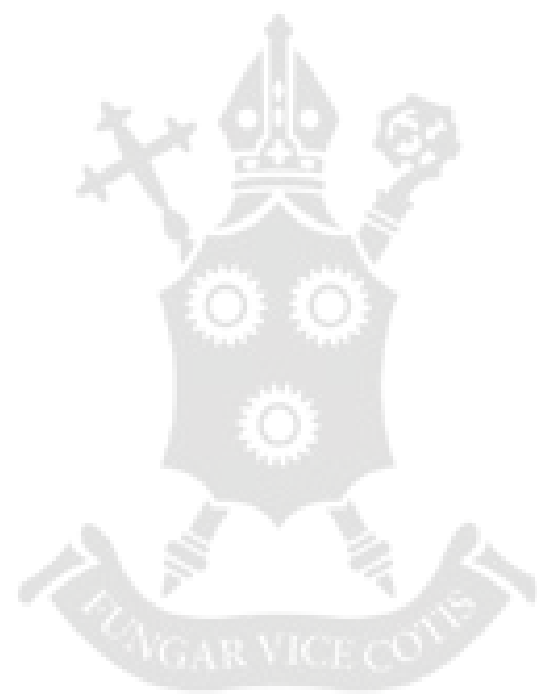


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WELCOME

FROM ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

Children learn most effectively when they feel happy and motivated. To achieve this, we provide a stimulating holistic approach to education in a safe and nurturing environment.

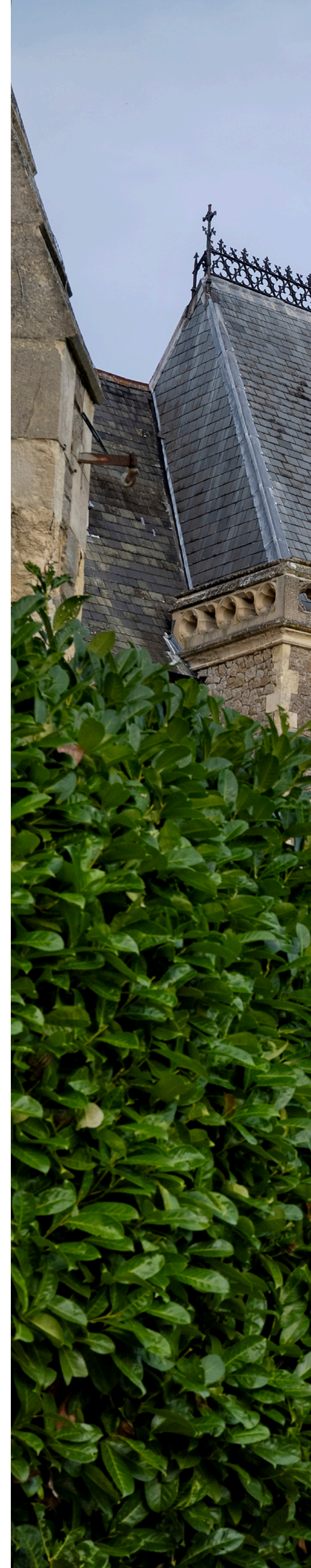
We have high expectations for excellent academic achievement and for enthusiastic involvement in extra-curricular activities.

We are proud of our reputation as a friendly school with a family atmosphere, where we know our boys and girls well. By valuing each pupil in our care, we help them develop the skills and independence to attain their goals. Small class sizes and the close links we have with parents mean that we are able to focus on the needs of each pupil. Our committed staff and pupils are passionate about St Edmund's, whether they are in the Pre-Prep, the Junior or the Senior Schools.

