

St Wilfrid's Catholic School

Summer Term 2019 Newsletter



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

This academic year has just flown by. Although it seems as if it has passed quickly, in true St Wilfrid's style, we have packed a lot in!

The energy and dynamism from the student body, together with fantastic staff support, has allowed the school community to thrive. Notable successes include our students being recognised nationally in the Young People's Award, winning the regional STEM competition in numerous categories and yet again, raising a staggering amount of money for our two adopted charities this year, Crawley Open House and The Mark Lay Foundation. You can read more about these and many more of our others successes inside.



As ever, the end of the Summer Term sees the departure of staff, notably:

Mrs Burbidge
Miss Girton
Mrs Lesova

Mr Burd
Miss Hardy
Mr Waterman

Mrs Dilley
Mrs Hardy

Mr Donaldson
Miss Laszlo

We thank them for all of their hard work and we wish them every success in the coming years. As we look towards September we give a warm welcome to our new staff:

Mrs Ahern Teaching Assistant
Miss E Kane Art Teacher
Mr M Sapwell PE Teacher

Mr J Letts
Mrs J Mortimer
Miss H Watson

Science Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Social Science Teacher

As a reminder, the school opens for students on Wednesday 4th September. Please ensure that your son/daughter's uniform and appearance is as it should be so that there are no issues at the start of the year. Please see the uniform guidance at <http://stwilfrids.com/school-uniform/> if you have any queries.

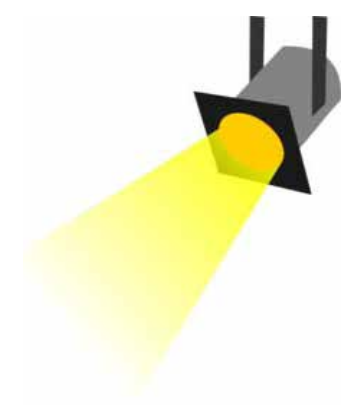
Once again, thank you for your continued support throughout the year, I hope you all have a happy and safe summer before returning for another year in which we will look to raise our standards and build on our successes once more.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferry
Headteacher

St Wilfrid's Spotlight

St Wilfrid's Day 2019



Our annual day of celebration and fundraising was held on Friday 28th June which saw us come together for our last burst of fundraising for our two chosen charities, Crawley Open House and The Mark Lay Foundation. We were blessed with another beautiful hot, sunny day and so we were able to hold our school mass, fundraising stalls and Talent Show all outside. This special day sees our school community come together to celebrate our Patron Saint, taking a day off timetable to celebrate his life and our mission as a Catholic School Community.

The day was truly exceptional from start to finish and this year we had fantastic support from our school community. We would like to say a huge thank you to The Currie family and Crawley Rugby Club for lending us their Tug of War rope and Rugby Try Out game, Mr Hammond who hired out an inflatable football game for the day along with St Peter's Catholic Primary School, The King family, Howes-Yarlett family, the Shackle family, the Moore family for loaning us their equipment which really helped raise money on the day!

The day was amazing and we started as we meant to go on, gathering together as a whole school for a Mass celebrated by Father Chris outside in the inner courtyard for what it had been designed for; an outdoor Mass. The space works really well and having it outdoors adds to the celebratory feel of the occasion.

Following the mass, staff and students headed out on to school field where there were a fantastic line up of stalls including the favourite Sponge the Teacher, Sumo Wrestling and the infamous Tombola as well as Festival Hair & Glitter, Apple Bobbing, Photo Booth and Treasure Lollipop to name but a few.

In the afternoon we had our hugely popular St Wilfrid's Got Talent which is run by our amazing Music Department and talented Tech Team. The show was hosted by Year 12 students Louisa Ankrah, Guilliane Gracieuse and Emanuele Jacques who introduced an outstanding array of acts which included rap performances, singers and dancers. Our judging panel this year were Mr Ferry, Mr Chris Oxlade from Crawley Open House, Mr Tom Lay from The Mark Lay Foundation, Mrs Levosa and one of our new Head Students, Maeve Mooney.

After a short break, Mr Ferry took to the stage to firstly thank everybody who was involved in organising St Wilfrid's Day with a special thanks to the students themselves. Next he announced the results of the Talent Show. In third place was the Year 9 student, James Rice who performed his own rap, in second place was Libbie Maccrossen who performed a stunning version of I Found A Boy by Adele and first place went to Year 9 Student Callum Edwards for his beautiful version of Supermarket Flowers by Ed Sheeran. It was then time for Mr Ferry to let students know how much they had raised during the day which was an amazing £3,114.58! This amount was added to our overall fundraising total which has seen our school community raise an amazing £17,820.28! Mr Ferry presented cheques to Chris Oxlade from Crawley Open House & Tom Lay from The Mark Lay Foundation for £8902 each.

