



ST EDWARD'S
CHURCH *of* ENGLAND ACADEMY





Life in all its fullness

Welcome

St Edward's Academy is part of the highly successful Unity Schools Partnership.



Welcome to St Edward's Church of England Academy, a mixed comprehensive school located in Romford, in the London Borough of Havering.

St Edward's Academy has a very strong community. We are proud of our long history, educating the children of Romford since 1710. We are very excited about our future. We strive to provide the best possible education for children of all backgrounds, abilities and beliefs. Everything we do is founded on the Christian values of love, mutual respect and hope.

Our ethos, 'Life in all its fullness' underpins all that we do at St Edward's Academy. Our ethos is supported by our HOPE values: Humanity, Optimism, Perseverance and Excellence. Our rich and exciting curriculum stimulates student interest and offers a broad education for all. The achievement of our students is at the centre of our vision. By working in partnership with our students and their families, we strive to ensure that outcomes are the best that they can be. We have a commitment to the highest academic standards. It is through the foundation of success at school that students will truly experience 'Life in all its fullness'.

Combined with a wide range of curricular, extra-curricular and supra-curricular activities, St Edward's Academy enhances the life opportunities of all our students.

St Edward's Academy is friendly and welcoming. We care for our learners and offer excellent guidance and support. We have exceptional standards of behaviour and we strive for academic excellence for all. The St Edward's family is a learning community that involves parents and carers, has strong links with the local area and values its key role in the community.

Our students are encouraged to develop pride in being part of St Edward's and will grow and develop over their seven-year journey with us. We want our students to be the very best that they can be. We pledge to provide a rich educational experience so that every student is able to make excellent progress, whatever their starting point may be. If you hope to educate your child in a caring environment that is focused on achievement and success, all underpinned by core Christian values, then St Edward's Academy is the school for you. I hope very much that you will visit our school to find out more.

I look forward to meeting you.

Jodie Hassan, Headteacher

Educating for **HOPE AND ASPIRATION**

We will educate your child to be the best that they can be. We will develop them into well-rounded citizens who are ready to make the world a better place.

An excellent education will enable our students to lead a fuller life and above all to have **HOPE**:

