

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 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 Cearn (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!"

Mrs H Lay (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

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