Finally, it was time to announce the House Champions for 2019. This year it was incredibly close between four of the houses. Dominic House were named 2019 Champions, receiving the trophy which will soon have their name engraved on the House Cup. All Dominic students were rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park on Thursday 18th July 2019. It was another fantastic St Wilfrid's Day which saw the 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 total!



Race to the King By Mr Ferry

In the Autumn Term after being challenged by Sixth Form Student Leaders, I entered the "Race to the King"; a 53 mile Ultra-marathon along the stunning South Downs Way from Arundel to Winchester to the burial place of the first Kings of England. What could go wrong?

The training went well and despite my eldest daughter beating me in a half marathon just before Christmas, everything seemed to be going well until mid February when some niggling injuries just wouldn't go away.

Finally the day came and with some excitement "Wave B" set off at 0745am; only 53 miles to go! The atmosphere was great, with excellent organisation and the weather was warm and dry. As I crossed the start line my aim was to finish by 10.00pm, Oh how wrong I was!

By around 37-38 miles my knee was starting to seize up which meant that the last 15-16 miles would have to be walked. As daylight faded my projected finish time was being put back further and further until the last check point; a mere 7 miles or "2.3 park runs" from the finish, when I estimated between a 2.00-3.00am finish.

So at around 02:50am, some 19 hours, 3 minutes and 26 seconds after I started, I crossed the finish line, much to the relief of my wife and eldest daughter.

The exhilaration I felt as I crossed the line is hard to describe. It was probably the hardest physical event I've done in one day but I absolutely loved it. The positive comments, "likes" and "re-tweets" both before and during the event really helped me make it through the dark hours of Saturday night and Sunday morning and I look back with huge satisfaction and a strong sense of achievement. I cannot thank people enough for their support and donations; I had hoped to raise £500 but in the end the final total was just under £2,500! Thank you to everyone, I couldn't have done it without you and as for next year.....



Mrs Wendy Sykes, Manager at The Friary Pre-School

We have recently learned that Wendy has been diagnosed with Pleural Mesothelioma, an asbestos related cancer of the lung. Wendy would have worked with many of our students and their families, many of whom have gone on to experience happy and fulfilled lives.

Wendy has undergone several stages of chemotherapy, but unfortunately it hasn't been successful. Without specialist treatment Wendy has only been given a year to live and her family have set up a crowd-funding page on Just Giving to raise funds for private treatment with a proven success rate. If you would like to donate to this page, please visit it at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/saving-wendy>.

We are keeping Wendy in our thoughts and prayers in the earnest hope that her treatment will have the desired impact.

Our Sixth Form News



It has been another incredible year for the 6th form here at St Wilfrid's.

Year 13 have shown such a dedication to their studies and have worked tirelessly in the lead up to and throughout the exam period. 100% of our students who have applied to university have received offers, many of which are unconditional. In addition to the university offers some of our students have been able to secure some incredible apprenticeship opportunities with two students moving on to apprenticeships with Thales and another securing one with Virgin. We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 13's who have put such thought and hard work in to securing their desired next steps.

Year 12 have had an excellent year and have been incredibly committed to both their subjects and their future paths. They have researched career options, organised work shadowing and attended careers clinics. They have also been involved in apprenticeship workshops and have attended many university programs with many students gaining special awards for their work on the Villiers Park Scholars scheme, Sussex Study Experience and Realising Opportunities. We have also had lots of Year 12 students signing up to summer schools with universities and these experiences will only enhance the applications they will make throughout Year 13. Their tutors and the 6th Form team are really impressed with the high standard of their personal statements.



Academic studies are a large part of 6th Form life but there's a lot more to their time here! This year, students have done a fantastic fundraising job which has included a Macmillan coffee morning which raised over £600, organised a Sleep Out involving well over 125 students and some very cold, tired but upbeat members of staff, all in aid of supporting our school's chosen charities; Crawley Open House and The Mark Lay Foundation. They have organised a valentine's day message service helping Mr Ferry play cupid and deliver students messages of love and support to each other across the school. Some students have also volunteered on a weekly basis at St Francis of Assisi and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary Schools, Crawley Open House and many local charity shops. A large group of year 12 students have also supported the schools drive to raise literacy standards across the school by acting as reading mentors for a large number of Year 7 students. They have been incredible ambassadors for the school and have definitely earned their summer break! We also ran an incredibly competitive student leadership team application process and at St Wilfrid's day were proud to unveil an incredibly proactive and committed team of 20 student leaders who will be looking to make a big impact on the school in the 2019-20 academic year.