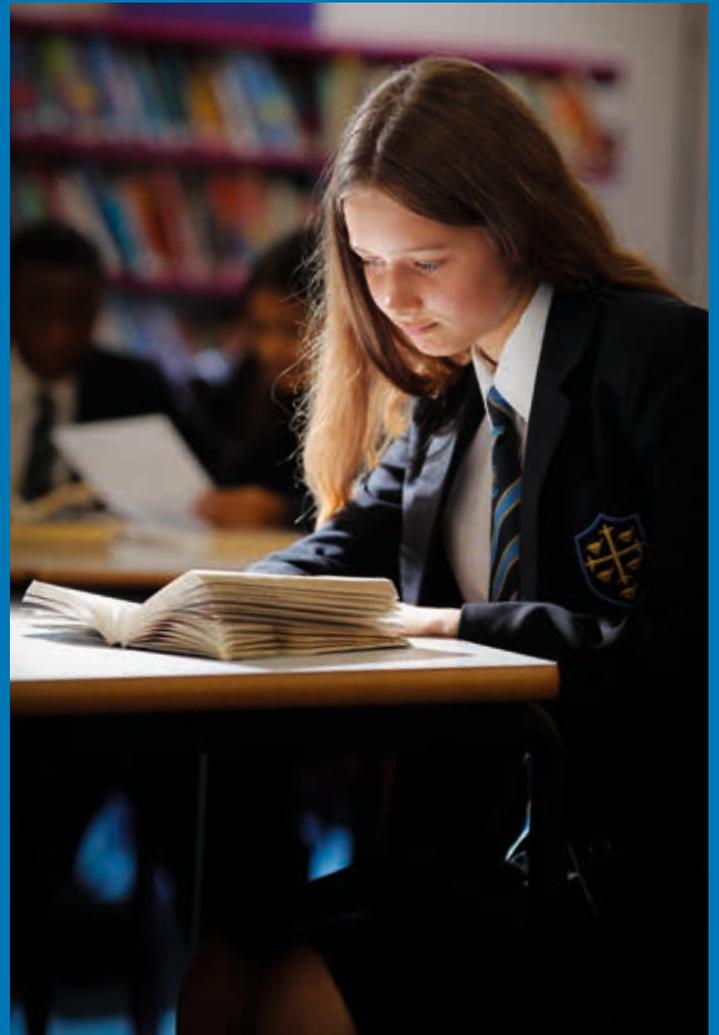
HUMANITY

OPTIMISM

PERSEVERANCE

EXCELLENCE

These words sum up our core purpose: to embrace 'Life in all its fullness'. We believe that to lead a fuller life, we cope wisely when things go wrong, celebrate our individual and joint successes and approach everything we do with kindness. It is through our shared life as a community that we experience our humanity and we will face all challenges wisely with optimism and perseverance. Above all, we will pursue excellence in all we do, so that we are all the best that we can be.





A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR ALL

The school has a proud Christian heritage and our worship spaces bring the whole community together for regular worship. The school chapel is placed at the heart of the school and its prominent position is a reminder of the importance of recognising the spiritual dimension to life. Everyone in the school community is invited to share in its activities.

Our multi-faith prayer room provides an area of peace and quiet for reflection, meditation or prayer for those wishing to use it.

Our Chaplaincy team, led by Father David Simpson, is always ready to discuss matters of faith and belief and to explore spiritual life. The team is available to all students, staff and parents/carers, regardless of religious affiliation. They provide pastoral and spiritual care or just a listening ear.

St Edward's Academy is a Christian school for students of all faiths and of none.



Exceptional Pastoral **CARE**

The pastoral system at St Edward's creates a refreshingly different kind of school, placing each student's well-being at the heart of all decisions.

Academic excellence is unquestionably an important part of our students' education. However, our exceptional pastoral system, including daily form tutor periods,

explicitly taught mindfulness techniques and strong home-school relationships provide students with the grit, resilience and character to become successful in anything they do.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ST EDWARD'S STUDENTS

We have high standards of behaviour and students honour our code of conduct. St Edward's students treat everyone with respect. They learn about forgiveness and how to restore relationships. We support students to succeed by teaching them to be responsible and independent. Students are expected to dress with pride and our school uniform is both smart and affordable. The badge on our blazers and ties represents our long history and shows you are part of our St Edward's family.

The day begins at 8.30am, with students arriving by 8.20am. During the day there are five hour-long lessons with 20 minutes for mid-morning break and 50 minutes for lunch. Students in Year 7 – 11 remain on the school site all day. The day finishes at 3.00pm, although many students remain in school as part of our out-of-hours learning programme.

Our CURRICULUM

KEY STAGE THREE

At Key Stage Three, we teach English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Religious Studies, Geography, History, Mandarin, Spanish, French, Music, Art, Design Technology, Computer Science, Drama PSHE and PE.

We have a three-year Key Stage Three and mixed ability classes to allow students to flourish and experience high quality subject-based teaching whilst they explore their own interests and talents. We talk about a seven-year journey to show students that everything they do every lesson and every day is working towards Key Stage Five and beyond.

