

St. Wilfrid's R C College
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Dear Year 6 student,

Congratulations on securing a place at St Wilfrid's School. I can imagine that you will have mixed feelings about coming to secondary school. Some of you may be filled with excitement whilst others may feel nervous about leaving primary school.

My name is Mr Price and I am acting Headteacher at St Wilfrid's. I am writing this letter to introduce you to our school and give you a feel for what life will be like in Year 7 in an attempt to put your mind at rest and make you feel happy about coming to our school.

Firstly, I bet you are wondering what we have planned for you before September? In normal circumstances we would invite you to St. Wilfrids for two taster days and we would usually have an information evening. Due to the current situation, our transition programme will be virtual. We now have a dedicated area on our website where we will be sharing useful information and some transition tasks for you to complete either at home or in school. To find these tasks you should visit our website <https://www.st-wilfrids.org>, select 'Our School' from the top left corner and then 'Year 6', followed by 'Year 6 students'. Keep your tasks safe so you can bring your work with you when you start St. Wilfrids.

I would like to give you a little flavour of what your school day may be like. Students are expected to arrive into school no later than 8.40 am to ensure they have time to get to their tutor room for a prompt start at 8.45 am. Many students get here a lot earlier and can be found enjoying breakfast and a hot drink in the café, (by the way the food is amazing)! You might then head to your locker to store your PE Kit before heading to your tutor room. During tutor time we start the day with prayer and then go through notices, you are always kept well up to date with what is happening in school, such as clubs, trips and fund- raising events. You will then have two lessons and then its break time for 15 minutes and our students enjoy delicious snacks such as toast, bagels and waffles. Then it's back to lessons for one hour before enjoying a delicious lunch and some time to socialise with your friends. There is always a wide range of hot meals and salads on offer. Also, sandwiches and paninis can be bought from our outdoor pod. You really will be spoiled for choice. During the summer, students enjoy sitting outside on the picnic tables. After lunch there are two more lessons before you head off home for the day. You will be given homework, but don't worry you will have your own very own planner to help you keep track of your homework. We even have an after school homework club where you can pop in to get help and support. It's very popular with our students.

Now that you have found out lots of information about our school, your tutor is keen to find out all about you. Write a reply to this letter, telling your tutor all about you:

You could include information on:

- Your family
- Your friends
- Your hobbies and interests.
- Your favourite things about school
- What you are most looking forward to about secondary school.
- Any concerns you have about secondary school.

Bring your reply to this letter along with you on your first day of school and hand it to your tutor who looks forward to reading your letter. We all look forward to meeting you in person very soon and welcoming you to our school.

Yours faithfully

M Price

Mr Price
Acting Headteacher