

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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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 6-form entry Catholic School but we increased in size to 7 forms of entry in September 2023 for Year 7 as a bulge class to help West Sussex with the demand for places. Our VI Form is incredibly popular and continues to grow in size. This is a great measure of our success.

The students love their school and staff love working here. In our most 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". In December 2021 a Diocesan monitoring visit reinforced these high standards, the report can be found [here](#). The quotes below are from staff members:

*"I started my career here at St Wilfrid's and it was the best decision I have made. The school has a strong community from the staff and students. When I leave the building at the end of the day, I only look forward to the next day. Working here St Wilfrid's offers you opportunity to develop your academic pedagogy but also to develop you as a person. It has allowed me to progress in my career, joining as a trainee to now having whole school responsibility. I can simply say, I am very honoured to be working for St Wilfrid's Catholic School."*

**Ryan Calver, Business Studies Teacher & Leader of Opportunities**

*"Working at St Wilfrid's Catholic School is a truly rewarding experience. The staff here foster a supportive community creating an atmosphere where you feel valued and respected. Resources and ideas are shared for continued professional development and encouragement to enhance our journey and ability as teachers. The St Wilfrid's community extends beyond the professional realms and together we work to empower students not only academically but also morally and spiritually. The mission of this school is felt in every aspect of school life and creates a sense of unity and collective purpose that makes it a joy to work here. You really feel supported and able to contribute to the development of the students. I genuinely feel so grateful to work here and to wake up every day excited to go work."*

**Sophie Patience, ECT History Teacher & House Leader**

*"The community spirit and energy around St Wilfrid's is infectious. There is an incomparable buzz around the school! Students are incredible to work with and have a real zest for learning and all staff are approachable and supportive. Having worked here for 3 years, I have been encouraged to take on new opportunities and have had support and guidance in progressing in my career. I am very proud to be part of such a fantastic community of people and would highly recommend it as a workplace!"*

**Emily Zeidler, Deputy SL For MFL & House Leader**

Students at St Wilfrid's make "above average" progress overall 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.

If you require any further information, please contact my PA, Sarah Minnis at [s.minnis@stwilfrids.com](mailto:s.minnis@stwilfrids.com). I would be delighted to show you around should you wish to visit.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferry  
Headteacher