

St Edmund Champion Catholic School



'Achieving Together Through Christ'

Our Catholic Ethos



St. Edmund Campion Catholic School was formed in 1975 as part of the amalgamation of three local Catholic schools. In 2020 the school became part of the popular St John Paul II Multi Academy based in the north of Birmingham.

At the very heart of all we do is the Catholic ethos embodied within the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our patron St Edmund Campion was a Jesuit Priest and one of the English martyrs. He gave his life to the Catholic cause, promoting the preachings of Jesus.

Our school mission is to ensure that all of our pupils and students leave us with the knowledge, skills and Christian virtues to make a positive contribution to God's world around them.

Through our Catholic life and collective worship we instil a respect for all cultures and backgrounds and foster a sense of moral purpose to do the right thing built within the teachings of Jesus.



Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome to St. Edmund Campion Catholic School and whether you are a prospective pupil or parent or an interested candidate looking to join our dedicated and passionate staff body I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of life here at our wonderful school.

Our school is steeped in values and tradition and has served the local and wider community with pride and passion for over forty years.

Each year we are well oversubscribed and we are understandably very proud of our reputation in the local community. It is a privilege to be the Headteacher and I am driven by a belief that all young people can be successful. Our commitment to academic excellence is firmly rooted in our Catholic ethos.

At St Edmund Campion School it is our responsibility to instil a sense of pride and purpose into our pupils so that they leave school as well-equipped young adults ready for the challenges and opportunities that life can provide.

Each day at St Edmund Campion Catholic School an atmosphere of calm purpose pervades. Our dedicated, professional and talented staff work hard to secure the very best for all. Our Christian values are role modelled consistently by staff and our young people are nurtured to become the very best people they can be.

We believe it is the God given right for every child to receive an ambitious and excellent curriculum that secures the finest outcomes for all. Not only do we aim to provide pupils with a rich tapestry of academic qualifications but we are committed to the development of their whole person.

St Edmund Campion School is well regarded by Ofsted and our outstanding sixth form secures the very best outcomes for students supporting them in reaching their goals and ambitions.

Our mission statement, 'Achieving Together through Christ' is lived out through our five core principles which permeate every aspect of life at Campion.

- A culture of excellence and professionalism
- Breadth of knowledge and opportunity
- Relentless ambition and high expectations
- No child left behind
- Spirituality, dignity and moral purpose

Yours sincerely

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Teaching, Learning and the Curriculum

At the core of all we do here at St Edmund Campion is a high quality student experience both within and outside of the classroom. We expect the highest standards from all of our pupils and our talented staff work diligently to ensure that every lesson is the best it can be.

We have a dedicated team of subject specialists who are well trained and who receive regular professional development steeped in evidence based research.

