A thriving Catholic co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 3 -18



St Edmund's College & Prep School

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Domestic Assistants



Closing Date for Applications: Applications to be received as soon as possible. Interviews to take place: As and when applications are received.

Suitable candidates may be interviewed as and when applications are received and we reserve the right to withdraw the position if early appointments are made.

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Education for the whole person: Intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual





Our Community



The College has an incredible sense of community among its staff which can be felt immediately. The fascination of our setting is lasting and the Good Schools Guide describes the College as: "A successful, flourishing, dependable school with real spiritual heart."

Our 400 acre site with its large leafy grounds, impressive playing fields and attractive school buildings offers modern facilities in a country setting, providing a safe and stimulating environment for young minds. With excellent transport links and only 30 minutes by train to central London stations, the College is 20 minutes' drive from junction 25 of the M25, immediately off the A10. Also within easy access is London Stansted airport, which is a 20-minute drive.

At St Edmund's we strive to:

- Provide a rounded education for the whole person intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual.
- Encourage students to demonstrate care and concern at home and in the wider community.
- Reflect the scholarship of St Edmund with a balanced and challenging curriculum for each individual.
- Show concern for all within the College community, demonstrate our collective commitment to be truly Christ-centred in all we do, and ensure that the students' experience of relationships within the College reflects the Gospel maxim, "Love thy neighbour as thy self".
- Build on our enriching Catholic heritage, making prayer, worship and liturgy a central part of our lives and our community.
- Create meaningful interaction between the College, home and the wider community and prepare our students to make their way in the world while making a difference to the world.

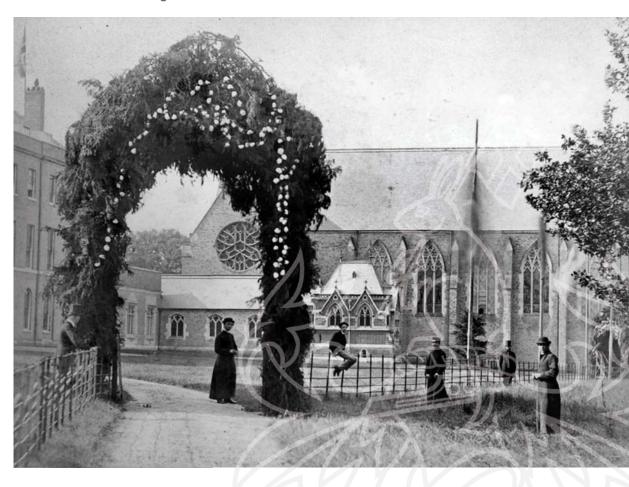
The ISI regulatory compliance inspection in November 2019 recorded that all eight parts of the standards were met.

Rooted in Christ and Catholic tradition and under the guidance of our patron, St Edmund, we aim to realise the God-given potential, in body, mind and spirit, of all members of our community through service and leadership.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).



Our History



Founded in 1568, St Edmund's College is the oldest Catholic school in England, offering an all round co-education for students from 3 to 18. Our community values both academic excellence and the achievement of one's personal best, right through from our Prep school, to Sixth Form and beyond. We are proud of our academic achievements at GCSE and A Level.

Originally located in Douai, France as a seminary to train priests, the College also became a Catholic school for boys. During the French Revolution, it transferred to England and found its present home on the beautiful site of Old Hall Green in 1793.

In 1874 the junior boys were separated from the rest of the College into St Hugh's Preparatory School, which became St Edmund's Prep in 2010, and in 1974 girls from the adjacent Poles Convent were admitted to Rhetoric as the first stage towards co-education, which was accomplished by the closure of Poles in 1986.





Five Year Strategic Plan



The Governors' and Headmaster's aim is to raise our standards even further, with continued investment in staff, buildings and resources, and they have developed a Five Year Strategic Plan, which is inspired by the College's Five Mission Aims:

- Christ Centred Education
- Scholarship of St Edmund
- Education of the Whole Person
- Home and the Wider Community
- Catholic Heritage



What Advantages do our Staff Enjoy?



There are many advantages enjoyed by most independent schools and their staff: a disciplined environment, the opportunity for teachers to express their passion for their subjects, good resources, smaller class sizes and greater professional freedom for all members of our staff community. Relationships between students and staff, both teaching and non-teaching, are extremely strong.

We hold professional development to be of the utmost importance, and have a generous training budget for that purpose, as well as an established appraisal system.

