



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

**TEACHER OF FRENCH & SPANISH
TMS
(plus Crawley Fringe Allowance of £1038 pa)
September 2018**

Do you want to join a Modern Language Department in a flagship school, where a love of Languages is nurtured and where students make outstanding progress? If so, an exciting opportunity has arisen to appoint a teacher of French and Spanish at this "Outstanding" Catholic School (Section 48 Inspection Oct 2017).

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://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 be ideal for an NQT, or for anyone who wants to join a school where there may be future opportunities for 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 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 Wednesday 24 January 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

January 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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Modern Languages Department



The Department of Modern Languages currently comprises four teachers covering the teaching of French and Spanish across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. All students in Year 7 study French and Spanish, opting in Year 8 to continue their study of one of those languages. Students are set by ability from Year 7 and this is done in collaboration with the English department. Many students will carry their chosen language through to GCSE. For approximately a third of GCSE students this then continues into 'A' Level in Years 12 and 13.

The Department has four fully equipped classrooms all with interactive whiteboards (with additional relevant software and access to the Internet) as well as a shared departmental set of laptops for use in class. All classrooms have dictionaries, set textbooks and stationary for student use (including mini-whiteboards). Each teacher also has their own laptop. The students are issued with exercise books and a vocabulary booklet for each language. It is departmental policy that all these materials are brought to every lesson. The main course book for Key Stages 3 and 4 for French is Expo and for Spanish is Mira.

We currently have Key Stage 4 residential trips to Paris and Salamanca which run on alternate years and there are a number of other shorter trips we organise e.g. the cinema, the theatre, café and tapas, languages at work conference, university days. At Key Stage 3 there is a day trip to France for Year 7, a languages immersion day for Year 8 and language based day trips for Year 9.

In order to monitor the progress of our students we have a database that tracks the progress of each student and we use this to identify key groups for targeted intervention. This is particularly true at Key Stage 4 and 5. Schemes of work are new and comprehensive and play a key part in the development of cross-curricular skills of ICT, literacy, numeracy and links to business and enterprise. Agreed assessment tasks aim to move students through the age-related expectations, or from one grade to the next.

The ideal candidate would be looking to develop and promote Spanish and French within the school and to enthuse students to study and enjoy languages. They should be able to demonstrate creativity within their teaching and have ideas to support students in meeting the demands of the new GCSEs.

If you would like more information about the department or wish to discuss any aspect of the languages provision, please do not hesitate to contact me at L.DeGuillen@stwilfrids.com.

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.

Please return completed application forms to the Head's PA, recruitment@stwilfrids.com by **9.00am Wednesday 24 January 2018**.

