



St Edmund's Catholic School

Caelum Dives IngreDi

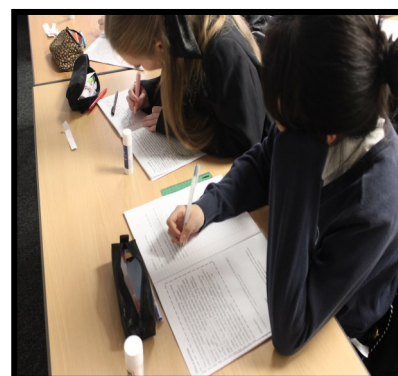
Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSc, NPQH



Undergraduate Placement Year One Year Paid Placement (any subject)

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



St Edmund's Catholic School

Arundel Street, Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1RX
Caelum Dives Ingressi

Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSC, NPQH

Dear Colleague,

UNDERGRADUATE PLACEMENT YEAR — ONE YEAR PAID PLACEMENT (ANY SUBJECT) To Start September 2025

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. Great development opportunity and relevant training can be provided. There may be some flexibility with working hours.

Please contact the school if you are interested in applying for this position clearly stating on any application form the subject area. This is a placement for anyone on an Undergraduate course who is looking to consider a pathway into education.

You should be a good listener, resilient and able to be flexible. No two days are the same! Whilst you do not need to be a Catholic, it is important to appreciate (or be willing to learn about) the distinctive nature of a Catholic education/ community.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 29th November 2024**. 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 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 29th November 2024.

The post will start in September 2025.

Before joining St Edmund's in September on a placement year, I was unsure of what career path to take in relation to psychology. This placement as a wellbeing support officer has taught me an incredible amount already. My confidence has grown, I have a much better understanding about the impact mental health has in schools and how we tackle this. One of my favourite parts about this role is being able to help the pupils through 1:1 wellbeing sessions, or group workshops surrounding a particular topic. Every day is different, which I love, and I enjoy building those strong relationships with the pupils to help their mental health and wellbeing. This placement has been the best decision for my career, I feel much more confident about what path of psychology I would like to pursue. I don't think I could have found a better placement!

Maisie, University of Portsmouth Student

Working in the Trinity Centre has been a better placement year than I could ever have imagined. I'm able to gain heaps of valuable experience in a supportive environment, with work that's incredibly emotionally rewarding!

Craig, University of Bristol Student

Working at St Edmund's has been eye-opening for both my degree and my future career aspirations. I have been able to experience all aspects of a school environment from behaviour management and support to pastoral care and wellbeing interventions. Observing classroom dynamics and participating in support programs has deepened my knowledge of psychology in education and how this may be relevant to my personal development as well. I have also found it inspiring to be able to work with students studying Psychology at a GCSE level and supporting their learning has in turn supported mine. My experience has been really hands-on which has been so beneficial and has reinforced my academic learning, giving me a clearer perspective on how psychological principles can be applied in real-world settings and shaping my goal to potentially pursue a career that bridges psychology and education.

Bethryn, University of Loughborough Student

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.



The Team

There are three Science Technicians (one being an Apprentice) working within an outstanding Science Department who have an excellent track record of success. Science is a very popular and successful subject at both Key Stages.

Job Purpose

- To enable pupils with specific impairments access to learning by supervising and assisting pupils (one to one and in small groups) across a wide range of activities and supported learning activities.
- To promote the development of the physical and mental well-being of pupils and under the guidance of a teacher plan, prepare and modify lessons / learning activities.
- To manage and supervise pupil behaviour and contribute to the effective organisation of the school with administrative and clerical support.
- Preparing teaching and learning materials in a format suitable for the individual pupils. Support the full integration of pupils into the School community.

‘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.’

