

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

## Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter



# Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

Over this term, yet again, we have so much to reflect on and celebrate both within the curriculum and beyond. This newsletter will give you a taste of the wide variety of activities that have served to enrich the lives of our students.

This year we have chosen to support two fantastic charities, The Mark Lay Foundation who raise money to support families coping with cancer and to give them opportunities to create everlasting memories and Crawley Open House, serving to meet the needs of both those experiencing homelessness in Crawley and those threatened by it. Both are fantastic causes which are doing a great job in helping people across all walks of society.

In what seems to have become an "annual tradition", one where I am challenged by the students to undertake an activity to raise money for our school charities, it was announced this week that I will be participating in an Ultra Marathon in June 2019. It is the Race to the King from Arundel to Winchester and yes I am already thinking "I must be mad!".



At the end of term we will say goodbye to Mrs Gardener, our Food Technology Technician and Mr Clay, Maths Teacher who are leaving us for pastures new and we wish them all the best.

As we move towards the end of advent and look forward to the birth of Christ our Saviour, I sincerely hope and pray you and your loved ones have a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

### A Message from our Head Students

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What an amazing year it has been. As a student leadership team we have been delighted to welcome new members of staff into our family and watched the St Wilfrid's community grow.

Throughout 2018, we have seen various students develop into young adults, and as a community we have become closer together; which we didn't believe was even possible. On top of that the effort the sixth form and whole school have committed to our charity events is second to none. We have continued to support Crawley Open House with the sixth form sleep out and various charity events. In addition, we are honoured to now be fundraising for The Mark Lay Foundation which is a very personal charity to St Wilfrid's.

We have also already been working closely with our Headteacher Mr Ferry to organise exciting forthcoming events for 2019, such as participating in the Gatwick Run. We believe organising events such as this is a strong part of St Wilfrid's as it allows teachers and students to work together and motivate each other to the finish line; whatever finish line this may be.

As we say goodbye to 2018, we leave with the thought of always ending each day with a positive outlook. We pray that next year brings each of our students all the strengths, opportunities and happiness they need to flourish.

Wishing you all a happy, health and humble 2019!

Annie & Faye

Mr Michael Ferry  
Headteacher



Head Students  
Annie & Faye

# St Wilfrid's Spotlight Fundraising



Every year St Wilfrid's chooses a different cause for our fundraising focus. This year we have chosen **Crawley Open House** and **The Mark Lay Foundation**.

## Crawley Open House

Crawley Open House is one of our house charities and one that we have worked in close partnership with in the past, to not only raise funds and provide resources, but also to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness. Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, or other forms of social exclusion. Their support is available to anyone in need.



Against this backdrop of an increase in the numbers of homeless, Crawley Open House continues to make a massive difference to the lives of some of society's most vulnerable people and works tirelessly to help get, and keep, "people off the streets".

Unfortunately, West Sussex County Council has announced that funding for centres like Crawley Open House are to be cut and as a result, Crawley Open House could lose approximately £250,000 per annum. This would have a devastating effect and would prevent the shelter from operating as it currently does.

This is the reason why St Wilfrid's chose Crawley Open House as one of our charities to raise money for this year.

## The Mark Lay Foundation

The Mark Lay Foundation supports families who are affected by cancer by providing a financial grant to those who cannot afford to take a holiday or a short break. Their grant schemes provide eligible families financial support if they cannot afford to take a break from the gruelling day to day life of cancer and have not had the chance to create lasting memories together. The Mark Lay Foundation know first hand the importance of taking every moment possible to be together as a family, to make memories and to be able to cherish them when sadly the time comes to say goodbye. They aim to give this opportunity to other families who find themselves in this life shattering position by providing a grant that will go towards a holiday or short break. For more information please visit their website <https://www.marklayfoundation.org.uk/>



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

On Tuesday 18th December we held a Wear Something Purple/Christmas Jumper day where students had to pay £2 to take part and which raised over £1,500!

Our annual Christmas Raffle raised over £1,691 and we want to say a big thank you to The Kohli Family, The King Family, Tomaz Refurbishments, The Bagnall Family, The Kalkaprosand Family and for Mrs Sowter for sourcing our raffle prizes.

