



St Edmund's Catholic School

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Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSc, NPQH



Teacher of MFL (Spanish/French)

Our aim is to encourage spiritual development and understanding of the faith, create an atmosphere of order, discipline and respect, enabling every pupil to achieve their true potential. Maintaining standards of excellence in teaching and learning and build a family which cares for all its members where understanding, mutual trust and friendship are fostered.



'I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



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Dear Colleague,

TEACHER OF MFL (SPANISH/FRENCH): September 2023

St Edmund's is a thriving, positive and happy school, where individuals achieve excellent levels of personal development and outstanding academic achievement. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic School we seek to provide a Christian education for our children within the discipline and traditions of the Catholic church.

We are extremely proud of the quality of education, opportunities and life experiences that our children receive. This is only possible thanks to the fantastic staff who put students first and are committed to all aspects of the St Edmund's family. Our outcomes for students have been the best in Portsmouth and South Hampshire for several years. St Edmund's has been in the top 10% of all schools nationally for many years. We have been rated Outstanding by Ofsted in 2016 and June 2022. This fantastic achievement reflects the special learning environment which exists here at St Edmund's, allowing students to learn and develop in a family where mutual trust, respect, collaboration and tolerance are fostered. Staff working at the school can enjoy their roles and reap the rewards of working with young people and educating the future generations of our world.

As a Christ-centred learning community we have a passion for developing the individual God given gifts which we are bestowed. We seek to improve curiosity, creativity and a passion for life long learning. In an environment with high standards and an atmosphere of order, discipline and respect. Our faith identity is not an add on but permeates all aspects of life at St Edmund's allowing individual, spiritual development in a positive family, where tolerance, love and mutual respect, a zest for learning are some of our guiding principles.

We are looking for someone with a commitment to the Catholic Christian ethos of the school, a capacity for hard-work and a passion for ensuring that students are successful both academically and in their educational experiences. Working with staff, students, parents and governors, you will have the enthusiasm, dedication and talent to continue to drive this outstanding family forward.

Due to expansion, the School is looking to appoint a dynamic and ambitious Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages with a passion to teach Spanish and French. The successful candidate will enjoy the support of an effective group of colleagues in a school committed to achieving the highest standards.

You will be well supported by a friendly, hard-working and talented team, fantastic staff and lovely pupils. You will have a key role inspiring young people to have a love of languages and perhaps study it as a future career. The role is full time.

The deadline for receipt of application is 12.00 noon Friday 24th March 2023. These can be emailed to the school via: recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk.

I very much hope that having read the enclosed details and looked at the school website, you choose to apply.

**'An inclusive education finds a place for all
and does not select in an elitist way the
beneficiaries of its efforts.'**
Pope Francis

Yours faithfully

Mr S Graham
Headteacher



Application Procedure

We hope this guide is helpful and that, having read the details, you will wish to apply for the post. If so, please complete the St Edmund's application form.

I would ask you specifically to describe:

- Your experience to date and the main features of your current experience.
- Your reasons for applying for the post.
- How have you improved the quality of teaching and learning to date for children?
- How you might contribute to the St Edmund's family?

Please do not submit additional documentation.

Completed applications should be returned to the Headteacher no later than:

12.00 noon Friday 24th March 2023

The post will start in September 2023.

St Edmund'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. This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 and you will be required to declare whether you have any criminal convictions. St Edmund's Catholic School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.





Approach to Teaching

Learning a foreign language is a skill that is becoming increasingly important in the global village that we live in and we are delighted to be able to offer two languages at St Edmund's; French and Spanish. In lessons, pupils will develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing whilst practising strategies to help them with language learning. Pupils are encouraged to take an interest in different cultures and other countries through a variety of projects, ICT tasks with our MFL Ipads and creative activities.

All pupils in school are currently studying either French or Spanish. All lessons delivered as 5 single lessons for Year 7s, 4 for year 8s and 4 for year 9s every fortnight.

Pupils in Key Stage 3 follow a Modular course visiting areas which will be revisited in Key Stage 4. In KS4 French and Spanish appear in the Option pools. Pupils are given the option of continuing to study French or Spanish in KS4 to GCSE with EDUQAS. In KS4 pupils have 5 lessons of French and / or Spanish. At present this is delivered as 5 single lessons. Cultural trips to France and Spain will be offered from 2023 to our French/ Spanish Year 10 pupils

Our Aims in MFL

- To promote intercultural understanding.
- To enable students to have a more profound understanding of their own language and culture.
- To develop the skills and the confidence to understand and speak in the target language with a real purpose.
- To help prepare students to become global citizens.
To build cultural capital.
- To provide a competitive edge
- To relate language learning to current affairs.
- To provide first-hand experience of foreign language and culture via trips and use of authentic classroom materials.

‘Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying and most of all, the love of what you are doing or learning to do.’

