



**St Wilfrid's Catholic School
Crawley, West Sussex**

**SCIENCE TEACHER
TMS/UPS
(plus Crawley Fringe Allowance of £1038 pa)
September 2018**

Do you want to join a Science Department in a flagship school, where a love of Science is nurtured and where students make outstanding progress? If so, an exciting opportunity has arisen to appoint a teacher of Science at this "Outstanding" Catholic School (Section 48 Inspection Oct 2017) where a "holistic approach to excellence" was recognised by Ofsted (January 2018).

If you want to work in a school "where every member of the school community is valued and is treated with dignity and respect" and where everyone (students and staff) is supported to be the best they can be, then this is the school for you. Please click on this link to get a flavour of St Wilfrid's: <https://youtu.be/gYoj4Zfsa4E>

As you will see from the link, we have great facilities, great staff and above all, great students!

This is a school that wants to be the very best it can be. Do you want to be part of that? This post would suit a NQT or an experienced teacher who wants to join a school where there may be future opportunities for career progression. You do not need to be a Catholic to work here, indeed many of our staff are not, but a willingness to embrace the ethos of the school is expected.

The strength of community at St Wilfrid's is a strong one based upon mutual respect. The staff work incredibly hard and are prepared to go the extra mile for the students in their charge. Our students are amazing and they contribute enormously to making the school such a welcoming and productive place. All potential applicants are invited and encouraged to arrange a visit – we firmly believe you won't be disappointed.

Application by form downloadable from our website <http://stwilfrids.com/vacancies/> to include a maximum of 2 pages of supporting statement contained within the form.

Closing Date: Thursday 15 March 2018

Any successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check at an Enhanced level.

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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and West Sussex County Council

March 2018

Dear Candidate

Thank you for showing an interest in this post. In helping you to decide if St Wilfrid's is the right school for you, here are some thoughts:

St Wilfrid's has an extremely strong reputation in the community and as such, we are heavily oversubscribed with waiting lists in all year groups. We are a 5-form entry Catholic School with 761 students in Year 7-11 and 196 students in our Sixth Form.

The students love their school and staff love working here. In our recent Section 48 inspection, where we were rated "Outstanding", the inspectors commented, "in every interview the word "community" was one of the defining characteristics of St Wilfrid's". The quotes below are from staff members who have recently joined us:

"As an NQT, I have been able to access support from staff not just in my department but from all around the school. The staff at St Wilfrid's all share a passion within their subject areas that promotes student progress as well as providing opportunities for students to engage in educational experiences. St Wilfrid's Catholic school is a brilliant school to be a part of. All students and staff are very friendly and there is a consistent positive atmosphere around school."

R Waterman (PE)

"St Wilfrid's is an excellent place to work. Ever since I started in September, the support I have received has been brilliant. The staff are all extremely friendly, and are more than happy to give help and advice. There is an extremely positive atmosphere around the school that comes from both staff and students alike. The strong sense of community at St Wilfrid's promotes a sense of pride about the school and everyone associated works hard to provide the best possible opportunities to achieve."

M Sapwell

(Science)

"I have only been at St Wilfrid's a short time and I cannot believe how quickly I have settled into school life. The staff have been very welcoming and I have been exceptionally lucky with a young, innovative and supportive department who having a strong ethos of sharing resources. St Wilfrid's has a great community feel which students and staff are enthusiastic to be a part off."

J Redmayne (Maths)

Students at St Wilfrid's make "above average" progress and our reputation for this is countywide. We are determined to do even better.

If you are someone who wishes to work in a community which is inclusive and where every member is treated with dignity and respect then St Wilfrid's is the place for you.

I would encourage you to come and visit the school but if you are unable to then please visit our website www.stwilfrids.com. If you require any further information, please contact the Head's PA, Sarah Gildea at s.gildea@stwilfrids.com.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferry
Headteacher

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Science Department



Our Science Department is lively, friendly and hardworking leading to excellent results. In 2017, 74% of Year 11 students achieve A*-C grades in two GCSE Science qualifications, with 84% of students achieving A*-C in Additional Science; an achievement which places the department in the top 4% nationally for progress.

St Wilfrid's use an enquiry based approach to the subject that, in addition to fuelling a passion to understanding scientific phenomena, encourages students to think for themselves, to ask questions, to form their own conclusions and evaluate evidence presented to them. There is also a strong support team of three technicians. There are six laboratories; all have interactive white boards and excellent facilities for practical Science.

Key Stage 3

Our theme based Science course aims to provide the foundations for understanding the world through the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students are taught the essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, students are encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They are encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes. The themes are:

- Year 7: Being a Scientist, Pyrotechnics, Science and Sport, By the Seaside.
- Year 8: Space Traveller, Elementary my Dear, Feed the World, Out of this World, Staying Alive.
- Year 9: Modern Living, The Reactivity League.

Key Stage 4

GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy is taught in Years 9, 10 and 11. We follow the AQA specification. This is a double award course that covers different topics from Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students also complete 21 required practicals that may be examined in the terminal examinations. Students are assessed as follows:

6 x terminal examinations – 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics. The marks are collated and an award given ranging from 1/1 to 9/9.

Key Stage 5

At A Level, the following specifications are taught:

- Biology AQA
- Chemistry AQA
- Physics OCR

Person Specification

- Be able to teach full range of Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.
- May also be expected to teach their specialism at A Level. An ability/willingness to teach your science specialism to A Level would be an advantage although not essential.

Please return completed application to: recruitment@stwilfrids.com by 9.00am Thursday 15 March 2018.

St Wilfrid's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.