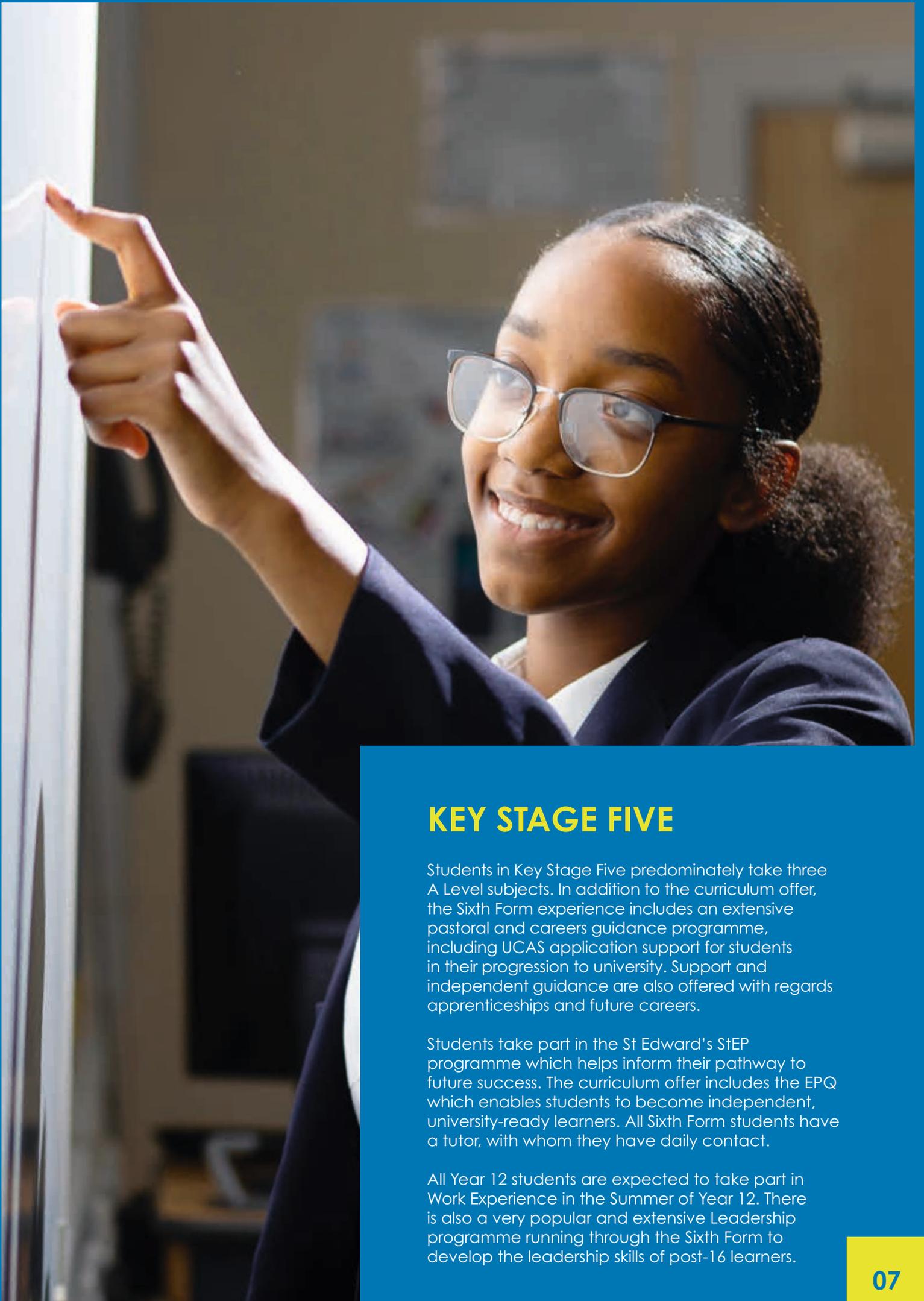
This ambitious offer is inclusive, with all students taking part in all subjects. Support is evidence-informed, carefully targeted and evaluated for impact, so that all students can access and take part in the full curriculum offer.

Students make their guided choices in Year Nine. We encourage a high level of participation in EBacc subjects as this ensures that students keep their options open for the next steps of their education. All we do at Key Stage Three prepares students for a solid foundation of academic knowledge. This provides the platform to achieve a life-long love of learning.

KEY STAGE FOUR

Our two-year GCSE curriculum consists of our EBacc offer: English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology (Combined or Separate Science award), a Modern Foreign Language and History or Geography. All students complete GCSE Religious Studies. We also allow students to select two guided choices from the following list: Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music, Computer Science, Citizenship, Sociology, PE.

The Key Stage Four curriculum offer is designed to be broad, balanced and flexible. It allows students to achieve the highest outcomes possible and also develop their individual skills, interests and ambitions. At the same time, the Key Stage Four curriculum aims to prepare students for their role in society, both now and in the future.



KEY STAGE FIVE

Students in Key Stage Five predominately take three A Level subjects. In addition to the curriculum offer, the Sixth Form experience includes an extensive pastoral and careers guidance programme, including UCAS application support for students in their progression to university. Support and independent guidance are also offered with regards apprenticeships and future careers.

Students take part in the St Edward's STEP programme which helps inform their pathway to future success. The curriculum offer includes the EPQ which enables students to become independent, university-ready learners. All Sixth Form students have a tutor, with whom they have daily contact.

