



# St Edmund's Catholic School

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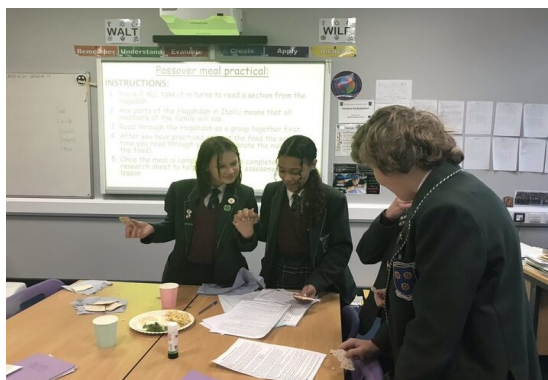
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## Teacher of Religious Education

### 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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: September 2024

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 School is looking for an excellent teacher to join our Religious Education Department. This is a very popular subject and the successful candidate will be dedicated, enthusiastic and committed to raising our standards even further. The successful candidate will be expected to teach KS3 and KS4 Religious Education.

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 Religious Education and perhaps study it as a future career. The role is full time.

The deadline for receipt of application is **Friday 8th March 2024**. These can be emailed to the school via: [recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk) for a **September 2024** 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 8th March 2024.**

**The post will start in September 2024.**

**Job Reference: RE24**

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 in collaboration with other students.
- Justify their own beliefs and values and be understanding tolerant towards others.
- Rigorously and academically evaluate and address moral issues and religious concepts within our society.
- Continue on their own faith development and to reflect on the beliefs and values of the school. Support with their peers and the wider community with their spiritual faith.

## Implementation:

- A holistic and inclusive curriculum which allows students the freedom to grow and develop in their knowledge and understanding of our society and the world around them.
- A curriculum that gives pupils a comprehensive understanding of the main world faiths with a more in-depth understanding of the Abrahamic faiths.
- A curriculum that is multi-disciplinary and encourages learners to draw upon knowledge from other subjects.
- A wide range of experiences outside that enhance and complement the learning in the classroom including external speakers and school trips.

## Impact:

The teaching and learning within RE has the following impact:

- Pupils who enjoy learning about different religions and cultures and are able to accept and tolerate others.
- Pupils who can confidently evaluate and address concepts to a high academic standard.
- Pupils that are well-rounded individuals that contribute and strengthen the community of Portsmouth.
- Pupils of all abilities and backgrounds demonstrating excellent progress at GCSE.



**‘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.’**