

Strategic Plan 2015 -2020

St Edward's Cheltenham Trust formed in 1987 manages two Schools, St Edward's School (11-18) and St Edward's Preparatory School (2-11). These were established from a merger of two former Roman Catholic grammar schools, Whitefriars and Charlton Park.

St Edward's School and St Edward's Preparatory School are both lay-run day Schools and are fully co-educational; with approximately 400 pupils aged 11-18 including 100 in the Sixth Form and 300 pupils aged 2-11. The Schools are sited about a mile apart on the southern outskirts of Cheltenham. The Preparatory School has approximately 45 acres of beautiful parkland and the Senior School occupies a smaller, yet attractive 16 acre site. The two Schools have autonomous Heads and separate staff with one Board of Trustees.

St Edward's is a Catholic School which welcomes pupils of other denominations provided they are willing to join in all the religious activities of the School and share in its ethos. The School attracts a large proportion of its pupils from non-Catholic parents seeking a Christian education. All Staff are required to respect and support the School's religious ethos. Our inclusive approach and the importance we place on the spiritual, academic and personal development of our pupils means that each one of them has the foundations to become confident, responsible contributors to society in the future.

St Edward's is the only independent day school (2-18) in Cheltenham and we have the advantage of being able to offer very small class sizes and an extended day which provides opportunities for pupils to experience a wide range of extra-curricular activities; this is integral to school life. Customarily about 50% of the Year 6 cohort from the Preparatory School transfers to Year 7 in the Senior School.

St Edward's is a vibrant community of committed staff and enthusiastic pupils who together enjoy excellent relationships which results in a nurturing environment for our pupils to grow within and thrive.

Strategic Objectives 2015 – 2020

- Provide a cohesive and continuous journey (2-18) as one School Trust operating on two sites.
- Ensure the Prep School's provision prepares all pupils for successful transition to their School of first choice at Year 6
- Provide the most affordable independent education for day pupils aged 2-18.
- Retain selection criteria at points of entry to achieve an intake ability profile which in general is above national averages.
- Ensure excellence in teaching, learning and pastoral care.
- Invest in new capital projects to enhance the facilities for Sport on both sites (*by improving the Swimming Pool, Changing Rooms, Gym and Hall on the Senior School site and the RedGra and Sports Hall on the Prep School site*) to complement the educational provision.
- Maintain existing buildings and facilities to a high standard and adopt, where practicable, sustainable solutions to improve energy efficiency.
- Develop mutually beneficial partnerships which utilise the Schools' estate and provide a community benefit.
- Develop outside spaces to extend opportunities for outdoor learning and pupil wellbeing.
- Achieve a minimum of 60% transfer from Kindergarten to Reception in the Prep School and from Year 6 to Year 7 in the Senior School.
- Maintain a strong sense of community and develop long-term relationships with the School through liaison with the alumni.
- Generate a recurrent surplus which will enable capital improvement in facilities on both sites.
- Ensure long-term financial sustainability of the School Trust.