In total we have raised an amazing £7,800 !!! Thank you for all your help and support. This money really will help to change lives!

# Sixth Form Sleep Out

On a very wet and windy evening on Tuesday 18th December 128 students and 11 staff from St Wilfrid's slept out in the courtyard raising £2,832 for our charities, Crawley Open House and The Mark Lay Foundation.



Each student had to raise a minimum of £25 to take part in the sleep out but this was a whole school fundraising incentive.

The evening began with our Christmas Liturgy, before all the Sixth Form students assembled in the Hall where Charlie Aratoon from Crawley Open House came along to give a talk to the students about homelessness and how they were helping with the money they raised.

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

Mr Ferry commented, "I am in awe of the Sixth Form students who committed to our Sleep Out last night. All 128 of them chose to give up their evening to make a statement on the injustice of homelessness in the 21st century and to raise a phenomenal amount of money. In my opinion, the way you judge a civilised society is in the way it cares for its most vulnerable. It was quite poignant that on the day of our sleep out West Sussex County Council chose to ratify their planned cuts to funding for shelters such as Crawley Open House. The impact of this will be a loss of £250,000 per annum. Our students were a powerful voice last night proving that young people can make a huge difference. I am so proud to be their Headteacher."

Year 12 student Rory Nash commented, "It was brilliant to be part of such an amazing event. Waking up outside in the rain really put into perspective the hardships that some people face on a day to day basis, and shows us all just how lucky we are. The event alone was amazing and the fact we raised a significant amount of money for two very worthy causes makes it even better."

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# Celebrating Our Students Achievements

Students joined Mr Ferry and the Leadership Team for a special breakfast to celebrate their achievements this term.

Our termly celebration breakfast was held on Thursday 13th December, where we celebrated students achievements by inviting them to share breakfast with Mr Ferry and members of the Leadership Team. This is an event that is run once a term and nominations are asked for from all the teaching staff of St Wilfrid's. As ever, the nominations for this term's high achievers were astounding with over 160 students being nominated and 58 of those invited to the Celebration Breakfast.



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



Congratulations to all of the students who were invited and keep up the hard work ethic.



## St Wilfrid's Presents Cats

Our school production for this academic year is CATS the award winning musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Cats is a sung-through musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make what is known as "the Jellicle choice" and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life.

St Wilfrid's version will be slightly different to the original stage production and our interpretation will be in a distinctly St Wilfrid's style.

The auditions took place back in September and saw over 120 students audition and the standard was again incredible. Our cast consists of nearly 80 students and we have yet again had to split the lead roles to try and include as many of our talented students as possible.



The cast and crew have worked tirelessly over the last 9 weeks and it has been a completely different show to work on with exciting challenges for both our students and choreographers.

Cats promises to be a phenomenal show and tickets will be on sale in January. It will run over four nights from Wednesday 27th February until Saturday 2nd March 2019 starting at 7.00pm with an extra Matinee performance on Saturday 2nd March at 2.00pm.

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



# Science Update

Our Year 11 and 13 students have been extremely busy preparing for and sitting their mock examinations. So much time and effort has gone into lessons, intervention, revision and feedback for and by our students that they are in the best position for success.

Our extracurricular club, The Big Bang, is growing and, following national and regional winners in previous years, we will have representation at the national finals again in March with a project called Plastic Pilots. Chinazo Okeke and Shriya Chudasama are putting the final additions to their entry, which involves the creation of a tough but biodegradable plastic. They are true role models for female students interested in physics and engineering. They were the only female team at the regional heats and will be judged at the national Big Bang Fair finals at the NEC in March 2019. This is a huge STEM fair that attracts over 30,000 visitors and gives young people the chance to try out over 100 hands-on activities, see dozens of mind-boggling shows, hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies and find out about the opportunities available in STEM.



We will be taking 100 students to the Big Bang Fair South East next June and will be represented by three competition entries hoping to win a place at the NEC in March 2020. All of our entries this year will be entered into junior categories (KS3). "Does exercise improve concentration?" is being investigated by Nyah Hawkes, Kincso Huczek and James Rice and will be entered in the science category. Alongside them will be our year 7 entry from Ohm Patel and Amanda De Andrade Colaco who are studying the relationship between stress levels and different types of video games. Our engineering entry is called, "Udderly Plastic". Year 9 girls, Lauren Nandlall and Beverley Usayi are experimenting with the ingredients for making a plastic that biodegrades from a milk base. Good luck to everyone taking part!



