

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Crawley Open House / Mark Lay Foundation

As you are aware, this year St Wilfrid's fundraising efforts will be for Crawley Open House and The Mark Lay Foundation. With your help we have already raised an amazing £8,200 with our fundraising efforts before Christmas which included the Sixth Form Sleep Out, Wear Something Purple Day and the Christmas Raffle.

This year I face another fundraising challenge which has been chosen by the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. Each year they seem to be getting harder and this year is no exception. Not content with making me run the Brighton Marathon a couple of years ago, they have chosen Herculean challenge of taking part in an Ultra Marathon in June, [Race to the King](#). This event entails me completing a 52-mile course along the stunning South Downs Way from Arundel to Winchester to the burial place of the first Kings of England.

The Ultra Marathon takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and my training is well underway. I can't believe that I am actually using the Brighton Marathon as well as the Run Gatwick Half Marathon as preparation for this event; the Sixth Form have a lot to answer for! That said, the way that the Sixth Form have led the fundraising campaign so far and the way that students across all year groups have become involved is a true inspiration. It reinforces to me just how special the students of St Wilfrid's are and how much they consider the plight of others; as such it makes me feel proud to take up this challenge to help them raise as much money for Crawley Open House and the Mark Lay Foundation as possible. I hope I'm still saying that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June!

As a show of support, both staff and students are taking part in Run Gatwick in May, completing either 5k or a half marathon.

There have been donation accounts set up for the Ultra Marathon and Run Gatwick in ParentPay if you would like to show your support and make a donation. Alternatively there is a dedicated fundraising page for Run Gatwick where the total will be split between the two charities. Please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MichaelFerry1> to donate for the Ultra Marathon or <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/StWilfridsRunGatwick> to donate for the staff and sixth form students taking part in RunGatwick.

Please help us raise money for these two worthy charities and help provide support to families living with cancer and make homeless history in Crawley.

Yours sincerely

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