On behalf of all the 6th Form team, I wish all our students a very happy summer holiday.

Ross Gardener
Director of 6th Form

Introducing our New Student Leadership Team

This year we had an overwhelming number of applicants for roles in the Student Leadership Team. Over 20 students applied and went on to present an assembly to their peers on how they would contribute to life at St Wilfrid's School.

Students and staff were then given the opportunity to comment on applicants' presentations and contributions to St Wilfrid's before the candidates were short-listed for a panel interview. The panel consisted of Mr Ferry, Mrs Lesova, Director of Sixth Form and Mr Gardener, Assistant Director of Sixth Form. The questions were tough but all candidates performed well at interview and hugely impressed the panel.



Congratulations to our new Head Students: Jasper Hawkes, Maeve Mooney and Chinazo Okeke with further congratulations to our Student Leadership Team: Shriya Chudasama, Orla Gledhill, Carmen Goddard, Katie Hind, Rachel Hobbs, Charlotte Hunt, Emily King, Natalie Mitura, Molly Matthews, Rory Nash, Rushil Patel, Steffi Perrine, Helena Quinn, Grace Reilly, Dominic Smith and Alex Thorogood.

Introducing our new Head Students

"Becoming Head Student is something that I have always dreamed I would be able to do, and I definitely feel that this was only made possible through St Wilfrid's and the community we have here. The academic support, the opportunities for volunteering and the vast number of skills that I have learnt here are the key reasons why I feel I was able to go on to be Head Student. I hope, as Head Student, to see these qualities of our school continue to grow. I would like to be a person that all students can come to and discuss any worries and/or triumphs that they have. I hope to encourage ideas that will benefit our whole school community, helping to spread our school ethos, especially education of the whole person and striving for excellence in everything that we do. One of my other key priorities as Head Student will be to ensure that everyone feels a part of the family we have here. I am very excited to work with the student leadership team in order to develop ideas to enable this further."



Jasper Hawkes

"Representing the voice of the entire student body at St Wilfrid's is something in which I feel privileged to be a part of. I am very proud and honoured to have been selected as Head Student for this academic year. I see this as a chance to give back to the school community I have loved being a part of since Year 7. At present, and throughout my six years at St Wilfrid's, I have been fully involved in the sporting curriculum, as well as performing arts within school, whether that be through annual productions, athletic events or supporting the younger students with their GCSE dance pieces. I am determined to get more students across all year groups to engage in the sporting activities that our school provides for them. To fulfil this I will offer motivation and support to younger students to get involved in all activities and sporting games, whilst acting as a role model for them also. I admire the way St Wilfrid's values the equality and uniqueness of each student; within studies and performances. My time at St Wilfrid's has been wonderful and the memories I have made are irreplaceable. I am looking forward to working with the current student leadership team and to represent our school as Head Student, ensuring everyone maximises their potential in all aspects of school life."



Maeve Mooney

"I never imagined that I would get the privilege of becoming a Head Student. This school has not only allowed me to progress and achieve my full academic potential but also made me feel welcome from the very first day; both of which I did not experience as much in my other schools. I feel that I have a duty to give something back to the school as a thank you for everything that I was given the chance to achieve. I want to ensure that other students also realise that they attend a school where anything is possible for them. Not many schools possess the ethos or the high standard of morale of St Wilfrid's and a lot of that is down to the role models of the school. Sixth formers are there to set an example to the students, but a Head Student is there to not only set an example but also to encourage others to follow that. In the famous words of John F. Kennedy: "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." Leadership isn't about being the best, but rather it is about humbling yourself to help others be the best that they can be, and I as I undertake this challenging role, that is exactly what I would like to do. I would like to help younger students in the school to make the most of their talents here at St Wilfrid's, whether that is in their academic work or in extracurricular activities such as sport, art and performing arts. St Wilfrid's isn't just a passive building where people come and go, it is a whole community which has become for me almost like a second family, where the support from staff and students alike is never lacking. I want everyone to be able to share in the success and happiness that St Wilfrid's brings to everyone who enters."