We have also continued to strengthen our links with local industry. On 22nd November twenty five year twelve students were hosted by THALES on Manor Royal for a tour of the site and apprenticeship information session. They found out about the level of qualification they could achieve whilst earning as they train. Year 13 students worked with THALES employees on immersion day where they were given a mock interview and instant feedback.

The science department had the pleasure of hosting all of Year 10 on the recent Immersion Day where students experienced a carousel of events which included:

- Animazing – an interactive introduction into habitats and adaptations of exotic creatures
- Alchemy – making gold coins
- The maggot maze – a biological experiment about choice
- The great egg race – a challenge to build a strong bridge from everyday materials
- The Cookie Hypothesis
- An introduction to psychology



As always, I enjoy hearing any feedback from students and parents. Have a wonderful Christmas and happy Hogmanay!

**Mr Donaldson, Subject Leader for Science**



# Chaplaincy



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

## Sacramental life of the School:

**Weekly Mass:** Our 9am Friday mass continues to run with the support of Fr Chris & Fr Louis of the Friary. All are warmly welcome to share in this weekly celebration with us including parents and parishioners. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered to take on the various ministries at Mass including the readers (over forty different students have read at our Masses this term), the dedicated musicians (Anneka Dodd, Katelan Carter, Catherine Duggan-Jakes, Wilfreen Jadhav, Sebastian Lolo and Julia Gniadek), our regular altar server William Berry in Year 10 and Chinazo Okeke in Year 12 who has been commissioned as a Eucharist Minister this term. We have also had some especially themed Masses this term.

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

## Autumn Term Activities:

**Year 7 Retreats:** Each tutor group in Year 7 had a whole day off timetable in late September or early October. The day was rooted in theme of the scriptural passage of 1 Corinthians 12-31, "one body with many parts". The aim of the day was to have fun, cement friendships and develop personal faith. The retreats were a great success and feedback from the students was very encouraging. For me it was a real highlight of my term to be able to spend more time with them in a relaxed environment and get to know our enthusiastic year 7s better. I must say that this year group's community days will always stand out to me as the year of the "Floss offs" and of course much singing of "Baby Shark"! The students really poured their energy and enthusiasm into the days and I look forward to seeing this year group as they progress through the school.



**Year 10 Discipleship Day:** This took place during our first Immersion day. The students had an opportunity to "shop" around, hearing different people share their take on discipleship. Our Disciples (The Dominican sisters, Fr Angelo and our local representative from CAFOD) talked about living in faith communities, putting faith into action through involvement in justice & peace groups, and expressing discipleship in an expressive way, through art and music. The day also covered the theme of discipleship from an academic point of view and 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 all our visiting disciples, the RE team and last but not least the Year 10 students who approached the day with maturity and respect.

## Autumn Term Activities Cont'd:

**November, the Month of Remembrance:** Throughout the month students have been able to contribute, prayers and names of people that they would like to remember at this time. All of these intentions were written down on "Poppy Petals" and were used to make up one big Poppy in the Chapel. The theme of Remembrance was particularly poignant as assembly was led for the fifth year in a row by Our Head of History, Mr Pitman, who has serviced in the forces. Staff and students who are members of uniformed organisations were invited to wear their uniforms on Friday 9th November and a memorial service was held at break time. I'm sure many of you have noticed the wreaths they laid at the feet of our silhouetted soldiers. A short film capturing this mark of respect can be viewed on our school YouTube channel.



**Year 7 Immersion Day:** In November the RE department ran an immersion day for Year 7s. This day focuses on the message of the Papal encyclical, Laudato si. Students were able to take part in Fairtrade games, climate change workshops and refugee simulations in order to empathise with those involved in these issues. In keeping with the hallmark of this new year group, students really put their hearts and souls into the activities, and their concerns didn't stop there. The next weeks "One World Group" which had been promoted on the day had record numbers in attendance with 30+ new year 7 members



**Year 13 Community Day:** New to our community day programme this year was a day to give the Year 13 community an opportunity to reflect and recharge after the challenges of the recent mock examinations. The programme for the day started with Mass in the Chapel and had time built in for relaxation and reflection, all with an Advent theme. The day aims to reinforce our St Wilfrid's Community values along with giving our students experiences that can promote spiritual wellbeing. The Year 13s really embraced the day and in their feedback they were overwhelmingly positive about the day, agreeing that it came at the perfect time for them.



