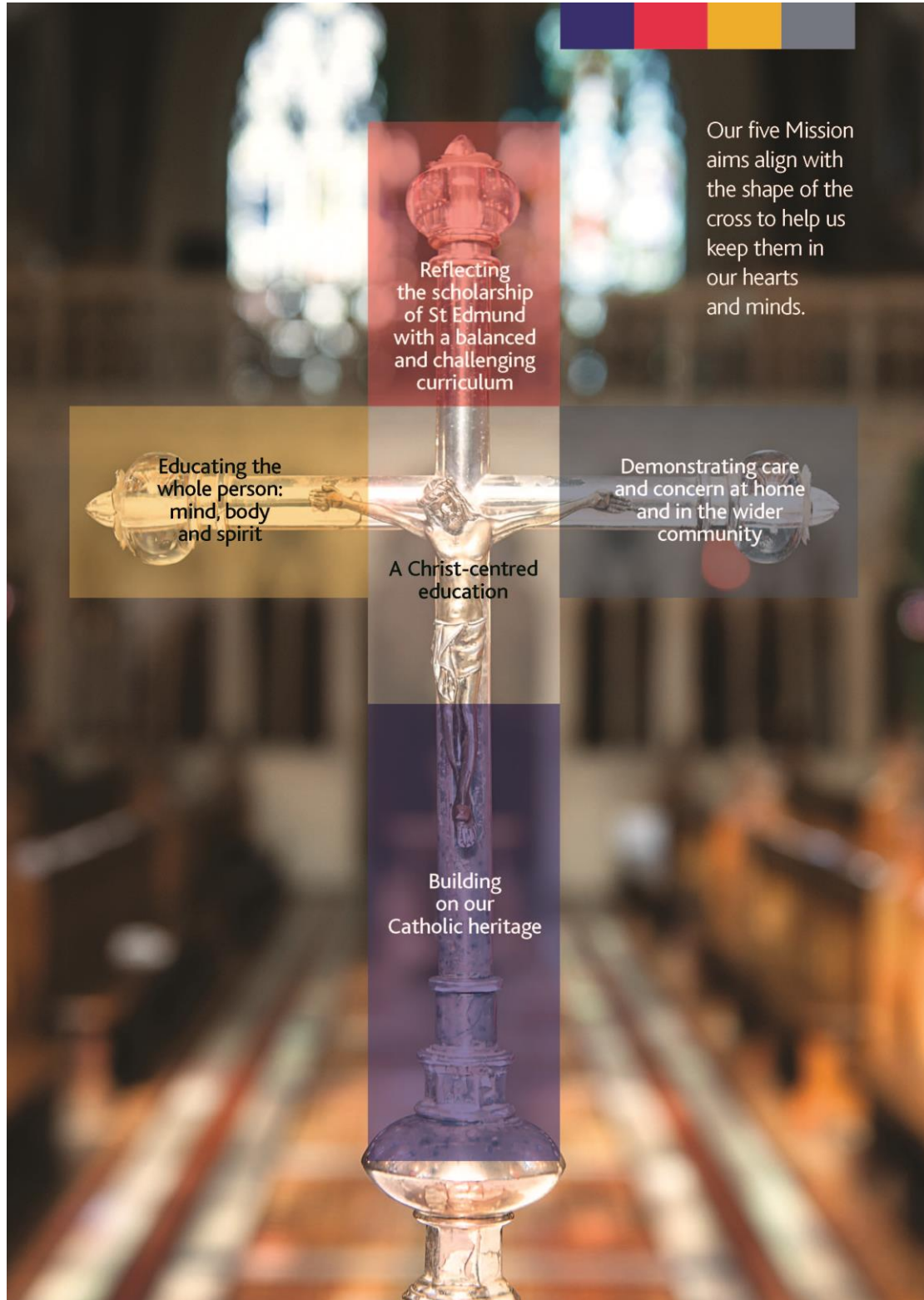




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St Edmund's College and Prep Mission



Avita Pro Fide!



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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.

Avita Pro Fide! For the Faith of our Fathers!

At St Edmund's we strive to:

- Provide a rounded education for the whole person - intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual.
- Reflect the scholarship of St Edmund by offering 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.

Christ Centred Education

What does this mean in practice? A Christ-centred education is 'child-centred' inasmuch as it asks of us to see Christ in every child, to never look upon our students, be they Christian or not, with anything other than love and respect and to encourage a culture of vocation in which every person reaches their full potential, visualising and actualising their God-given gifts. It also demands that we set the highest possible standard for all our students and encourage them all to aim for the divine in all they do and find in themselves the person they were put on this earth to be, thus combining appreciation for each child's individuality and talents with a refusal to allow our expectations to be limited by questions of class, wealth or other circumstances.

Scholarship of St Edmund

St Edmund's College is many things, but it is first and foremost a school and we expect and welcome scrutiny, from within and without, of our academic credentials. Whilst we are not prepared to cast aside all the other things we offer to focus solely on grades and pass rates, we are very proud of the College's academic standing and we continue to work towards ensuring all our students leave us with the very best results they can achieve. Our curriculum is traditional and academic, enabling students to draw on the lessons and riches of the past to move forward into the 21st Century with confidence. A strong body of staff and excellent resources are there to support our students in the classroom and our extra-curricular provision contributes to our academic success by developing the wider thinking skills and independence of thought and action that are the traits of scholars.

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Education for the whole person

Only God knows our true capabilities; each child has a unique combination of talents to be developed for the good of all and it is our duty as teachers to ensure that we provide as many areas for our students to shine in as possible. The extra-curricular is not optional at St Edmund's and we provide a wealth of opportunities with both day and boarding students supported by an excellent pastoral system that monitors and supports each student's progress in all areas of the College. An all-round education, however, must not be used as an excuse for mediocrity: we want our children to excel, but whether they do so in one area or several, this quest for excellence must never compromise the development of the whole person.

Home and wider community

As a Catholic school we recognise parents as the primary educators of our children and we want our students, in turn, to be the committed and responsible parents of the generation to come. Our students are encouraged to be always mindful of their place in the world and their responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Charity lies at the heart of much of what we do at the College and our students raise a significant amount each year for a number of organisations. Our links with alumni through the Edmundian Association and the devoted help of our parents through the Friends of the College create a number of opportunities and networks for our students to make use of while they are at the College and in later life. Edmundians are typically confident, happy, generous and loving; an attitude very much rooted in the ethos of service and leadership that is central to our mission.

Catholic Heritage

As England's oldest Catholic school, we draw great strength from our history, rooted in the sacrifice of the Douay martyrs. All our lessons start with a prayer, Mass is celebrated regularly and all students study for the GCSE (Catholic syllabus) in Religious Studies with an examined or non-examined course of study as an integral part of our post-16 provision. 'To propose is not to impose' however and we are proud of the religious and cultural diversity at the College. What we offer to all our students is a rich heritage that offers solace if needed and challenge when required; we offer up a sacramental view of society, so that in ordinary life we meet God and are touched by grace.