



School Places and Expansion Public Consultation

on a proposal to permanently expand St
Edmund's Catholic Academy from
September 2021

Consultation Period

Monday 15th June 2020

until

Sunday 12th July 2020



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Consultation Document: Pupil admission increase at St Edmund's Catholic Academy from September 2021

The proposal we are asking you about

St Edmund's Catholic Academy are proposing an expansion to provide more secondary school places for local children.

The proposal is to permanently increase the number of places offered at St Edmund's Catholic Academy in Year 7 **from 150 to 200 students from September 2021**. The increase to 200 places in Year 7 would continue year on year until all year groups were at the new admissions limit.

How does the proposal support the Academy's future vision?

St Edmund's Catholic Academy, as part of St Francis and St Clare MAC, exists to provide outstanding Catholic education in Wolverhampton and is committed to the academic, social and spiritual development of all young people it serves. We are delighted to welcome more students and their families to join our community based on our mission of love, service and forgiveness.

What is Ofsted's opinion of St Edmund's (GOOD November 2019)

- *St Edmund's is a welcoming school with a nurturing and supportive environment. Pupils are valued and cared for. Pupils are safe and know where to go if they have a problem. Pupils describe the staff as 'always being there' for them. Bullying is rare and when it does happen, teachers deal with it swiftly and effectively.*
- *The principal and her leadership team are ambitious for all pupils. The principal has made many positive changes. Leaders' work is now sharply focused on ensuring that all subjects are planned and taught effectively.*
- *Behaviour in the school is exemplary. Pupils move about the school in a very calm and orderly manner. In lessons, pupils behave well, and low-level disruption is extremely rare. Pupils are proud of their school and wear their uniform with pride. They value and take care of their learning environment.*
- *Teachers love working at the school. Staff work very hard to help pupils to achieve. There are excellent relationships between staff and students. The 'CARE' culture runs through the school and is felt positively by all. Teachers help pupils to see that it is fine to be different. Their beliefs and values are respected and celebrated.*



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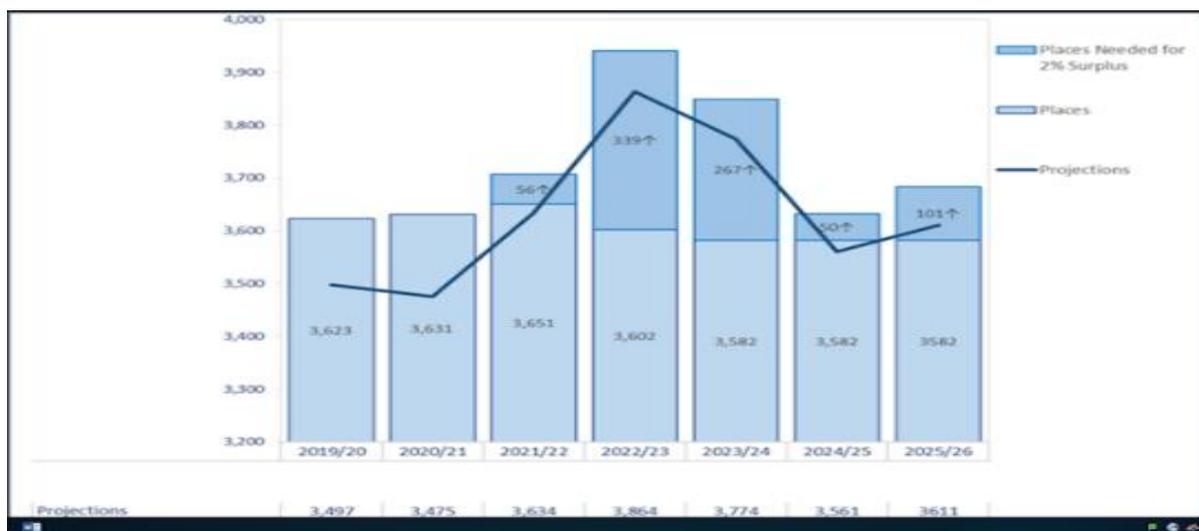
What is the Diocese opinion of St Edmund's Catholic Academy?

This is a good Catholic school because:

- *The school has a clear mission which is spearheaded by strong leadership. It is both shared with and owned by the whole community.*
- *Catholic Life is outstanding and a clear priority for the school's continual development. It is regularly monitored and evaluated by leaders.*
- *Standards in Religious Education are generally high. The school has processes in place to review teaching and learning, and to plan for its improvement.*
- *Collective Worship is outstanding and successfully meets the community's needs. Staff effectively facilitate pupils' leadership of it. It is regularly evaluated with a view to further improving provision.*

Why do we want to expand this school?

St Edmund's Catholic Academy have been involved in discussions with the local authority regarding increasing our PAN from 150 to 200 to meet the growing need for school places. As illustrated in the chart below there is a need for additional Year 7 places from academic year 2021-22 onwards.



As a popular, oversubscribed secondary school, rated good by Ofsted in Nov 2019, St Edmund's Catholic Academy feel it is well placed to support Wolverhampton in securing extra places for the projected increase in pupil numbers. However to ensure we can meet the needs of these 50 young people, the local authority has agreed to secure funds to ensure that any growth would be supported by the right infrastructure.



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Anticipated building works and internal modifications

A modest proposal of works have been agreed with the LA and will be sufficient to secure the necessary adaptations:

- A one storey changing room block attached to the Sports Hall (one male /one female)
- A one storey extension to the dining room
- A one storey new build teaching block (3-4 classrooms)
- Refurbishment of the lecture theatre (internal)
- A refurbishment of classroom space to create a science lab (internal)

Tell us what you think

It is important that you tell us what you think as this will help to decide whether or not to go ahead with these plans. Please respond to the consultation using the on-line survey which can be found on the following webpages:

[School expansion consultation Form](#)

www.stedmundscloud.co.uk

If you prefer you can email your comments to wharding@stedmunds.org

Alternatively you can post a response to:
St Edmund's Catholic Academy
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Please remember to tell us what you think by 12th July 2020

Consultation ends on 12th July 2020



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