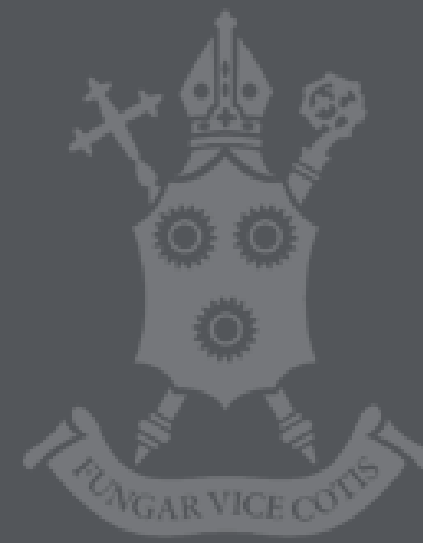
We offer rich academic and cultural experiences which encourage children to achieve their potential wherever their talents and interests lie.

Our pupils leave us well-educated, emotionally intelligent and responsible young people. We extend you a warm invitation to visit St Edmund's so that we may share the School's vibrant atmosphere with you and your family.

Edward O'Connor
Head
St Edmund's School, Canterbury







OUR HERITAGE

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St Edmund's was established in 1749 as the Clergy Orphan School in Yorkshire. The School later moved to London before settling in our present location in 1855.

Respectful of our founding ethos, we nurture each child's individuality – creating opportunities for children to fulfil their own potential and enabling them to become confident, articulate and well-balanced individuals with a strong social conscience.

We are understandably proud of our history but we are also forward-looking and ambitious.

2-18 LEARNING ETHOS

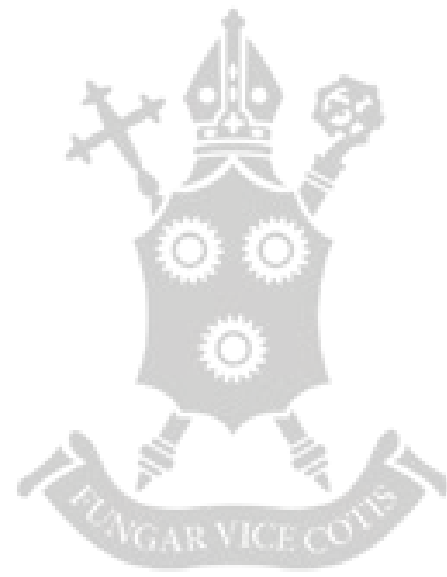
We are an independent, co-educational, day and boarding school for children aged between 3-18. Our Nursery & Pre-Prep, Junior School and Senior School are all on a stunning 45 acre site overlooking the beautiful city of Canterbury.

All our pupils benefit from a caring and supportive environment, high-calibre teaching and a holistic educational approach that seeks to develop creativity, leadership qualities and original thinking.

A broad academic curriculum and extraordinarily diverse co-curricular programme enable pupils to find their path and grow to 'be all they can be'.