All Year 12 students are expected to take part in Work Experience in the Summer of Year 12. There is also a very popular and extensive Leadership programme running through the Sixth Form to develop the leadership skills of post-16 learners.



Beyond the **CLASSROOM**

SUPRA-CURRICULAR LEARNING

At St Edward's, we value the importance of the supra-curriculum and provide students with a wealth of opportunities to extend and deepen their knowledge. All students are provided with access to an online library, on-demand theatre and lectures as well as a variety of trips to complement their studies.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

THE ARTS

We are proudly committed to our Arts provision which develops all aspects of a child's growth. Our annual musical theatre productions provide students with a wealth of opportunities ranging from set design and technical lighting, to playing in the orchestra, taking a leading role or directing the performance.

SPORT

For many at St Edward's, sport is a powerful, sustaining passion. St Edward's Academy is hugely successful in many sports. Our strong links with West Ham United Academy ensures opportunities for aspiring footballers and past students are now players in the professional sector.

For others, sport is just one part of their St Edward's journey; a way to bond with their peers, or a chance to switch off at the end of a busy day and an opportunity for fun and collaboration.



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SIXTH FORM

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The St Edward's Academy Sixth Form is a place of academic excellence.

We are passionate about promoting the talents of our young people. We want them to achieve academically as well as develop their personal, social and emotional well-being and resilience. Our HOPE values are embedded in the Sixth Form experience.

We aim to provide a stimulating, intellectual and supportive environment for our students to achieve their very best.

This means academic success as well as training, skills and personal development. We support Sixth Form students to become independent, confident and tenacious learners.

Our exam results speak for themselves – we have a proven record of success for generations of Sixth Form students. That said, St Edward's Academy is so much more than an exam factory – we support students to grow and develop into the person they wish to become so that they can truly live 'Life in all its Fullness', achieving their ambitions and contributing positively to wider society.

OUR CURRICULUM

Achieving a high-quality curriculum, supported by excellence in learning and teaching is at the heart of everything we do at St Edward's.

The pathway that students follow in the St Edward's Academy Sixth Form is curated to stretch and challenge each student appropriately, depending on their starting point and aspirations. The St Edward's Academy Sixth Form goal is simple: for students to leave us highly skilled and ready to compete and achieve at university and in the wider world of work.

We offer facilitating subjects to enable our students to compete favourably, gaining a place at their university of choice.

Additional information about the A-Level subjects we offer, including exam boards and advice on how to prepare for exams can be found on our website:

www.stedwardsacademy.co.uk



The St Edward's Academy EXPERIENCE

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Our students are supported with mentors and academic experts to complete independent research in a subject they are passionate about. The EPQ is worth up to half an A Level and is viewed very favourably by universities.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment, supra-curricular and curriculum extension activities are an incredibly important part of Sixth Form life. Students are encouraged to broaden their horizons by experiencing a wide range of additional opportunities and events that will prepare them for university life and future employment.

THE BRILLIANT CLUB SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

St Edward's Academy invests in students' futures through our involvement with the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. The Brilliant Club is a university access organisation offering challenging supra-curricular courses taught by world class researchers (each with a PhD). Scholars Programme graduates are almost twice as likely to progress to highly-selective universities (UCAS evaluation, 2019). Students are able to develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and meta-cognition.

The Brilliant Club promotes a culture of no barriers or ceilings to success, promoting the school's inclusive and aspirational culture and belief in excellence and opportunity all.

MENTORING

Students in the Sixth Form mentor, inspire and nurture younger students. The programme aims to link like-minded individuals who share similar aspirations, experiences and even challenges. This is an excellent forum to offer valuable guidance and support from a student's perspective.

STUDENT VOICE

We believe that listening to students is important as it helps in developing them as future leaders. Sixth Form students who are selected to be student leaders have the opportunity to contribute their ideas to inform school policy and practice. They also act as ambassadors who are positive role models to other students.

UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION

As a St Edward's Sixth Former, students receive in-depth help with university, apprenticeship and employment applications from experienced and knowledgeable staff.

We have strong connections with universities and dedicated staff to support those students who may aspire to Oxbridge in the next stage of their education. Indeed, we have an excellent track record for university progression.

- Consistently, St Edward's Sixth Form students secure offers at the university of their choice.
- A significant proportion of St Edward's students secure a place at Russell Group universities.