**One World Group:** This dedicated group continues to meet weekly. During these meetings students pray, reflect and plan a number of actions. This term they have particularly focused on the issues surrounding climate change. They have made contact with the local council and secured extra recycling pick up from the school and great plans are afoot for increasing our school's capacity to recycle.

**Fairtrade Advent stall:** Our largest number of year 7 volunteers to date have helped run this year's Advent stall at break times over the last couple of weeks. The main aim of the stall is to raise awareness of Fairtrade products and ethical shopping. Profits made are donated to CAFOD. Thank you Year 7 for all your help and enthusiasm for the products!



**Collections for Crawley Open House:** With the help of Mrs Power in the library we have been able to facilitate some significant donations to Crawley Open house. Firstly, at harvest time we collected, Mugs, coffee, sugar and tinned foods. Then in November we collected warm clothes and bedding. A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations. Please bear in mind that our first collection of 2019 is likely to be toiletries (we always liaise with Crawley open house to find out what they are running low on, so the nature of this collection may change)





# Chaplaincy cont'd

**Bereavement Services:** As part of our school pastoral programme 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. This took place aptly in the month of November this term. 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 spring term. Many thanks to Mrs Keynes and Mrs Burge who facilitate and champion this important support group.

**Christmas Liturgy:** As I write, practice for the liturgy is well underway. Here at St Wilfrid's we bring the story and message of Christmas to life through, music, drama, dance and technology. Huge student participation really makes these liturgies to remember and their fresh and modern interpretations of the message of Christmas helps the whole of our community to understand the message of Christ's Birth in new ways. This year's liturgy will take place at 6.30pm on the 18th December, followed by our "Soup & Solidarity" event after the liturgy (solidarity with those doing the sleep out that night).

## Diocesan News & Events

**Big Encounter:** This annual Diocesan Youth festival for 15-30's took place at Worth school. We took a minibus of year 11's & 6th form and a few staff to this evening and we had both great fun and deeply prayerful experiences. The amazing Youth 2000 Worship band led the Music for the evening and the talk was given by Briony Wells. Then Bishop Richard led us in a time of Adoration. We all came away feeling spiritually uplifted and looking forward to this becoming part of our annual activities!

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Applications are available in the New Year at [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). This year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will depart on July 25th by coach and 26th by Air. There will be around a thousand people in total, some of whom will be sick and disabled and others who will be there to help and care for them. Many thanks to Jack Regan, our youth diocesan coordinator, who came into school a couple of weeks ago to promote and encourage more of our community to become pilgrims to Lourdes. If you are interested please come and have a chat with me, Mrs Franke, or put your name on the "interested list" outside my office



## National Events

**Flame:** We will be taking a group to this, the largest Catholic youth event in the UK. It takes place on 2nd March at Wembley arena. The theme this year is 'SIGNIFICANCE'. Significance is defined as "worthy of attention," "with meaning," "important." In terms of Scripture, it is a word which resonates deeply with God's words from heaven at the Baptism of Jesus, and the Transfiguration, "You are my Beloved." We are in a world where it's easy to feel constrained to measure self-esteem in Twitter and Instagram "likes", responses to Facebook status updates, and Snapchat conversations. We hope that Flame2019 offers a fresh depth of perspective for young people, centred in their creation in the image and likeness of God. To find out more speak the Chaplain and follow this link for the latest line up [cymfed.org.uk/flame2019/](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019/)





# Duke of Edinburgh

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Success!

For the past year, 13 students from Year 10 have been participating in the bronze Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, which launched for the first time at St Wilfrid's in January 2018. The programme involves four sections; Skill, Physical, Volunteering and Expedition. The expedition stage of the award requires lots of training as the students are required to plan, navigate and undertake a 2-day expedition. Training sessions have covered a range of different things including outdoor first aid, navigation and menu and kit preparation.