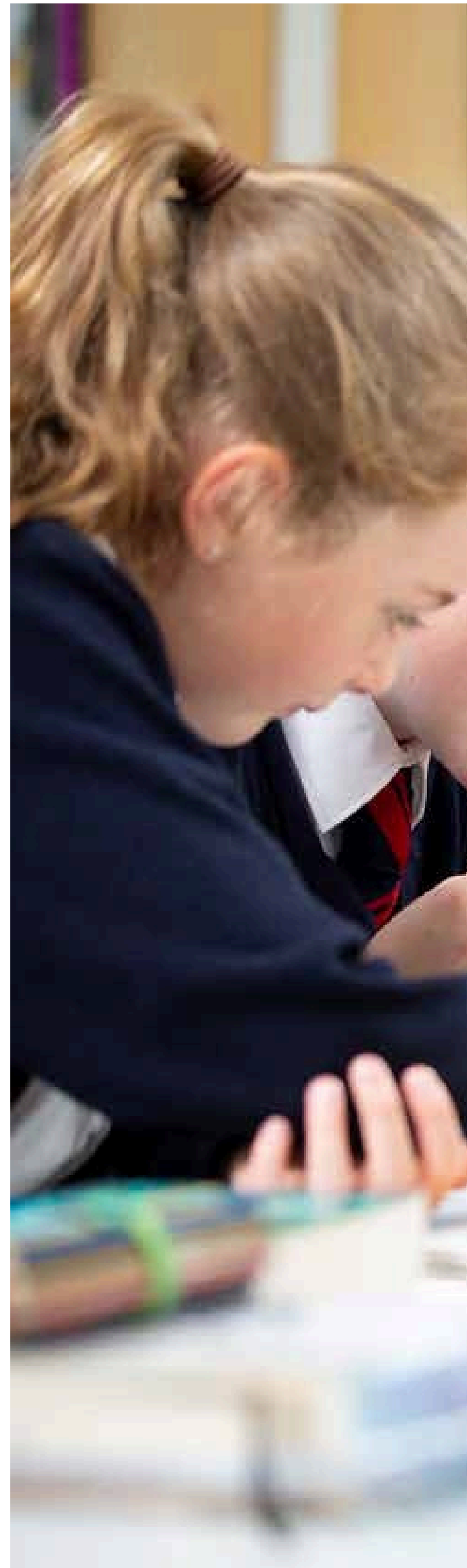


PASTORAL CARE

True to our school ethos, great emphasis is placed upon the importance of supporting young people and of recognising the individual.

We have a very high level of pastoral knowledge among our staff and our school is widely recognised for its expertise in this area. Our House system provides the foundation for outstanding pastoral support and each pupil has a personal tutor, who oversees their development throughout their education. Close attention is paid to the student voice, with various opportunities for pupils to express their opinions and contribute to the life of the School.

Indeed, it is the bedrock of a successful education. Children learn best when they have a positive, happy experience of childhood, feel valued and secure within the school community, and are enthusiastic about their education and school lives. At St Edmund's, we seek to achieve this through the curriculum, our co-curricular programme, and our outstanding pastoral systems – supported by the ethos and family atmosphere of the school.







ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

St Edmund's is proud of its pupil-centred and ambitious academic ethos.

We seek to foster original thinkers with the intellectual and personal skills to be leaders and decision makers of the future. Our academic expectations are high. The breadth and balance of our academic programmes exceed the requirements of the National Curriculum and children seek to foster creativity by combining rigorous

subject knowledge with sophisticated thinking skills. We work in close partnership with parents, and deliver our education in small, dynamic class sizes with children supported by excellent pastoral care. The result is an ideal setting for children to flourish, become inspired, and be the best they can possibly be.



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BOARDING

Boarding at St Edmund's is a vibrant, life-enriching experience.

It's a place where lifelong friendships are forged, independence flourishes, and every child becomes an integral part of a warm and welcoming community.

Our boarding houses are warm, welcoming spaces that feel like a home away from home. Here, pupils are known, cared for, and encouraged to thrive—emotionally, socially and academically. Boarding life nurtures confidence, leadership, teamwork and tolerance—qualities we believe are essential for life.

Whether staying full-time, weekly, or just for a night, every boarder finds a place where they belong.

It's a shared journey, with everyone looking out for each other and celebrating each other's successes.

Weekends are full of energy and variety. Saturday mornings offer a wide choice of enriching activities—from sports and academic support to international cooking, music and art. Sundays are for exploration, with trips to London, museums, sports centres, theme parks, the beautiful Kent countryside and cultural landmarks.

Boarding at St Edmund's isn't just part of school life—it's a home, a family, and a world of opportunity.







CREATIVE ARTS

The creative arts are central to life at St Edmund's, where students are encouraged to explore their talents in music, drama, dance, art, and design. Recognised as the Top Independent School for Performing Arts in 2023 and ranked among the UK's Top 10 Drama Schools in 2025, our arts programme is one of our greatest strengths.

PERFORMING ARTS

Dramatic performance is part of the ethos of the School from the earliest years.

Children across the school participate in plays and other performances with vitality and enthusiasm as an outlet for expressing their talents. Our consistently outstanding GCSE and A-Level results are testament to the emphasis we place on drama within the curriculum and school life in general. The 450 seat tiered theatre hosts a range of productions from pupil performances to concerts from world-class musicians.

St Edmund's has an outstanding record of students securing places at leading Drama schools such as ALRA, The Rose Bruford School, Central School of Speech and Drama and RADA.