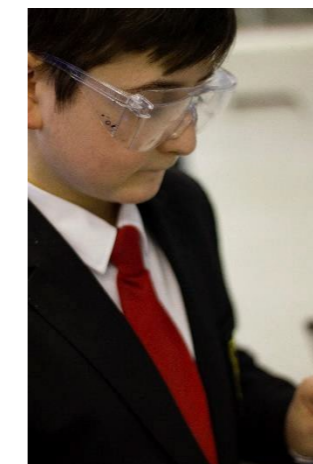
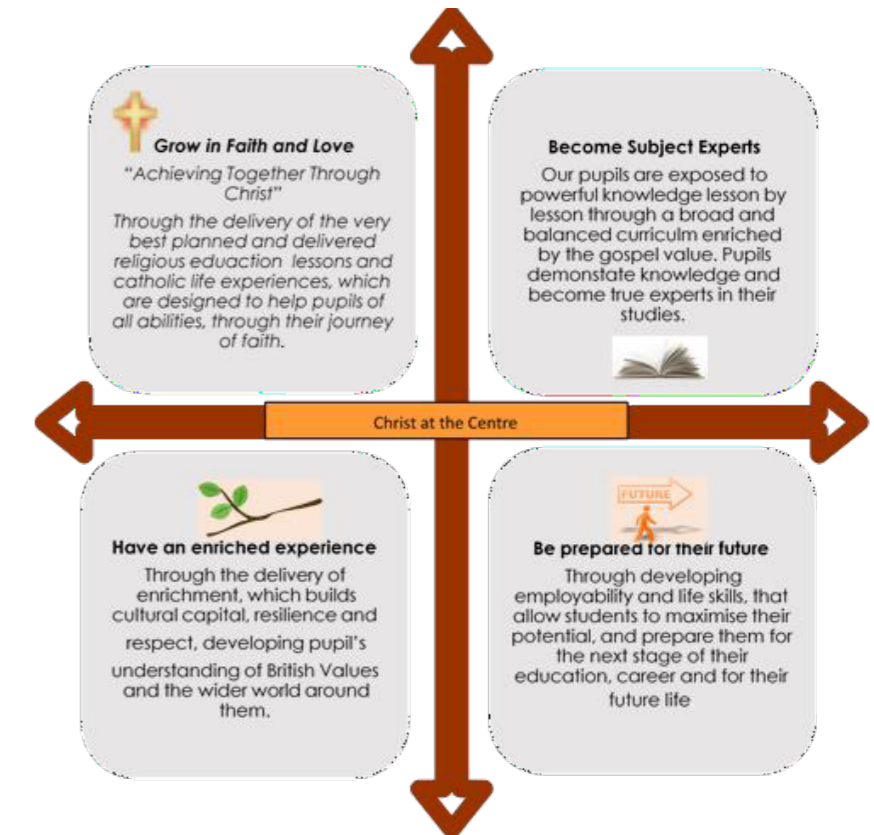
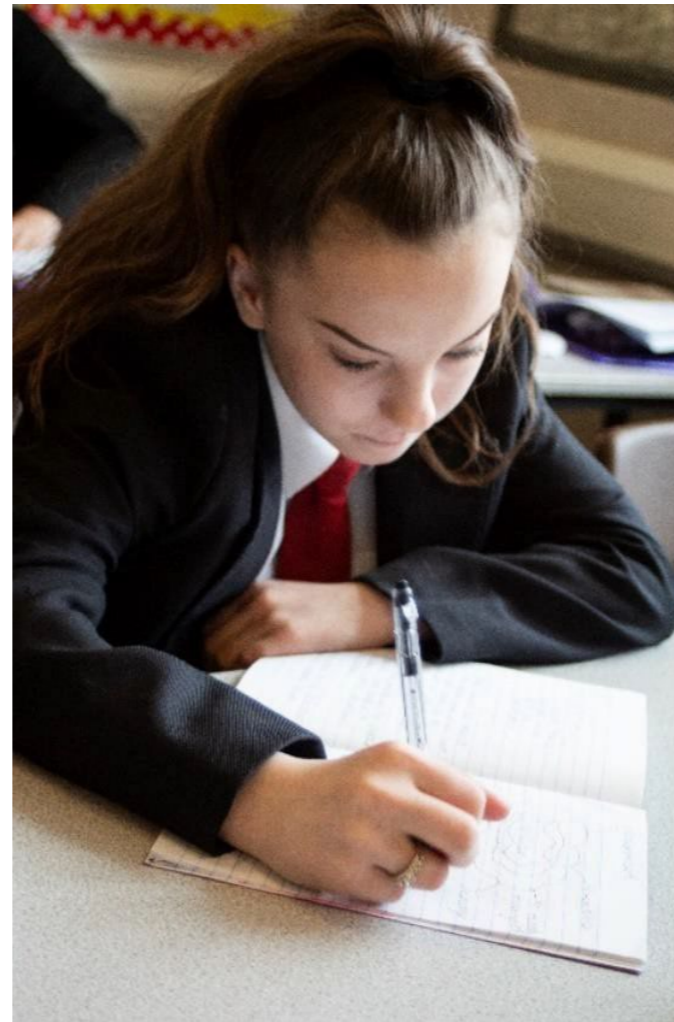
Everything we do supports our commitment to excellence in the classroom. We believe that the school curriculum is more than a structure of academic disciplines or subjects and is the sum of the many and varied experiences offered

to every member of the school community.