**Team One:**  
**Luca, Will, Ryan, Tia, Imogen & Lily**

On 13th October, the bronze participants set out on their final DofE expedition, navigating their way from Ardingly Reservoir to Tulley's Farm, over the course of the weekend. Despite the wet weather, both teams successfully completed the expedition; hiking for 6 hours each day, carrying their own equipment, setting up camp, cooking their own meals and finishing in great spirits! It is a huge achievement to complete the expedition section of the DofE award and both teams showed great teamwork and determination.



**Team Two:**  
**Pavni, Jhalak, Gracie, Shrie & Alex, Lewis & Kenan**

The final stage of the DofE is for students to reflect on their achievement and create a presentation of their DofE experience. These final presentations took place on 13th November, whereby the students discussed the skills and qualities that they developed throughout the experience and the memories they gained.

The students received their certificates in our End of Term Awards on Wednesday 19 December.

We are pleased to announce that 14 students from Year 9 have signed up to start their bronze DofE award. Training will commence after Christmas and we look forward to another successful year with the DofE!

# Sports News

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

Our first immersion day of the year gave us the opportunity to take approximately 30 students on a bicycle ride to the Bluebell Railway. In beautiful weather, the student's bikes were checked first thing in the morning, riding ability assessed and safety information provided before a well-paced ride to the Bluebell along the Worth Way. We stopped off for lunch before riding back all within the school day. Thank you to Mr Iddles for organising and Mr Waterman and Miss Law for supporting the day.



Our second immersion day was a day visit to Twickenham rugby stadium. The students learned about the history of Twickenham Stadium through an informative talk and the museum where the students were able to test out their components of fitness. The stadium tour provided an excellent learning experience and one that we were most impressed with! Thank you to Mr Waterman for organising and Miss Watson and Mr Iddles for supporting.



## Netball by Mrs Morris, Subject Leader for Girls PE

This has been a fantastic and very successful netball season for all the girls involved and representing St Wilfrid's in the Crawley Schools Netball league. This year we had representative teams in year 7, 8, 9 and 10, which saw a number of girls attending training that allowed them to develop and refine their skills ahead of the netball matches. The Year 9 and 10 teams have shown enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season playing in some tightly fought matches against other local schools. The Year 8 had an outstanding season captained by Darcy Gledhill where they won all their matches. They have shown great netball skills in both their attacking play with some great linking of passes made down the court between Cerys and Darcy, excellent shooting by Nicole, Yzabella and Peggy, as well as some brilliant interceptions and defensive work by Hazel and Chloe. This has made them overall winners of the league, which is something they should all be very proud as a team.



Year 8 Netball Squad

The Year 7 team had a successful first season in the netball league and came joint second overall, which was a great result. The improvements with their game play improved dramatically over all their matches and from this demonstrated some great netball skills in both attack and defence. Maria Kintu captained the team this season and displayed some fantastic shooting in games. Kira, Antonina and Gail demonstrated great teamwork in the mid court through well-executed passing and Scarlett has shown strong defensive work by getting interceptions to help win the ball in games.

I am very proud of what all the teams have achieved this season!

## Football

It has been a challenging term for our football team. Our Year 7 league winners from last season have been challenged by stepping up a year representing our Year 8/9 team. The team have faced physically stronger opposition, which will only benefit the team when competing at their own age group next year. Performances have improved considerably throughout the season with the team narrowly being defeated in the Sussex County Cup after a spirited display. Three of our football teams have Sussex County Shield games to look forward to in the coming weeks. In addition to this a number of students will continue to represent the County and North Sussex District teams.



Year 7 Football Squad

## Badminton

With Badminton opportunities scarce, it is always nice to be able to provide a tournament for some of our students who are not team sport performers and so to a local badminton tournament. We took a junior team that consisted of Bradley, Mithun, Ben and Jerry (see picture) who performed admirably but were defeated despite a victory en-route.



We were able to get two Inter boys teams out for the second tournament of the year. The B team ran out victorious after defeating Hazelwick in the final. The A team consisted of Danny, Cameron, Hamshad and Khian whilst the victorious B team consisted of Marcel, Joshua and Vincent. This team are now through to the regional round to be played in January.

