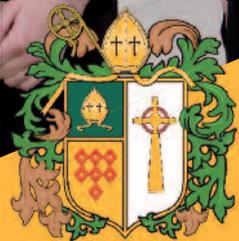


# St. Wilfrid's R.C. College



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# Welcome

Our aim at St. Wilfrid's RC College Sixth Form is to provide a challenging and engaging environment in which you can succeed to the best of your potential.

We are delighted that you are considering joining St Wilfrid's RC College next September to embark on sixth form studies. The Catholic Ethos here is one of community, respect and care.

As a sixth form we are proud of the level of support we offer students as they meet the demands placed on them by A Level study. We take pride in the range of the traditional academic subjects and more contemporary vocational qualifications we are able to offer and the different combinations you can follow.

We also take pride in the advice we offer on entry into the sixth form and throughout your time with us: our aim is to ensure that you are as well equipped for the future post 18 as you possibly can be, in order to fulfil your ambitions. We want you to succeed academically but also to develop as an individual, through encouraging community involvement, cultural and other extra-curricular activities.

Our sixth form students are a credit to this school and we are always pleased to see how quickly students joining our sixth form from other schools settle, make friends and become a full part of our school community.



**Mr T. B Tapping**  
Executive Headteacher



**Mr P. Melia**  
Chair of Governors



**Mr P. Mitchell**  
Head of School



**Mr S. Hodder**  
Head of Year 13



**Mr T. Allen**  
Head of Sixth Form



**Mrs A. Simpson**  
Head of Year 12



## In 2017...

- Over a third of all results were at grade A or A\*
- Well over half of all the grades were at grade B or better
- The average points per entry (APS) over all grades was at B-

*“ St Wilfrid's sixth form is a relaxed yet studious environment, where everyone is at home and can perform to their best. The teachers are round the clock workers with emails, information, exam questions and just general care. When you see how hard they work, you strive to be worthy of their efforts. It's an incredible place with an inspirational team who really stretch and invigorate their students. They send you out into the world as a new and confident person – and, clichéd as it sounds, it's shaped me for life. ”*

**James Inkster**

Jesus College Cambridge (sixth form leaver 2017)

## Meet your dedicated sixth form team

# Mission statement

At St. Wilfrid's Roman Catholic College we are committed to inspire and develop all members of our community on a journey through faith and learning.

We strive to achieve excellence and overcome challenges through mutual respect and consideration, underpinned by Gospel values.

Faith and learning is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every child fulfils their full potential.

The St. Wilfrid's Motto

*Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum.*

*Excellence through faith, learning and support.*



## What the Pupils Say



**Laura Thompson**  
Head Girl

*"St Wilfrid's provides support in ensuring that the right decision is made and your best interests are at heart when deciding your post-sixth form career, whether that's through entering the world of work, going into an apprenticeship or applying to university. Although education is important for your future, St Wilfrid's also prides itself in encouraging, developing and nurturing all talents, celebrating the gifts we each have to offer."*



**Matthew Hall**  
Head Boy

*"Our sixth form is renowned for delivering some of the best A Level results in our area and staff are keen to aid anyone in applying for university and their dream jobs. The school treats all pupils like adults, trusting all to work and revise in school during free periods and you are given many chances throughout the year to develop and mature abilities and talents. The teachers at St Wilfrid's are always available to give the help needed to develop your knowledge and skills, for both studies and life, giving you the best preparation for your post sixth form career."*

# Choosing the right course

Choosing the right course at sixth form is very important. Obviously, it is very important that you choose a course which is suited to your own individual needs and we are aware that this is not always as easy as it seems.

## Step 1

- What are your predicted GCSE grades?
- Which subjects do I really enjoy?
- Where will these subjects lead to?

## Step 2

- Consider your interests (there is a lot to be said for doing something you enjoy)
- Consider your strengths and weaknesses (how do you learn best, do you perform best in exams or coursework, do you like writing essays?)
- See individual subject pages for detail on assessment and course content.

## Step 3

- What qualifications do you need for career options?
- What qualifications do you need for college or university courses?
- It is vital that you research as thoroughly as possible the entry requirements for your chosen or possible career path.

## Step 4

- Make sure you take up all the advice and help offered by school over the coming months.



## Admission Process, September 2018

**Students will be offered a place at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form on the proviso that they meet the following criteria:**

- At least five 9 – 4 grades, including mathematics and English language
- A minimum of a Grade 6 at GCSE in the subject they want to study at A Level
- A minimum of a Merit in the subject they want to study in vocational subjects.

