St Wilfrid's Catholic School
Crawley, West Sussex

TEACHER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
(plus Crawley Fringe Allowance of £1038 pa)
September 2021

An exciting opportunity has become available to teach Social Sciences in a vibrant and improving setting at this "Outstanding" Catholic School (Section 48 Inspection Oct 2017). Are you a dynamic and enthusiastic teacher of Psychology/Sociology? A willingness/ability to teach a second subject, preferably Science/PE, would be desirable although other subjects could be considered. The key thing is that we are looking to employ an excellent Social Science teacher who is adaptable.

St Wilfrid's is growing in size, from 5 forms of entry (FE) to 6. We have also introduced Psychology into the GCSE curriculum for September 2021. As the school grows in size and as Psychology becomes embedded at Keystage 4, the need to teach a "second subject" will diminish. This appointment may also allow us to introduce Sociology at GCSE in the future.

This is a great school, one where everyone is valued and supported to be the best they can be (both students and staff). Please click on this link to get a flavour of St Wilfrid's: https://youtu.be/rak_vR7U2Tc.

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 be ideal for an NQT, or for anyone who wants to join a school where there may be future opportunities for progression. A TLR may be available for the right candidate. 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. Our most recent Section 48 Diocesan Report (October 2017) and our Ofsted Report (January 2018) certainly reinforce this aspect of school life. All potential applicants are invited and encouraged to arrange a visit – we firmly believe you won't be disappointed.

Please apply via the Application Form which is downloadable from the Recruitment section of our website. Please include a supporting statement which would be a maximum of 2 pages contained within the form.

Closing Date: **0900hrs Friday 14th May 2021**
Interviews: **W/c 17th May 2021**

St Wilfrid's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check at an Enhanced level.





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April 2021

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 traditionally a 5-form entry Catholic School with 788 students in Year 7-11 and 182 students in our Sixth Form. In September 2020 we took 6 form groups into Year 7 and this will continue for September 2021 and beyond.

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". The quotes below are from staff members who have recently joined us:

"As soon as I arrived for my interview, I knew that St Wilfrid's was a special place and that I really wanted to work here. The staff have been so welcoming and supportive since I joined in what have been extraordinary circumstances this year and the students are incredible – it is a caring and respectful school community. The ethos is evident in all areas of the school from assemblies led by an inspirational senior leadership team right down to the way students treat each other in the playground, it really is a wonderful school and I am so glad to be a part of it." *Miss L Cearns (Subject Leader for Drama)*

"You only need to walk around the school to see what a vibrant place St Wilfrid's is to be. The sense of community and passion they have for developing both students and staff across all subjects is second to none. Having joined the school during the toughest year for everyone, I still went home every day knowing there wasn't any other school I would rather call my place of work. I hope you've already downloaded the application form!" Miss K Towson (Dance)

"I am currently in my third-year teaching at St Wilfrid's. Throughout my time at this school I have been extremely happy and have felt a valued part of the strong community. I have been supported by other members of the team who have always been there to provide advice if needed. The ethos of the school is compassionate and warm and the staff at St Wilfrid's are an incredibly fantastic team to work alongside. St Wilfrid's is strongly committed to the happiness and well-being of their lovely students as well as their staff. Over these years I have been given a wide range of opportunities for progression and have been supported throughout these new ventures during my career progression. The school is a wonderful school to work for, I am very blessed to be here!" Miss H Watson (Social Sciences)

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 the Head's PA, Sarah Minnis at s.minnis@stwilfrids.com.

Yours sincerely



Michael Ferry
Headteacher

St Wilfrid's Catholic School
Social Sciences Department

A Level & GCSE Psychology & Sociology

- Both courses are taught using the AQA syllabus.
- Psychology is currently taught by two members of staff with Sociology being taught by a combination of 3 different teachers. Students have 10 lessons per fortnight in each subject.
- Currently, there is one Psychology class in Year 12 (26 students) and one Psychology class in Year 13 (17 students). Currently, there is one Sociology class in Year 12 (17 students) and one Sociology class in Year 13 (19 students).
- Both subjects are taught in a designated classroom within the Sixth Form area of the school.
- Both the social sciences continue to grow in popularity with the projection of two Year 12 Classes being added in Psychology from September 2021.
- From September 2021 the department will be teaching GCSE Psychology, using the OCR syllabus.

Recent Exam Results:

Psychology	**2016: A2**	**2017: A Level**	**2018: A Level**	**2019: A Level**
No. of Entries	**13**	**19**	**20**	**27**
A*- A	5	2	2	1
A*- B	7	5	5	4
A*- C	10	11	14	8
A*- E	12	19	19	26
Sociology	**2016: A2**	**2017: A Level**	**2018: A Level**	**2019: A Level**
Entries	**12**	**16**	**17**	**19**
A*- A	0	0	5	4
A*- B	1	4	9	5
A*- C	5	11	10	13
A*- E	12	16	16	18



