

St Edmund's School Canterbury is pleased to introduce

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I am delighted to be joining the St Edmund's School community as Head from September 2011 and greatly look forward to continuing the excellent work of Jeremy Gladwin over the forthcoming years.

St Edmund's first class pastoral care, excellent examination results and broad canvas of extra-curricular provision chime entirely with my own interests, and the School's educational philosophy, where each student's individuality is nurtured and opportunities are offered to all children to help them to realise their potential, is entirely consistent with my own.

My education began at Methodist College Belfast, an academic day school, where my love of music and sport in particular was able to be fostered. Alongside my academic study, I held scholarships at the City of Belfast School of Music, studying viola, piano and voice, while I played a range of sports at county and interprovincial level. I moved on to Magdalene College, Cambridge to study Classics and made the most of the musical opportunities available as a member of the Magdalene Chapel Choir and some of Cambridge's top orchestras.

My teaching career began at Marlborough College where I thoroughly enjoyed my immersion in boarding life over a 13 year period, holding a range of posts from Year Head to Housemistress of a

60-strong boarding house, including guardianship of a member of the Royal Family. I then moved on to The Perse, a highly academic day school in Cambridge, as the first female Deputy Head in the School's almost 400 year history and, latterly, as Senior Deputy Head. During my six years at The Perse, I was fortunate to chair the working committee which moved the School to full co-education and expansion, in addition to supporting a campaign to increase bursary provision and to realise a significant building project.

I relish the opportunity to promote both the day and boarding elements of St Edmund's, to further enhance the already strong academic profile of the School, and to encourage all pupils to find their strengths in the many and various extra-curricular pursuits on offer, whether that be in the performing and visual arts, in music, in sport, or beyond. It is important to me that the caring, family environment which typifies St Edmund's allows each individual student to be well known to and supported by a highly able body of staff and it is indeed an honour to be given the opportunity to lead such a flourishing school through to the next stage of its development.

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