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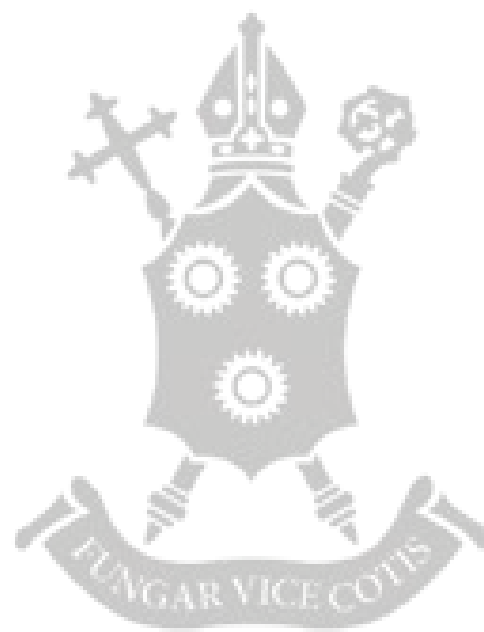
MUSIC

Music is an integral part of school life at St Edmund's, supported by our state-of-the-art music school.

Specialist teachers provide lessons for students from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form, ensuring every child has the opportunity to explore and develop their musical talents.

Pupils of all ages are encouraged to participate in a wide range of musical ensembles, catering to various vocal and instrumental abilities. This commitment to excellence is reflected in our exceptional practical examination results, with over 80% of entrants achieving Distinction or Merit. Many students have gone on to be selected for the National Children's Orchestra, while others have secured scholarships to prestigious universities and conservatoires.





CO-CURRICULAR

Across all age groups, children are offered an extensive range of co-curricular activities.

To understand the importance of the co-curriculum is to understand what makes St Edmund's a unique school. We offer one of the widest and most varied co-curricular programmes in Kent; children can choose anything from horse riding to chess, mindfulness to debating, ground-breaking drama and outstanding musical activities, an innovative outdoor education programme and some exceptional sporting opportunities.

Our programme is flexible and constantly

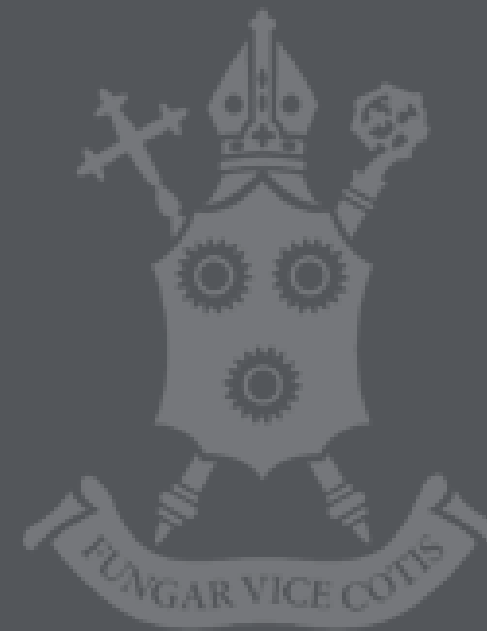
evolving to reflect children's interests and passions, with new clubs and societies starting each term at the request of children, and going on to thrive. As well as being fun, the co-curriculum programme has a strong focus on personal development.

Children who involve themselves in our co-curricular activities often find that they excel in their academic studies, and acquire the confidence and ability to excel professionally and personally.









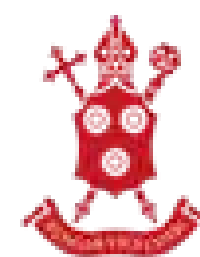
SPORT

Inclusive. Inspiring. Sport at St Edmund's.

We want children to know how to make the most of their individual talents, building on their strengths and natural abilities. In addition to teaching physical skills, sport at St Edmund's promotes an understanding of teamwork, leadership and competition, which prepares children for the world beyond school. We have a proud

sporting tradition, with qualified coaches and exciting fixture lists. Athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders, squash, swimming and tennis are just some of our options. Children participate in teams or as individuals in competition with other schools and Houses.





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