If there are any issues regarding the above on GCSE results day, staff will be available to support and advise the students of their choices post 16.

# Why choose St. Wilfrid's Sixth Form?

## 1. Wide choice of courses

Students in the sixth form can choose from a number of different vocational courses and 19 different A Level courses.

Students may combine vocational and A Level courses in Year 12 and will continue with 3 of these subjects into Year 13.

## 2. Suitable progression

The subjects we offer at sixth form are chosen because we know what subjects you have studied in your GCSEs and vocational courses and we want to provide you with suitable routes for progression.

Once you have successfully completed your chosen sixth form courses the qualifications you have gained will give you access to university, further education, advanced modern apprenticeships and employment.

## 3. Teaching staff & sixth form students

Many of our sixth formers comment on the need for individual support and individual tuition from teaching staff.

Students will like the fact that classes will usually be smaller and that they will get a lot of personal help with their academic studies. Subject teachers monitor all their students on a weekly basis, making a return to the Head of Sixth Form. This will ensure that we spot issues immediately and support and encourage students to be successful at all times.

## 4. Modular assessment

At the start of Year 12 each student is given target grades for every vocational and/or A level subject they study. These take into account for their own GCSE and vocational results in Year 11.

Ten weekly modular assessment continues at sixth form and gives students and parents/carers, the opportunity to receive regular updates on their current performance in their chosen subjects. It also helps students judge whether or not they are on course to achieve their target grade in that subject.

## 5. Pastoral care

A strong feature of the sixth form provision will be the pastoral care you will receive as a student. Students will stay with the same tutor in Year 12 and Year 13. This means there is always someone who has a good knowledge of your skills, strengths and weaknesses and is best placed to advise you on career options and work habits.

## 6. Enrichment activities

Year 12 students will take part in an Enrichment Programme. They have a range of options which they choose to participate in over the course of the year. Typical types of activity are: Community Placement; General RE; Sport; Culture; Peer Mentor.



## 7. Privileges

Sixth form students are expected to act as ambassadors for the school at all times and are therefore given more responsibility within the school environment as we try to prepare them for more independence at university or in employment.

## 8. Private & independent study

This gives students the opportunity to start homework or complete directed study time tasks in school using the sixth form facilities.

## 9. Post-18 careers advice

We want all our sixth form students to be aware of the choice of opportunity their qualifications will give them. So very early on we start to actively encourage them to think about what careers they are interested in and how to achieve them. As a result every student will get the chance to visit local universities, attend open days, participate in taster days and hear from a range of guest speakers from real working environments.

# Our School

In September 2017 we opened our impressive, brand new £3.5 million mathematics, science and technology block. This exciting development for the school provides a number of modern teaching rooms along with state of the art science laboratories and fully equipped technology workshops.

## Our facilities include:

- Sports Hall
- Gymnasium
- Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)
- Nichols Hall (with stage area & lighting)
- Purpose built dining hall and catering facility
- Five ICT suites with networked computers
- Science laboratories
- Design and technology rooms
- Music rooms, recording studio and practise rooms

## Sixth form provision

A new dedicated sixth form centre opened in September 2017. The centre, formally known as the Openzone, provides bespoke facilities for our Key Stage 5 students including modern teaching rooms, spaces for private study, group study and social space.

## Key Dates:

**November 9th 2017, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**  
Sixth form Open Evening

**November onwards**  
Year 11 1:1 Interviews with a member of the sixth form

**November 2017**  
Applications for sixth form open

## Sixth Form Bursary:

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund helps disadvantaged pupils pay for things they need to support their education or training. Examples include clothes, books, course equipment, transport and meals. Sometimes you can get one-off payments to cover study trips or travel for university interviews. The amount you can get varies depending on your situation but it could be up to £1,200 a year. You apply through school, at the start of your studies, and will be informed of whether or not you are eligible as soon as possible.

## Privileges:

**Sixth Form Area:** Students may use this area for socialising or work during non-contact lessons.

**Lunchtime:** Students may sign out and leave the school site at lunchtimes.

**Private Study:** Students have ICT access for private study during non contact lessons.

**Cafeteria:** may be used for quiet work or discussion in non-contact lessons.

**May/June 2018**  
GCSE exams

**August 23rd 2018**  
GCSE results day & sixth form registration

**September 2018**  
School term starts

# Onwards

We're proud of the destinations our sixth form leavers have achieved so far and thought you should see what you could achieve by attending St. Wilfrid's Sixth Form.



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