



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

**GEOGRAPHY TEACHER  
TMS/UPS  
(plus Crawley Fringe Allowance of £1038 pa)  
September 2017**

Do you want to join a successful and forward thinking department who aims to teach an engaging and challenging curriculum where the number of students choosing GCSE and A Level are increasing year on year? If so, an exciting opportunity has arisen to appoint a Teacher of Geography at this great Catholic school.

If you want to work in a school where everyone is valued and supported to be the best they can be (both students and staff) then this is the school for you. Please click on this link to get a flavour of St Wilfrid's: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62iUupYDcA4>

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? An interest and willingness to teach KS3 History would be an advantage although not essential.

The strength of community at St Wilfrid's is a strong one based upon mutual respect. The staff are incredibly hard working 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: 9 am Monday 24 April 2017**

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

March 2017



# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

*'The best for all; the best from all'*

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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and West Sussex County Council

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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 is a heavily oversubscribed Catholic School of 947 students including 197 in the Sixth Form. It was rated as "Outstanding" by the Diocese in its last inspection (2012) and as "Good" by Ofsted (2012) with behaviour and leadership deemed to be "outstanding".

The students love their school and staff love working here. The quotes below are from staff members who joined us in September 2016/17.

*"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 have a strong ethos of sharing resources. St Wilfrid's has a great community feel which students and staff are enthusiastic to be a part of."*

J Redmayne (Maths)

Students at St Wilfrid's make "great" progress across the curriculum and our reputation for this is countywide. Progress 8 data places us in the top 13% of schools nationally.

If you would like to work in a forward thinking school which has ambitions to be even better, then St Wilfrid's is the place for you.

For further details of the school or to arrange a visit, please see our website [www.stwilfrids.com](http://www.stwilfrids.com). If you require any further information, please contact the Head's PA, [recruitment@stwilfrids.com](mailto:recruitment@stwilfrids.com)



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## Geography Department



Our Geography Department is successful and forward thinking. We aim to teach an engaging curriculum that challenges and extends our students in a supportive manner. Our friendly staff team is made up of passionate, caring and hardworking teachers who are prepared to go the 'extra mile' for students. We have an excellent reputation with the students, who recognise the department's commitment to their learning.

The number of students choosing GCSE and A Level Geography continues to rise year on year. Likewise, the results for both confirm that the department is very successful in terms of the high quality staff, the results and the extra curriculum opportunities.

### Accommodation and Resources

The geography team has worked hard in recent years to develop a shared bank of resources. This includes lesson by lesson objective led activities incorporating a variety of assessment for learning, thinking skills and enquiry based tasks. The resource bank is always under review; all members of the department contribute and develop new ideas that are shared across the team.

Lessons take place in a suite of two classrooms, which are well resourced with Promethean interactive whiteboards. In addition, the department has access to iPads that can be booked for classroom based activities. The department has a large office with plenty of storage space.

We are currently developing our own website to further support students in their learning both at home and at school. We anticipate that all members of the department will be involved in the use and development of the site.

### Key Stage Three

Students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups in Year 7, 8 and 9. Fieldwork includes a school based "sensory fieldtrip" and an exploration of microclimates around the school grounds at Year 7, investigations into infiltration rates in Year 8 and a trip to investigate whether Crawley is a "clone town" in Year 9.

### Key Stage Four

We teach Edexcel syllabus B at GCSE. The syllabus focuses on the changes that students are currently experiencing in the world around them and projects forward to the kind of changes that they are likely to experience in their adult life. We currently run a 1-day field trip to the Sussex coast to explore the impact of human and physical processes and a 1-day field trip to an urban area in West Sussex, to investigate the changes that have taken place over time. Students use this data to help them prepare for skills' based questions on the examination paper.

### Key Stage Five

Following on from GCSE, students who study A level geography follow the Edexcel syllabus. Like the GCSE course, this focuses on understanding the interrelationships between people and their varied environments. The syllabus supports an enquiry approach to learning, thus encouraging a variety of learning styles. We run a range of fieldwork activities as a part of the A level curriculum. These include urban and rural investigations in Sussex.

Please return completed application to: [recruitment@stwilfrids.com](mailto:recruitment@stwilfrids.com) by 9am on Monday 24 April 2017

*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.*