## Basketball

The students are applying themselves well to the area basketball tournament and certainly learning the ropes of tournament play quickly.

Year 7 girls Scarlett Confiac, Elise Mann, Maria Kintu, Kira Carter, Antonina Frankowska-Kerr and Vera Mauhay beat TBCC and The Gatwick School via a walkover, beat Hazelwick School 17-4 (Scarlett scoring 15 and Maria 2), beat Ifield CC 28-0 (Scarlett scoring 8 and Kira scoring 20), beat Oriel 14-0 (Scarlett scoring 4, Kira 8 and Maria 2) and finally lost to Holy Trinity 4-2 (Maria 2).



Our Year 7 boys Teddy McGrath, Theo Allam-Walsh, Joachim Dioso, Yshwa Jules, Sean Mackey, Kyan Upton, Oresta Urbonas, and Karl Wendi beat The Gatwick school by a walkover, beat TBCC 18-0 (Sean scoring 14, Teddy 2 and Joachim 2), beat Hazelwick 12-6 (Sean scoring 10 and Theo scoring 2), lost to Oriel 14-8 (Sean scoring 8) and also lost to Holy Trinity 16-10 (Yshwa scoring 4 and Sean scoring 6).



The tournament culminated in the finals on Friday 14th December where Year 7 completed the basketball competition with the boys putting up a brave fight against Holy Trinity but found the quality a little high but then went on to beat Hazelwick in the play off to finish 3rd overall which was a fab result. In a friendly they then beat Thomas Bennett.



The girls beat Hazelwick in the semi final 14-8 before playing Holy Trinity in the final. Unfortunately, the quality from Trinity was higher than the 4-2 group game and culminated in a 20-0 loss but the girls should be proud of finishing 2nd in the area.

In other basketball news, our Year 7/8 girls basketball won a basketball match staged by Tanbridge House School 24-18.



Our Year 8/9 girls basketball team have won their opening game of the County Cup in defeating ICC 21-18 in a very close encounter. Unfortunately the U16 boys were narrowly beaten by Holy Trinity in their first round encounter.

We have entered the junior NBA leagues for our female Year 7 and Year 8 teams this year so watch this space as they have plenty of games coming up in what will be a very busy spring term for them all.

Our ex-student Hosana Kitenge is doing well in his Basketball career, recently announcing his commitment for Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. He will head to America to begin his college career next summer. Hosana will complete his season with Charnwood College & Loughborough Riders respectively before heading stateside. The forward is widely viewed as one of the hottest prospects to come out of England ranking top three at Deng Camp for the last two seasons whilst representing Great Britain at U18s level Internationally.



We wish him every success!



# 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](http://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 Year 7-11 or 2 for 6th form, leaving the name of your child, tutor group and reason for absence before 9.00am where possible. You can also email [absence@stwilfrids.com](mailto:absence@stwilfrids.com). **Please do not email individual staff members regarding your child's absence.**

## School Policies

Our School Policies are available to download from the school website at <https://www.stwilfrids.com/page/?title=Policies&pid=32> or by request from the Clerk to Governors, Mrs James-Bailey at: [clerk@stwilfrids.com](mailto:clerk@stwilfrids.com)

## Cashless System

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

## Twitter/Facebook/Instagram

Please follow us at @StWilfridSchool <https://twitter.com/stwilfridschool> to get tweets about what is going on in school throughout the day as well as information about school trips, after school clubs and general school information. We have over 1300 followers to date which includes staff, students, parents and members of our local community!

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

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

## Important Dates.....

3 January 2019	Spring Term commences
10 January 2019	Year 9 Parent Evening 5-8.00pm
24 January 2019	Year 9 Options Evening 6.30pm
7 February 2019	Year 13 Parent Evening 5-8.00pm
18-22 February 19	Half Term
27 Feb-2 March 19	School Production of "Cats"
7 March 2019	Year 11 Parents Evening 5-8.00pm
14 March 2019	Year 7 Parents Evening 5-8.00pm
21 March 2019	An Evening of Dance 6.30pm
4 April 2019	Spring Concert
5 April 2019	Spring Term Ends