Chinazo Okeke

Science News by Mr Donaldson



Another busy summer term for the Science Department. On top of all the hard work preparing students for examinations we have also been experiencing more opportunities to learn about STEM outside of the school. On 24th June sixteen Year 12 girls attended an engineering event at THALES coinciding with the International Day of Women in Engineering. They had to design a safety pod for a robot in a drop test. All groups successfully managed to keep their robots intact when dropped from a second floor balcony. They also got the chance to meet and present their work to female engineering degree apprentices. We are very keen to challenge gender stereotyping in the workplace and this opportunity opened a few eyes to the exciting careers that are available on our doorstep.



The Big Bang Fair

On 26th June we attended The Big Bang fair alongside 9,000 other students from the South East region. 100 Year 7, 8 and 9 students had the chance to try hands on activities and speak to universities and local firms such as Edwards, Gatwick Airport and GSK. We also had a record 5 teams competing in the Big Bang competition with the chance to qualify for the national finals at the NEC Birmingham in March 2020. I am so proud of these teams just for putting their projects forward and being judged by experts in their chosen fields. The results were as follows:



Team Name	Competitors	Year Group	Prize
Plastic Pilots	Shriya Chudasama Chinazo Okeke	Year 12	South East Senior Scientists of the Year
M.I.R.A	Rory Nash Aaron Erickson Rushil Patel	Year 12	South East Senior Engineers of the Year - Runners-up
Simply Solar	Katelan Carter	Year 10	Environmental Award
LitPro	Nyah Hawkes James Rice	Year 9	Data Analysts of the Year

A huge special mention goes to our first ever Year 7 competitors Amanda De Andrade Colaco and Ohm Patel. They investigated the effect of different games (varying age ranges) on heart rate. They were up against teams from 40 other schools and their age category includes years 8 and 9. They were so enthusiastic, learning so much from our year 12s.



Nyah stated, "Our project involved a vast amount of data which was difficult to process. I was extremely nervous before presenting but the judges were engaged and interested. By the time we came to present for the third time we were confident in our data and how to deliver a clear message. The Big Bang competition has given me experience in being judged, just like an interview situation and has informed me of possible career options in the future."



Shriya added, "The Big Bang Competition has introduced me to industry experts in many different STEM fields offering the opportunity to discuss my future which feels new and exciting because some of these careers I did not think I could be involved in."

Rushil commented, "STEM and the Big Bang competition has literally been life-changing for me. A few years ago I had no idea of how to address or speak with people I did not know. Fast forward a few months, after some hard work as a team, we are confident communicators working alongside engineers; we had an all-expenses paid trip to Paris to attend Viva Technology but most importantly creating friends and memories for life."





All the teams were invited for cookies at breaktime with Mr Ferry where he congratulated them all, telling them how proud he was of them and their fantastic achievements and what great role models they were not only to their peers.

Our recent Immersion Day saw 44 year 7 students take part in an animal adaptation challenge at Chessington World of Adventures. Lots of sun cream and water bottles were needed as we had a beautiful day to take in all that this theme park has to offer.



On a personal note, I was invited to address Headteachers and industry sponsors at the STEM Sussex launch event about the impact that the event has had on our school. Apart from the ever-improving exam results, the biggest aspect has been the number of students choosing science A levels. In 2013 when I started at St Wilfrid's there were 21 students doing the three A level subjects. Last Thursday's year 12 induction day saw 90 students attend the sessions. This is a 328% increase. I would like to thank every single person that has been involved with science over the last 6 years. Without doubt the best school I have ever been involved with and I wish everyone all the very best for the future.



Villiers Park

Another great year on the Villiers Park Scholar's programme has come to an end. As the Learning Mentors, we're proud and sad in equal measure to see our Year 13 Scholars move on to the next stage.

Highlights of the year:

- Year 10: A huge congratulations to Pavni for winning the Scholar of the Year award. All the Year 10 scholars undertook research projects focusing on climate change with themes such as the effects of the meat industry on the environment, raising awareness via social media and combatting plastic pollution.
- Year 11: Of the whole Year 11 cohort across 5 schools, Brad was the runner up for the Mike Baker Scholar of the Year award which is the highest accolade we give out. A huge congratulations to him, well done!
- Year 12: Scholars made a great start on their personal statements and have considered lots of different routes post A-level. We've been exploring qualifications needed for certain careers and had a fantastic time visiting Royal Holloway University.
- Year 13: Incredibly, two of our Year 13 scholars have gained places on a Thales degree level apprenticeship; a really interesting alternative to a traditional university degree. Congratulations to Zereh and Brandon, we wish you all the best.