The College offers the following benefits:

- Excellent catering facilities including school lunches during term time when the kitchens are open, cakes and biscuits during break times in the staff common room and hot drinks machines.
- Use of the College sports facilities when not in use by students, including the gym.
- For children of staff:
 - Discretionary discount on College Fees, subject to completion of the admissions process.
 - After school club and breakfast club charged at cost.
 - Parties for children of staff including at Easter and Christmas.
- Free parking.
- Cycle to Work Scheme.
- Access to free counselling and health advice helplines.
- Death in Service policy membership and salary exchange scheme.
- Discretionary closure of the College between Christmas and New Year (in addition to annual leave).
- 25 days' annual leave (FTE), plus public holidays.
- Flexibility regarding start and finish times, for example 8:30 to 16:30; 9:00 to 17:00.
- The opportunity to join in the delivery of co-curricular to our students, by negotiation.
- Lieu time is accrued when working beyond contractual hours. These hours can be taken off throughout the year, in addition to annual leave.
- Pension: Employee contribution 4% College contribution 8.5%.

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Domestic Assistant					
Job Description					
Reporting to:	Domestic Services Manager				
Probationary Period:	6 Months				
	Monday to Friday, Monday to Friday, 5.30am to 10.00am (with some flexibility) with the option of the following:				
Hours	During term-time and College holidays.				
	During Term-time only				
	During Term-time plus additional weeks				
Summary of the role	This position is for a part time Domestic Assistant, working inside and outside of term times. A certain amount of flexibility is required; given the nature of St Edmund's College. You will provide a service to the students, and staff as well as organisations that use the premises. Therefore, each individual is expected to be part of a team.				
	 Daily cleaning, including of priority areas, such as washrooms/shower rooms/toilets, urinals, wash hand basins and all surfaces in the vicinity; Daily restocking, as needed, with, for example, soap and toilet tissue; 				
Main duties and responsibilities:	Daily removal of rubbish;				
	• Daily cleaning of any kitchen area that falls within your designated area;				
	 Daily cleaning of classrooms, which may include specialist classrooms, such as laboratories/HE/Art/Ceramics/DT; 				
	 Daily inspection for damage in your designated area and giving notification of such to your line manager at the earliest opportunity; 				
	• Routine cleaning of all pupil and designated staff accommodation within your area, ensuring that all areas are checked and cleaned daily, and rooms are fully cleaned at least twice a week, including staircases, corridors and common rooms; Bed-linen change in line with the process;				
	 Responding to periodic reasonable requests from your line manager such as cleaning outside of your designated areas and covering for absentees as required; 				
	 Carrying out deep-cleaning tasks as required by the College and in particular during student holiday times; 				
	• Following specific written and verbal instructions with regard to use of cleaning materials in line with COSHH regulations;				
	• Undertaking any reasonable requests, tasks or duties which are required, including working some evenings and weekends; other duties of an appropriate level and nature as and when requested.				



	• To work safely and operate within health & safety regulations at all times whilst complying with manual handling guidance.			
	• To provide cover for areas other than your own, upon request.			
Other	You may also be required to undertake other duties of an appropriate level and nature as and when requested by the Headmaster, Senior Leadership Team and your line manager.			
Safeguarding:	• Whilst not in a teaching role, as a Domestic Assistant, you will be working on a regular basis in a school in a role which gives opportunity for contact with children. As such, you will be in regulated activity and an enhanced DBS check (which includes children's barred list information) will be required in advance of appointment.			
	• Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. As with all College staff members, you will therefore be responsible for providing a safe environment in which children can learn.			
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Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment
Qualifications		 Basic Certificate in Health and Safety in the Workplace. 	Production of the Applicant's certificates
Experience		 Previously worked in a school environment. Experience of the post applied for. Demonstrable experience of working within a team. 	Contents of the application form Interview Professional references
Skills & Knowledge		 Basic knowledge of health and safety within a workplace. 	Contents of the application form Interview Professional references





	 To be a hard-working and a flexible team player. 		Contents of the application form		
Personal competencies and qualities	 To be highly customer service focussed. 		Interview Professional references		
	• To be able to work on own initiative and have high standards of cleaning.				
	 To be able to communicate effectively with colleagues and the public. 				
	• To be able to accept instruction and guidance.				
	 To be able to work and remain calm when dealing with several competing deadlines. 				
	 Friendly, personable, willing and helpful, good sense of humour. 				
	• Ability to work with a good degree of flexibility, to provide cover for other staff as required and to work, occasionally, evenings and weekends.				
	• Current UK work permit required.				
	• Current enhanced DBS check will be obligatory if successful.				
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