking the wedge from Year 9 student band followed by a Year 12 student band and finally a staff band. The bands performed hits from the Foo Fighters, Fleetwood Mac and Queen amongst others and it created a brilliant atmosphere in the wedge.



The stalls stopped selling at 12:00 and students and staff alike did a mass clear up and then returned to their tutor rooms. Due to the school not having enough space inside the school, we had to cancel our outdoor Mass and the day ended with a "whole school" liturgy which was conducted by Form Tutors within each Form Room. Our finance department were busy totting up the tokens and passing on the fundraising house totals which was then added to the house point totals for the year. St Wilfrid's Day raised an amazing £5,795!!!! This amount was added to our overall fundraising total which has seen our school community raise an amazing £24,000 this year!



Finally, it was time to announce the House Champions. This year it was a close contest between Dominic and Edith House with Dominic House beating Edith by a just a number of points and being named 2024 House Champions. Dominic House representatives received the trophy in their House assembly the following week which will soon have their name engraved on the House Cup. All Dominic students were rewarded with a choice of reward trips to either Out of Bounds in Rustington or Guildford Spectrum activity on Thursday 18th July 2024.



St Wilfrid's Day is always such fantastic day where our whole school community come together for a day of fundraising and fun. A huge thank you to all our staff, students and parents for their support in raising such an amazing overall total of £24,000!



House News



House Champions 2023-24

Augustine	Benedict	Catherine	Dominic	Edith	Francis
78086	77577	87399	89303	88685	76938

In an exciting end to the year, the leading houses were led by Mrs Papastanasiou, Miss Beck and Mrs Bawler going into the final day, Augustine were the 2023 Champion House, but this year there was a tussle for top spot. The year has given many opportunities for the students to participate in the house system. Taskmasters, more ACE points, lots of representing the school opportunities, postcards home, form and Year quiz opportunities, mini competitions, fundraising points etc. It has been brilliant to see the students successes. The competition points, house points and fundraising totals were added on, and it was Dominic that emerged victorious and enjoyed trips to either Guildford Spectrum or Out Of Bounds on Thursday 18th July 2024

Top student achievers per house in 2023-24

Augustine		Benedict		Catherine		Dominic		Edith		Francis	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Oscar Franke	869	Jakob Harrison	865	Jamie Coomber	1038	Scarlett Bunn	1202	Riaan Mitchell	877	Nicholas Bullen	777
Jamanda Harper	850	Kevin Halwalapriyankarage	799	Leonard Cassidy	984	Max Wildman	983	Daniel Diel	840	Deanna Edmondson	670
Beatrice Franke	675	Rosa Goddard	685	Heloisa De Oliveira	738	Rocky Martin	736	Oliver Przybylski	839	Chelsea McLean	655
Georgios Thomadakis	574	Jensen Jagger	583	Beth Fuller	713	Filippo Episcopo	733	Ivana Ampipparampil	816	Holly Feaver	606
Aedan Baldwin	566	Alexander Meredith	571	Oscar Charman	622	Santiago Bunn	709	Reuel Anoaquah	789	Tamara Varga	598
Emily Shek	555	Annabelle Cast	543	Dorian Adamczewski	620	Helena Van Dooren	653	Matilda Singaporewala	765	Julia Olejnik	591

It is a time for change for some of our House Leaders with some staff departures and new responsibilities. A huge thank you to Mrs Zeidler, Mrs Papanastasiou, Miss Beck, Mrs Bawler for being such brilliant house leaders and promoting the positive opportunities amongst the students and we wish them all the best moving forward.

Our House Leader for next Year are as follows:

Augustine House: Miss Thompson

Benedict House: Miss Patience

Catherine House: Mr Digney

Dominic House:

Edith House:

Francis House

Miss Neely

Mr Ford

Miss Perrin

St Catherine's Hospice Youth Enterprise Awards

This year, a group of 6 students – 3 Year 7's and 3 Year 11's took part in the 10 week Youth Enterprise scheme. The St Catherine's Hospice Youth Enterprise fundraising challenge is run by St Catherine's Hospice and NatWest bank. They were given £50 seed money and raised nearly £1800 from a variety of break time selling ventures and hand making products. Heloisa, Jamie and Bethany from Year 7 were fantastic at car washing and supporting with the quiz night. The Year 11's Minal, Fajar and Zahra were great mentors for the Year 7's. They presented to a team of banking professionals and the CEO for the Hospice at Thomas Bennett School and impressed the judges with their resilience, ability to overcome adversity and enthusiasm. They competed against 4 other schools and won the award for overcoming adversity.

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. 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 Year 7-11 or 2 for VI 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 here or by request from the Clerk to Governors, Mrs James-Bailey at: clerk@stwilfrids.com

Cashless System

St Wilfrid's is a 'cashless' school. This means all payments for educational visits, revision aids, etc will be made electronically via ParentPay which by now you are familiar with. Please contact Jacqui Robinson via j.robinson@stwilfrids.com if you have any questions regarding this or require a reminder of your ParentPay login details.

Important Dates.....

Thursday 15 August 2024	A Level Results Day
Thursday 22 August 2024	GCSE Results Day/VI Form Enrolment
Mon 2 September 2024	INSET DAY School Closed
Tues 3 September 2024	INSET DAY School Closed
Weds 4 September 2024	Y7 & Y12 return to school
Thurs 5 September 2024	All students return to school
	Y10 Virtual Information Evening
	Y11 Virtual Information Evening
Weds 11 September 2024	School Photographer
Thurs 12 September 2024	Y9 Virtual Information Evening
	Y12 Virtual Information Evening
Thurs 3 October 2024	Year 7 Tutor Evening 18:30-19:30hrs
Thurs 10 October 2024	Open Evening 18:00-20:15hrs
Mon 28 Oct -Fri 1 Nov 2024	Half Term
Thurs 7 November 2024	Y10 Parents Evening 17:00-20:00hrs
Thurs 14 November 2024	Y12 Parents Evening 17:00-20:00hrs
Thurs 21 November 2024	VI Form Open Evening 18:00-20:00hrs
Thurs 28 November 2024	Winter Concert
Thurs 19 December 2024	Christmas Liturgy & Certificate Evening
Friday 20 December 2024	Last Day of Autumn Term

X/Facebook/Instagram

Please follow us at @StWilfridSchool <https://x.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 1500 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>