Thanks to everyone at St Wilfrid's who have supported us over the last year. A huge thank you and farewell to Mrs Lesova for the constant encouragement and enthusiasm over the past few years; you will be missed by all.

Chaplaincy

Summer term ends with a liturgy based on the theme "Church", inspired by St Paul's letter to the Colossians "the Church is His body". A story which seems a rather fitting as we gather together to end our year in prayer. During the liturgy we will reflect on this idea of gathering as a Church and the power of being united with common purpose.



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 9am 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; 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; our patronal feast day Mass on St Wilfrid's Day; a welcome Mass for our new intake and a "Teaching Mass" for our year 9s, at this type of Mass there is a narration throughout, helping to unpack what is going on at various points. Special thanks to all who dedicate their time to our Masses, from our Altar servers (William Berry, Nyah Hawkes, Jasper Hawkes and Chinazo Okeke) to our readers (too many to name!) to our Eucharistic Ministers in particular Chinazo Okeke and Mrs Baldwin for their weekly dedication to this service and last but not least, to our Chapel choir, supported by Ms Lock and 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.

Liturgies: Year 11 Celebration Liturgy: 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. The Year 11's really did themselves proud by getting involved in the live music and readings that helped develop the theme of the liturgy, "Peace Be With You", and this was fully embraced by all, creating a wonderful, peace filled experience and a beautiful "Peace Tree" covered in positive messages for one another. This Tree remained in the Chapel throughout their examination period so that they could pop in and be reminded of this theme any time they needed some peace!

Year 9 Community Retreat Day: This term we have had the opportunity to have the whole of Year 9 off timetable for a day in July that was full of fun, friendship and faith. The theme was "Looking Deeper" and the day started with a "Teaching Mass" then the theme was explored through a variety of activities including team building, mediation, prayer and relaxation. The year 9's were absolutely great in their behaviour and attitude to the day and this made it a great success and a fitting way to mark the end of their Key Stage 3 journey. 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 them better on an individual basis. They really are wonderful young people and I am very lucky to get to work with them.

Ten:Ten Theatre Company: We were very lucky to have been able to book Ten:Ten again this year. Since 2007, Ten:Ten Theatre have developed a unique programme in values-based Relationship Education for secondary schools. The programme tackles some of the most pertinent issues facing young people today offering a fresh, contemporary perspective which are inspired by the company's Christian ethos of "living life to the full" and rooted in the experience of the participants. The five-year programme approaches issues such as the internet, friendship, sex, alcohol, marriage and family life whilst at the same time providing young people with a vision which is both counter-cultural and life-affirming. Year 8, 9 & 10 students were able to watch interactive dramas targeted specifically to their age group. They have also had the opportunity, other with the theatre company and in follow up RE lessons to discuss the issues raised.

One World Group: This group provides a fantastic forum for all those concerned with climate change, Fairtrade and issues of social injustice such as Homelessness and the plight of refugees. A Huge thanks to all students who have been involved from dropping in just once or taking part in one activity to committing to regular planning meetings. A huge focus of this year has been our new "One World Garden" project and the efforts of this group have been recognised on a national level, please see more about this in the "Celebrating Young Peoples Awards" section of this newsletter.

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 do not 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 launched a new peer support group for student who would like to improve their self-esteem and confidence levels. The group will be called Boost. Again, if you would like more information about this group please do not 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.



Year 12 Community Day: In addition to our enrichment activities for Year 12 students, we held a Community Day for them on Friday 12th 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 Sixth 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 five of our students, Katelan Carter, Anneka Dodd, Catherine Duggan-Jakes, Nyah Hawkes and Lewis Maunder, went to the diocesan celebration of education as our representatives. They joined student from other schools to provide the music for this special occasion at Worth Abbey.



Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral: Bishop Richard led a Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on the 26th June. Groups of pilgrims from schools all over our diocese attended and followed a special pilgrim's walk around Arundel, stopping at prayer stations along the way and eventually arriving at the cathedral for a Pilgrims Mass. Many thanks to Harvey Cosh, Tom Ahern, Andriy Melnyk, Adam Malyska, Jerry Kalapurackal, Summer Elkington and Mrs Baldwin for providing great company along the pilgrimage and for representing our school so well throughout the day



Shine: A group of our year 10s joined in with this brand new initiative hosted by Worth School. This student faith gathering offers students an opportunity to connect with each other, to be formed in their faith, and empowered for leadership and service. I was so proud of the way our students conducted themselves at this event and I hope that they feel equip with tools that will allow them to see and experience their faith in new ways. Thank you to Will Berry, Ben O'Brien, Charlie Jones, Vinesh Jacques, Thomas Molloy and Rodrigo Goncalves for being "shining" examples at this event and to Mrs Keynes for assisting with the day.