Our curriculum challenges pupils to be of their very best and pupils are explicitly taught how to learn and how to study and revise. We invest time ensuring pupils develop their self regulation skills so that they can retain what they have learnt and demonstrate their understanding.

Regular and rigorous assessment informs teachers, pupils and parents as to how well individuals are performing and what they need to do to be even better.

We believe that getting things right in the classroom every day has the power to change lives for the better.



The Curriculum Model at St. Edmund Campion Catholic School:

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7 – 9)

In Key Stage 3 students follow the National Curriculum and Religious Education. The time spent on each subject is in line with Archdiocesan and The Department for Education guidelines.

KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 – 11)

In Key Stage 4 students have access to a broad and balanced curriculum offer. Students follow a GCSE core of Religious Education, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education.

Students then have a further three options of either Computer Science, Geography, History, PE

THE SIXTH FORM

Our broad and balanced Sixth Form Curriculum offers tailored pathways for student needs. We offer a rich tapestry of vocational and academic qualifications ensuring that student's next steps, whether that be University, apprenticeships or employment are at the heart of the curriculum offer. We are rightly proud of our post 16 offer and 8 out of the 9 facilitating A levels are on offer at St Edmund Campion.

TUTOR PROGRAMME

Each day pupils receive 40 minutes of tutor time. Each day is dedicated to:

- Collective Worship
- Literacy Development
- PSHE
- VESPAR study skills programme
- Year group assembly



Our Sixth Form

Our outstanding (Ofsted 2018) Sixth Form is extremely well regarded in Birmingham. The dedicated 6th form team work hard to support every student's needs with the ultimate aim of ensuring they can fulfil their ambitions in their next steps beyond school.

The majority of students go on to study at University with the rest securing apprenticeships or employment. Our advice and guidance for all is excellent as we believe this is key to ensuring that students are on the right pathways for them.

The quality of teaching at post 16 is consistently excellent leading to excellent outcomes for all.

We also provide many other curriculum opportunities for our 6th form students as we aim to ensure they receive a well-rounded education beyond the classroom. Examples of some of these opportunities are:

- University visits
- Outdoor educational visits
- Envision
- Charity work with local foodbanks and St Chad's sanctuary
- Visiting speakers including local politicians and employers
- Work experience placements
- Curriculum and educational visits
- Sporting teams





Celebrating Success



Here at St Edmund Campion Catholic school we believe that every pupil can succeed and that this should be encouraged and recognised. We operate a rewards system based around the Jesuit virtues and pupils are rewarded for being:

- Attentive and discerning
- Compassionate and Loving
- Curious and Active
- Grateful and Generous
- Intentional and Prophetic
- Learned and Wise

Assemblies are a weekly opportunity for the Heads of Year teams to celebrate the individual and group

successes as well as team triumphs. The presentation of rewards is a characteristic of our end of half term assemblies and subject awards are frequently distributed on these occasions.

An annual awards Evening recognises the attainment and achievements of pupils in each year groups and in each subject as well as the various sporting successes.

We also have several rewards trips throughout the year to celebrate our pupils achievements. These include theme park trips, theatre trips and trips to sporting events.



We pride ourselves on our extra curriculum offer and we believe that a broad and balanced curriculum should provide all pupils, no matter their background, with a breadth of opportunities and cultural capital.

Our sporting prowess is well regarded in the local area and we are regular winners of the summer and winter games.

Every second Friday we dedicate our afternoon to providing an alternative curriculum for our pupils who get to choose to do something that they wouldn't normally consider such as dodgeball, Gospel choir, cooking, salsa dancing, guitar lessons or table tennis. Our Young Vincentians group also takes place during this time.

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities throughout the year and just some of these are:

- Football
- Basketball
- Athletics
- Swimming
- Rugby
- Debating
- Envision
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Drama productions
- Outdoor education trips





Pastoral Care and Pupil Well Being



Just as one of the Jesuit values is that of being compassionate and loving, so we hold to this here at St Edmund Campion Catholic School. We believe that it is our responsibility to equip our pupils and students with everything they need to make the world a better place.