A School with **HISTORY**

Founded in 1710, the first records of the school described as 'the Charity School in Romford' showed an early dedication to the education of children in the local area.

Originally with girls and boys educated separately, the school occupied a number of different buildings in Romford until the purchase of a new site for the princely sum of £422, close to the current Havering Town Hall.

From 1917 the girls' and boys' schools were combined and in 1976 the Primary School moved to Havering Drive, where it is still located. Even more space was needed for the expanding secondary school and on 24th May 1965, the 'New School' was opened on our current site by H.R.H Princess Margaret, who arrived on site in a helicopter to mark the occasion.

In 1972, St Edward's became a comprehensive school, meaning that it couldn't select any new pupils on the basis of their academic achievement or the wealth of their family. In April 2018, St Edward's joined Unity Schools Partnership and became St Edward's Church of England Academy.

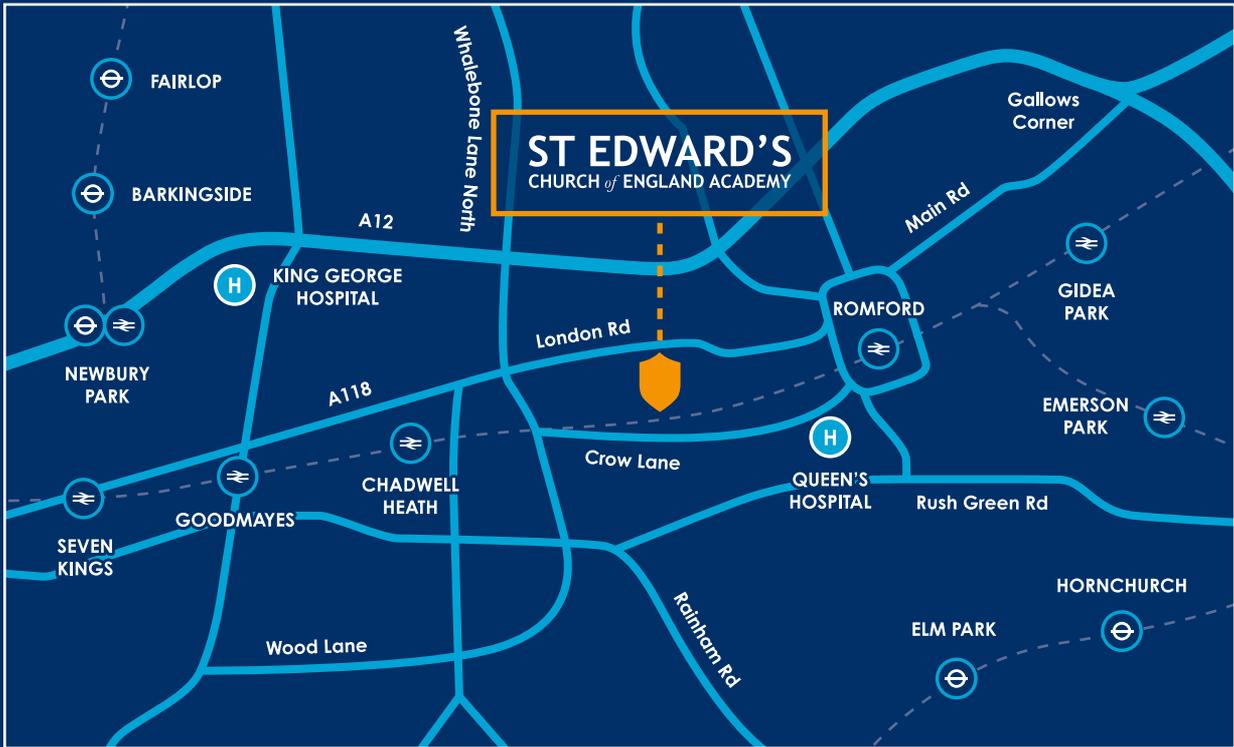
The design of the St Edward's badge is based on the coat of arms of Edward the Confessor who was canonised in 1161. It consists of a gold cross surrounded by five golden martlets and was adopted by the school due to its close association with St Edward's Church in the Market Place, Romford.

We hope you will soon benefit from our rich and diverse history. Our students and staff proudly contribute to our exciting future.





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