Confirmation: It has been a great pleasure to attend the confirmation Masses of so many of our young people within the Crawley Deanery. Please keep listening out in September for our Post Confirmation Group activities.



Chaplaincy cont'd

Lourdes Pilgrimage: This year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will depart on July 26th. 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. We wish Anneka Dodd, Natalia Sikorska, Sebastian Lolo, Thomas Molloy, Lewis Glasscock, Jessica Bhatti, Mrs Kerr and Mr Kirwan a fulfilling pilgrimage. We look forward to hearing about their time and sharing in the graces that they will bring back into our school community.

National Events:

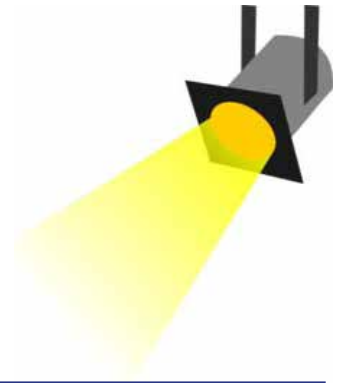
Celebrating Young Peoples Awards: The Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place. Hosted by Cardinal Nichols, the awardees were drawn from throughout England, Scotland and Wales and reflect achievements in every area of social action. We were delighted (and very excited!!) when our "One World Group" made it to the shortlist and took part in the glittering red carpet awards ceremony in London earlier this month. Even more exciting was that they won "High Commended" Barbara Ward Award. To be part of this evening was such a privilege and inspiration. The examples set by our students and the other young people have the ability to reach out to those who maybe don't come to Church, those who Pope Francis talks of being on "the margins". So a huge well done to everyone who has taken part in any "One World Group" activity over the year from supporting our Fairtrade stall, collecting for Crawley Open House, running primary school workshops on refugees, to being involved in the Gardening Project. Particular thanks goes to Nicole Rudge, Nyah Hawkes and Anneka Dodd for attending the ceremony and receiving the award on behalf of all those involved.



The Time is Now Campaign: On 26 June, students from St Wilfrid's joined over 12,000 other campaigners from across the UK outside parliament to call on MPs, including Crawley MP Henry Smith, to urgently act on climate change. In the largest-ever environmental lobby of parliament over 300 MPs came out to meet with their constituents – who urged their MPs to pass ambitious new laws that cut plastic waste, improve air quality and help stop the UK's contribution to climate change by 2045. "I'm really glad I went to the Climate Lobby," said Natalia Mitura. "It helped me to see how important it is that we take action now, rather than in 20 years' time." During their meeting with Mr Smith, the students spoke about how the Government should invest in tackling the climate emergency, including introducing regulations to phase out fossil fuels to ensure 'net zero' was implemented before 2050. They asked pressing and important questions with maturity and passion and really impressed other campaigners and Mr Smith himself. Natalia continued: "We should also continue to put pressure on our politicians to act. I would definitely encourage everyone to get involved in any further action." CAFOD's director, Christine Allen, added: "Humanity still has the ability to work together for our common home – and today we joined with 12,000 others for the good of our shared family and world.



Sports Spotlight: Kickboxing



Year 9 student Shannon Goding and Year 10 student Madison Ingold-Savage have had an amazing year in their chosen sport of Kickboxing, competing and gaining medals in lots of competitions this year.

They both are members of Crawley Blackbelt Academy which is based in K2 and Crawley and train three times a week and have also helping to train the younger students in the club to develop their fighting skills.

Shannon comments, "This year we have competed in and travelled to multiple big competitions including the Irish Open Championships, European Championships, Cimac World Cup, Scottish Open Championships and Southern Open Championship. In addition to this we have been lucky enough to win medals at these events. It is such an amazing sport and I couldn't imagine not doing it. Although training for it is hard it is worth it because I enjoy it so much. It has taught me so many great skills like discipline, leadership and determination. It teaches you to be resilient and to keep striving to get to the top. I wouldn't be able to do any of this without my coach, Matt Broadbent, and my club, Crawley Black Belt Academy who I've been with since such a young age."

