



# St. Edmund Campion

Catholic Voluntary Academy





# Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to St. Edmund Campion, I am delighted that you have chosen to find out more about our wonderful school.

As the headteacher, I am proud to lead a dedicated team, committed to fostering not only academic excellence but also the spiritual and moral growth of every student. At St. Edmund Campion, we believe that education is a partnership between home, school, and the church. We strive to instil strong values rooted in our Catholic faith, encouraging kindness, respect, and a sense of responsibility. Our curriculum is designed to engage young minds, fostering curiosity and a lifelong love of learning through a rich variety of subjects and activities.

In addition to a strong academic foundation, we emphasise the importance of creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Our classrooms are vibrant spaces where students are encouraged to express themselves and explore new ideas. We celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity, ensuring that every child feels valued and supported.

Our community is a cornerstone of our school's success. We are proud of our strong relationships with families and the local parish, which enhance the educational experience and provide a strong support network for our students. Together, we work to create an atmosphere of warmth and encouragement, where every child can thrive.

Thank you for considering our school for your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you on this important journey, guiding our children to not only excel academically but also grow in faith and character.

**Mrs Bianca Woolley**  
Headteacher



## Our primary Mission

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ  
we live, love and learn together

Our ethos is based on the Catholic character of our school. Every child is valued as a unique individual and is encouraged to grow and develop in every aspect of the curriculum.

Our mission statement is 'Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together'. We work together in a mutually supportive way, where all learn, achieve, have fun and create memories.

Our RE curriculum ensures the children appreciate their talents, their faith and provides opportunities for the children to share and grow as they experience a wide range of liturgical experiences.

Our values are key to all that we do: we work hard, we are kind and we show respect to everyone. We work closely with our parish and its four churches to support our communities.

Our children take on board a range of responsibilities that develop their faith. These include Mini Vinnies, Eco Council and the Faith in Action Award.

**'Everyone is really kind in school,  
that makes us feel safe.'**

Pupil quote 2023



Our children have the opportunity to explore a captivating curriculum that promotes good attitudes to learning, high standards and high achievements.

Our school environment is an ordered and creative learning space. Classrooms reflect the broad, balanced curriculum with displays that showcase and support the children to 'know and remember'.

Prompts on displays are used to encourage independence and to celebrate achievements. Children are proud of the school and are actively engaged in developing the learning environment.

We also enjoy and benefit from regular time in our school allotment. Working with our own horticulturalist, the children experience the richness of every season. They plant, weed, water, maintain, harvest and enjoy the fruits of their labours.

This is crucial to our commitment in our role as custodians of the planet and our responsibility to take care of our world. As a Green Flag Eco School, we take this aspect of learning very seriously.

***'St Edmund Campion is a very special school, with teaching staff of the highest calibre'***

Parent quote 2023

***'School has given us the skills to take the next step in our education.'***

Pupil quote 2023

Our learning  
**environment**





# Our curriculum

At St Edmund Campion, all children engage in a rich, bespoke curriculum that is ambitious, innovative, creative and stimulating – equipping them with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life and be the best that they can be.

We want every child to achieve their potential and focus on the development of our pupils as individuals, guiding them to develop socially, academically, emotionally and spiritually. Through our inclusive curriculum and quality first teaching, we endeavour to meet the needs of all pupils. We aspire to grow and nurture articulate thinkers who have a genuine love of learning. We create independent, active learners, who are able to think critically and overcome barriers.

Throughout their learning journey at St Edmund Campion, we aim to provide our children with the cultural capital they need to succeed in life and the confidence and courage to pursue their dreams, knowing that nothing will stand between them and their goals.

## Teaching and learning

At St Edmund Campion we aim to create a positive and supportive environment for all pupils. We know our pupils and understand their learning needs. Our teaching staff use a range of approaches and strategies to ensure that all pupils make excellent progress.

We are a fully inclusive school and set high expectations, giving every learner the confidence they need to succeed. We have identified the key knowledge and skills within each curriculum area and this has been carefully sequenced throughout the school. Within each lesson we establish what the children already know and build on this, creating secure foundations for subsequent learning.

Within the classroom and beyond, we make creative use of a range of learning opportunities, including the use of ICT. We encourage pupils to take an active part in their learning – developing the ability to think systematically, manage information, learn from others and help others learn. Educational visits and outside speakers are also used to enrich the curriculum and bring the learning to life.



The promotion of 'British Values' is central to Catholic education because they have their origin in the Christian values of our nation.

