



# St Edmund's Catholic School

*Caelum Dives IngreDi*

Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSc, NPQH



## Teacher of Music

### Information for Applicants

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 MUSIC: September 2025**

**This position is available for either:**

#### **A part-time (0.5-0.6) Teacher of Music or full-time Teacher of Music & Performing Arts.**

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 AND Outstanding in our Section 48 report in 2012 and 2023. 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.

The Governors welcome applications from a dynamic, innovative and successful Music teacher who can continue the outstanding standards and results we are proud of to start in September 2025. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the ability and drive to push standards even further. You will be well supported by and contribute to 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 Music. This role is full time. Please state on your application if applying for this position full-time or part-time.

The deadline for receipt of application is **Friday 17th January 2025**. These can be emailed to the school via: [recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk) for a September 2025 start.

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:

**Friday 17th January 2025.**

**The post will start in September 2025.**

**Job Reference: MU25**

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.





### Intent:

#### To develop learners who can:

- Work well with others
- Work independently to improve skills via determination and problem solving
- Use creative skills
- Appreciate a wide range of diverse musical styles

#### Implementation:

- A curriculum which implements the key skills of listening, performing and composing
- A curriculum that gives pupils a wide range of musical experiences
- A practical based curriculum, focusing on group and individual skills

#### Impact:

- Pupils who are able to join higher education or the workforce with creative skills, independence, and the ability to work with and lead others
- Pupils who can appreciate and understand different cultures and how music has evolved
- Confident pupils who are resilient and able to break through challenges

### Approach to Teaching

Music is taught to all pupils in KS3 for one hour a week and five hours a fortnight in KS4. The music curriculum is aimed towards developing a variety of practical skills within the context of a musical style, device or genre. Pupils are encouraged to work independently to refine their skills but also collaborate and contribute to create confident group performances and compositions. Pupils receive regular verbal and written feedback as well as being encouraged to evaluate their own work and others. Group work, perseverance and development of self-confidence are skills transferable across other subjects.

The music department has a rich extra-curricular programme including choir, band, flute ensemble, samba and music theory classes. Pupils perform regularly in school celebrations as well as partaking in city wide events. Pupils contribute musically to the spiritual life of the school through assembly music and music for masses. In September 2018, pupils travelled to London and performed a fantastic concert in Covent Garden. The music department work closely with the other performing arts subjects throughout the school year culminating in a successful, professional school production each summer.