Madison won silver in the Scottish Open WAKO competition on Sunday 26 May. On June 23 both the girls attended the Southern Open Kickboxing Championship with Shannon being crowned Southern Open Girls Champion after winning 2 Golds, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze! Madison also won 2 Silvers!

Madison and Shannon's coach, Matt Broadbent added, "The girls have been progressing exceptionally well in the past few months with some good results at big competitions. I am very hopeful for what the future holds for both of them. I am also excited to see how Shannon gets on representing England at this year's WMO World Championships."

We wish both the girls the best of luck in their competitions this summer and especially to Shannon for the forthcoming WMO World Championships.



Celebration Breakfast

Our termly celebration breakfast was held on Thursday 11th July where we celebrate 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 submitted from all the teaching staff at St Wilfrid's. As ever, the nominations for this term's high achievers were astounding, with over 125 students being nominated and 50 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 have excelled in their personal best in some way. This could include extra effort in school work, outstanding attitude to learning, impeccable presentation, representing the school, attending extra curricular clubs, sporting achievement or any other form of hard work and self discipline that makes them a good role model for their peers.



Sports News

Sports Day 2019

Sports Day 2019 started in beautiful sunshine with 600 students making their way to K2 athletics track to spend the day competing for their houses to run, jump and throw their way to glory. Despite bursts of rainfall, students competed in an excellent manner whether in sunshine or showers. This is the best day of the year (the PE department may be biased) but it really shows the spirit of the community we are a part of. The events and logistics were managed well by our staff and sixth form, to allow the students to compete to their best.



Year 8 student, Bradley De Jesus was the stand out performer with a 9.78m shot putt, 5.08 long jump and 12.1secs 100m as well as anchoring the relay teams. Year 10 student, Christian Given gave an excellent all round performance with a 12.2secs 100m, 2m 30 800m, 1.65m high jump and showing excellent relay baton changeover skills. All students at Key Stage 3 are scored on the same scale, which puts Elise Mann's achievements to the fore in Year 7.



Again the scores were close amongst the year groups with Francis beating Catherine by 4 points in Year 7. In Year 8 it was even closer with Catherine 2 points better off than Augustine and Francis just 10 points off the winner. Benedict in Year 9 overcame Augustine but the closeness of all three year groups is a credit to the participation of the houses. Catherine in Year 10 were outstanding and based on participation levels, won the shield.



As a result of Year 10's superior points difference, this meant that Catherine were resounding winners.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Elise Mann	28 points	Bradley De Jesus	41 points	Joshua Horn	35 points
Analise Woodhead	25 points	Daphne Casimiro	32 points	Roman Currie	35 Points
Ellie Roper	24 points	Brandon Holmes	29 points	Sean Ahern	32 points
Katie Guntrip	23 points	Hailie Rose	29 points	Dylan Waring	30 points
Yshwa Jules	23 points	Amaia Lopez-Vicente	26 points	Elliot Intarmah	30 points
				Samuel Jacques	30 points

There were some outstanding Year 10 performances from some of the following athletes:

Christian Given :	100m, 800m, High Jump and Relay	Dylan Tierney	100m and Javelin
Ben O'Brien	100m, 200m and Long Jump	Kenan Jacques:	100m, 200m and Relay
Sebastian Lolo:	Shot Putt	Gracie Exler	100m and 200m



**Sports Day Champions 2019
Catherine House**

Town Sports Day

Our athletics teams took part in the Town Sports Athletics Event on Tuesday 2nd July and what a performance they put on in finishing 3rd out of the 7 Crawley schools. We were fantastic all day as so many of our students did their very best in representing themselves and the school at the main athletics event of the year. Records were broken by Analise in 200m and hurdles, Bradley in the triple jump and 100m, Kyle and Roman in the 300m and Daniel in the 1500m. On top of these, we also saw a new 4x300m record set by Bradley, Ethan, Nick and Daniel. A particular mention with Bradley breaking the AREA record in the 100m with 11.6 seconds. Notable first positions went to Elise in the discus, Josh in the shot putt, Bradley also winning the long jump, triple and 100m, the junior boys won the 4x100m and Ashley winning the boys hammer.

Individually, the junior girls team finished Joint 3rd, the inter girls finished 4th. The boys finished 3rd in the junior boys and 2nd in the inter boys!