At St. Edmund Campion Primary School, we recognise, not only the importance of helping pupils to develop academically, but also spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. Our aim is that they are fully prepared for life in British society, to take their role as good citizens and are able to make the best possible contribution to the Common Good.

As a Catholic school, we are actively involved in a range of social justice issues. We aim to further each child's sense of commitment and responsibility towards others: at home, school, in the local community and in the wider world.

Throughout the year we support a range of charities, special appeals and fund-raising activities. Catholic Social Teaching is woven into our curriculum, ensuring that we put our faith into action and make a difference.

Catholic social teaching  
and British values



# Beyond the curriculum

We offer a range of extra-curricular activities to enrich the experience for our children.

These include music, dance, drama and sporting clubs. Our extracurricular activities regularly include football, basketball, multi-skills, music, drama, dance, art, choir and modern foreign languages.

## Developing the whole child



### Wraparound care

Childcare at St Edmund Campion starts at 7.30am and continues until 5.45pm. Working with the Wolds Breakfast and After School care we are able to provide a varied timetable of activities. Children are provided with breakfast and an afterschool 'tea'. They participate in sports and creative activities all on the school site. We acknowledge that this supports families who require an extended day for their children.

### Forest Schools

We are committed to learning both indoors and beyond the classroom and acknowledge that 'nature is our teacher'. All children participate in a programme of Forest Schools every year, led by our fully trained staff. Our children are encouraged to take risks in a managed way, develop skills, work together, become more confident and have fun.

### Enrichment activities

We acknowledge the importance of sport in our children's development. Physical Education is part of our curriculum that focuses on the development of skills. There are boundless opportunities to represent the school in competitive competitions.

These include, music, dance, drama, choir, football and basketball.

We encourage competition, fair play and good sporting behaviour both locally and as far as The Camp Nou, Barcelona and Parc des Princes, Paris. Through sport we know that our children develop individual and team work skills all whilst maintaining our values of working hard, being kind and showing respect to ourselves, our team and our opponents.

***'St. Edmund Campion provides an outstanding education to pupils.'***

Ofsted quote 2023





## Achieving full potential

At St Edmund Campion, we acknowledge the value music brings as an academic subject and an enjoyment in a more general way.

From Year 1, children have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder. They can continue to do this throughout their years at our school. In Year 4, children have the opportunity to take part in individual music lessons with a wide range of musical instruments offered – drums, flute, clarinet, brass instruments, violins, cello and guitar.

We love to sing at St Edmund Campion – as part of our liturgical worship and in a broader context. We encourage all our children to find their voice, to feel the joy of singing together. We have a number of choirs and regularly sing in public, such as the Christmas light switch on in West Bridgford and school fayre.

*'The care and support from the school has played a huge part in my daughter becoming the happy, confident girl she is.'*

Parent quote 2023

## Opportunities for personal development

Our children have the opportunity to develop creatively. The school has recently been awarded the Arts Mark Award, with some pupils displaying their artwork at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Our programme of residential visits supports the development of every child. Children from Year 4 onwards have the opportunity to take part in a range of residential experiences.

These include PGL (outdoor adventure activity centre), the Briars Diocesan Youth Centre and Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre in Norfolk.



## Our community

We value our excellent relationship with parents and welcome their support and involvement. Parents and carers make an invaluable contribution to our school: volunteers listen to children read, help with activities such as cooking, sporting events and assist on educational visits.

Our Parents Association organise and host a wide range of events for the enjoyment and benefit of our children and families.

We appreciate the importance of good communication to keep parents informed about their child and events happening in school. Assemblies, performances, concerts, sports days and many other events give us an opportunity to share the breadth of experience the children enjoy at St Edmund Campion.

Working closely with all the local secondary schools, we ensure the best transition for pupils, this includes pupil visits to new schools by children and staff.

## Joining St Edmund Campion

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is the admission authority and is responsible for determining the admissions policy. On behalf of the Trust, the admissions are coordinated by Nottinghamshire County Council and an application should be made by completing the LA Common Application Form, here: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions)

If applying for a place on faith grounds, please also contact the school office for further information. All decisions relating to admission applications will be taken by the school's Local Governing Body.

Whilst this prospectus is designed to provide you with a flavour of St Edmund Campion, it can only do so much. We would recommend that you arrange a visit to view our wonderful school and meet the staff and children.



***'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.'***

***Pupils flourish and succeed at St Edmund Campion.  
They receive an exceptional level of care.'***

Ofsted 2023

***'St Edmund Campion is a school with an embedded sense of  
welcome, inclusion and love for all, where the welfare of all  
pupils is prioritised to the highest level.'***

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