Our pastoral care is extremely well regarded. We expect the very highest standards from each pupil and we expect excellent behaviour and attendance. Our pastoral team of Heads of Year and pastoral assistants work tirelessly to support every child in overcoming barriers to ensure that they are able to achieve of their very best. In addition our superb safeguarding team are always there on hand to provide emotional support when needed. We also have a dedicated counselling service in school for those pupils who we identify as needing such support.

We believe every child should be able to reach out to an adult in school and form tutors are on hand to support as needed. Pupils know that there is always

someone that they can go to, to speak about any problems they may have.

Bullying is kept to a minimum in school and should it ever arise it is tackled immediately and decisively.

Our excellent pastoral programme ensures that every child knows what to do and who to go to when an issue arises. We teach them how to look out for signs inside and outside of school that may worry them and encourage them to act and report.

We also believe that by encouraging our pupils to actively take part in charity work helps them to thrive and develop their moral character. Each year group has a dedicated charity that they raise money for each year. Examples include local foodbanks, St Chad's sanctuary, CAFOD, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Acorns.



Special Educational Needs

St Edmund Campion Catholic School is very much an inclusive school and we believe that children with special educational needs are entitled to access the same curriculum as those without and should be provided with the means to achieve of their very best. Teaching staff are well trained in meeting the needs of all pupils and we work hard to ensure that all are able to thrive. Our inspiring special needs department work tirelessly so that pupils with additional needs can develop within an environment of care and trust. This may include one to one support or in class support and parents are very much included in developing the right support for their child.

Staff Well Being

We are very proud of our dedicated and committed staff team here at St Edmund Campion. Every member of our school community is valued and their unique contribution is recognised. We recognise that staff well-being and work-life balance is important to creating a motivated and effective team. We work hard to ensure all of our staff feel valued and assured that they will be supported by the Leadership Team and Governors. Our Catholic ethos means that staff feel valued in the job they do and know that they are making a very real difference to the community around us.

- We have a termly staff voice and actively seek to respond to our staff voice. We are committed to continuous improvement and their opinions matter
- Staff have access to Westfield Health Cash Plan. Westfield health cash plans gives you cashback on essential health care and access to valuable health and wellbeing services. Staff have access to DoctorLine™ service gives 24/7 telephone access to speak to a GP. Staff can also access their 24-hour helpline for legal advice, or to speak to a counsellor

- Staff are rarely used to cover lessons and we have a dedicated team of cover supervisors should cover be required.
- As a Leadership Team, we have developed a centralised detention system, which supports our staff to implement the highest standards in behaviour
- Data entries are kept to a reasonable level and analysis is completed for staff to access easily.
- Policies and their implementation are well thought through and our marking and feedback policy is fair and reasonable for staff to implement.
- As a Leadership Team, we consider the number of late nights at school for parent meetings, school plays and governor meetings and when they fall
- We have staff tea and toast on a Wednesday which is a great opportunity to catch up
- Tea and coffee are always available in the staff room
- We have a range of staff events and celebrations throughout the year





St John Paul II Multi Academy

St Edmund Campion Catholic School is part of the very popular St John Paul II Multi Academy.

Situated in the north of Birmingham the St John Paul II multi academy encompasses two secondary schools and seven feeder primary schools and continues to provide an excellent Catholic education to the children in North Birmingham.

St Edmund Campion joined the multi academy in February 2020 and we work very closely with our partner secondary school Bishop Walsh Catholic School which is located down the road in Sutton Coldfield.

Joining the multi academy has also provided us with the opportunity of working more closely with our local feeder Catholic primary schools and the benefits have been clear for all to see.

We also have the opportunity to work together on matters of curriculum, assessment and pedagogy as well as providing us with opportunities to reach out together as a Catholic community.

If you would like to learn more about the St John Paul II Multi Academy you can visit their website www.johnpaulii.co.uk or contact them at enquiry@sjp2.net



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