Overall results:	Junior Boys: 3rd	Inter Boys: 2nd
	Junior Girls: = 3rd	Inter Girls: 4th

Cricket

This summer term St Wilfrid's cricket teams have been busy with cricket training / fixtures. The season has been successful with our students continuing to develop. Our Under 13's have continued to develop this year. Cerys Pegley continues to represent Sussex and performed to a high standard throughout each fixture. Our Year 7 students Aayan Vahora, Finley Brent, Harjoyt Singh and Ohm Patel have developed their skills and have finished the season very strong. The more inexperienced players have been able to learn from these students and have progressed significantly game by game. The students finished their season with two victories against ICC and Holy Trinity.



Our Under 15's have also continued to develop this season. There has been a number of strong individual performances, particularly from Azim Vahora, Kush Patel and Serel Simiyon Raj. The Under 15's recently beat Holy Trinity in a league fixture where they bowled and fielded very well.

Dance

Dance clubs have continued this term and culminated in an amazing performance at the Performing Arts Evening on Thursday 27 June with a theme of 'The Wiz', which saw over 40 students from Years 7 to 9 complete a fantastical themed piece choreographed by Year 12 students Carmen Goddard, Orla Gledhill, Alex Thorogood and Grace Reilly.



The Year 10 GCSE dancers also stepped up to the performance stage and performed a hip-hop version of one of our professional works, Emancipation of Expressionism. This was the first time we had experimented with a group hip-hop piece and it went down a storm!

We finished off our Summer Term with a wonderful visit to LABAN, the professional conservatoire, for our Year 9 dancers who have chosen dance at GCSE. Our A Level dancers who are auditioning for performing arts and dance schools also accompanied us to look at the Bachelor of Arts in progress. The day was awe inspiring and the dancers danced their socks off! The dance department are looking forward to starting the production choreography's, more dance show preparation and seeing the GCSE dancers lead their choreography's when we return.

Important Information

Contact Details

Please could you make sure you update the Reception Office with any change of address, new telephone numbers or email addresses as soon as possible to ensure we always have a method of contacting you.

School Uniform

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

Attendance

At St Wilfrid's, attendance really does matter! Our students value their school and enjoy coming here. The results of this can be seen in our ever increasing improvement in attendance. Please could you make sure that you contact school on the first day of your son or daughter's absence or if they are going to be late due to a medical appointment by calling 01293 421421 and then press 1 for students in Y7-11 or 2 for 6th form, leaving the name of your child, tutor group and reason for absence before 9.00am where possible. You can also email absence@stwilfrids.com. **Please do not email individual staff members regarding your child's absence.**

School Policies

Our School Policies are available to download from the school website at <http://stwilfrids.com/policies/> or by request from the Clerk to Governors, Mrs James-Bailey at: 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 if you have any questions regarding this or require a reminder of your ParentPay login details. If you aren't able to pay online, St Wilfrid's now accept PayPoint payments. By making PayPoint payments you can still pay in cash but there is no need for your child to carry money into school, creating a completely cashless school. You can make PayPoint payments for school by visiting any store displaying the yellow and purple PayPoint sign. To find out where you can pay click on the store locator and enter your full post code to receive a list of your nearest stores.

Important Dates.....

Thurs 15 August 2019	A Level Results Day
Thurs 22 August 2019	GCSE Results Day/Year 12 Enrolment
Mon 2 September 2019	INSET DAY School Closed
Tues 3 September 2019	INSET DAY School Closed
Weds 4 September 2019	Autumn Term Commences
Thurs 5 September 2019	Year 13 commence
Weds 11 September 2019	School Photographs
Thurs 12 September 2019	Y10 Information Evening 6.00-7.00pm
	Y11 Information Evening 7.30-8.30pm
Thurs 19 September 2019	Y9 Information Evening 6.00-7.00pm
	Y12 Information Evening 7.30-8.30pm
Thurs 3 October 2019	Open Evening 6.30-8.00pm
Thurs 17 October 2019	Year 7 Tutor Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Mon 21-Sat 26 October 2019	Salamanca Trip
Mon 28-Fri 1 November 2019	Half Term
Thurs 7 November 2019	Year 10 Parents Evening 5.00-8.00pm
Thurs 14 November 2019	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Thurs 21 November 2019	Year 12 Parents Evening 5.00-8.00pm
Weds 18 December 2019	Certificate Evening 5.30-6.30pm
	Christmas Liturgy 6.30pm
Thurs 19 December 2019	Last Day of Autumn Term
Friday 20 December 2019	INSET DAY School Closed

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 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>

