

Welcome to

# Marham Park

*An invitation to families to find out more.*



St Edmund's & St Benedict's Catholic schools

# St Benedict's

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Headteacher  
**Imogen Senior**

Whatever your reason for looking into joining us here at St Benedict's, we hope that you will get a clear sense of the school and the distinctiveness of our community. We are rightly proud of the school and all that our pupils achieve with us and in their lives after their time with us. Our school is a high-achieving one, with our curriculum underpinned by Gospel values and by our Catholic ethos in practise. Our vision as a school centres particularly on the Gospel values of Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience and our curriculum reflects these values and principles.

As a school community we serve a large geographic area and welcome students and families who are supportive of our distinctive ethos from all backgrounds. As a result, our community serves many students who describe themselves as Catholic, those of other faiths, and those with no faith. We are an inclusive school where students of all abilities, talents and cultures are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential.

At St Benedict's our students are polite, conscientious, reflective and supportive of one another. We have many opportunities for student leadership including charity work and service in the local community and our students engage with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. Our House system, based on the virtues of Caritas (charity), Patientia (patience), Industria (diligence) and Humanitas (kindness) encourages students

to see competition as a mutual challenge where all contribute and take pride in both personal and collective success. As a school we hold the Gold Award for religious studies and ensure that the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of students is a priority. We also hold the Gold Artsmark and are a Duke of Edinburgh Award accredited centre and encourage our students to develop their understanding of the world through many extra and super curricular activities.

Students leave St Benedict's well-prepared for the life that awaits them beyond school through a well-rounded education that goes beyond the confines of the academic curriculum and examinations. We believe that every one of our students should go out into the world ready to make it a better place. If you are interested in finding out more or visiting our school, please get in touch.

*Imogen Senior*

**Imogen Senior**  
Headteacher, St Benedict's

Whether you are new to Bury St Edmunds or just new to the Marham Park estate, we would like to welcome you and provide you with information about our schools, of which we are extremely proud.

There is a great deal of choice in education provision in and around Bury St Edmunds and we are blessed to have several excellent schools within the town. We know that choosing the right school and community is a really important decision for any family, and if you are interested in schooling with a distinctive Catholic ethos you may wish to find out more about our schools and community, and what we have to offer.

# St Edmund's

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Head of School  
**Kate Copeman**

On behalf of everyone at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, I warmly welcome you to our school. Whether you are a parent who is seeking to choose a school for your child, a family whose child is currently attending our school, or someone who is interested in finding out what we offer at St Edmund's, our website aims to provide you with all you need to know.

At St Edmund's we strive for all our children to achieve their best academically as they progress in their learning journey. We also seek to recognise, value and nurture the individual qualities of each child. Through our weekly focus on the Federation's 'Characteristics of an Effective Learner' we teach, identify and celebrate a number of essential life skills which our children develop as members of our school community. Our accreditation as a Silver Rights Respecting School demonstrates the importance we place on supporting our children to understand the rights and responsibilities that they have as a member of our school community and as a global citizen in the wider world.

A strong emphasis is placed on providing our children with curriculum enrichment activities to enhance their learning. These range from offering a wide variety of clubs, access to music tuition and numerous school trips relating to different aspects of the curriculum.

Located in the centre of Bury St Ed-

Both schools provide education within a Catholic setting, but are open to applications from Catholic and non-Catholic students. Each school has its own distinctive culture and mission and works alongside and in collaboration with other schools and provision in the local area.

Whether you are interested in school places now or in the future, both schools offer tours for prospective students. To find out more about our schools (St Edmund's Reception-Year 6, St Benedict's Years 7-13) and how to apply for places (including in-year admissions) please visit our websites for more information.

munds, we are extremely fortunate that our school grounds include a large playground, two field spaces, a large section of water meadow, which houses an outdoor classroom and a designated gardening area for our pupils to tend. We make maximum use of the outdoor environment in the children's learning at St Edmunds which also includes the provision of weekly Forest School sessions.

Opportunities are provided for the children to broaden social relationships and collaborate with pupils at our Federation school, St Joseph's, within our everyday teaching and learning but also via opportunities in key stage 2 for pupils to attend residential trips both in the UK and in France.

We were the first school in Suffolk to be awarded the Gold Linguamarque accreditation in recognition of the quality of our language teaching and the emphasis we place on pupils developing their knowledge and understanding of the differing cultures within our school community.

We are extremely proud of our school, and we would strongly encourage you to come and visit in person so you can experience first-hand the atmosphere and workings of our school.

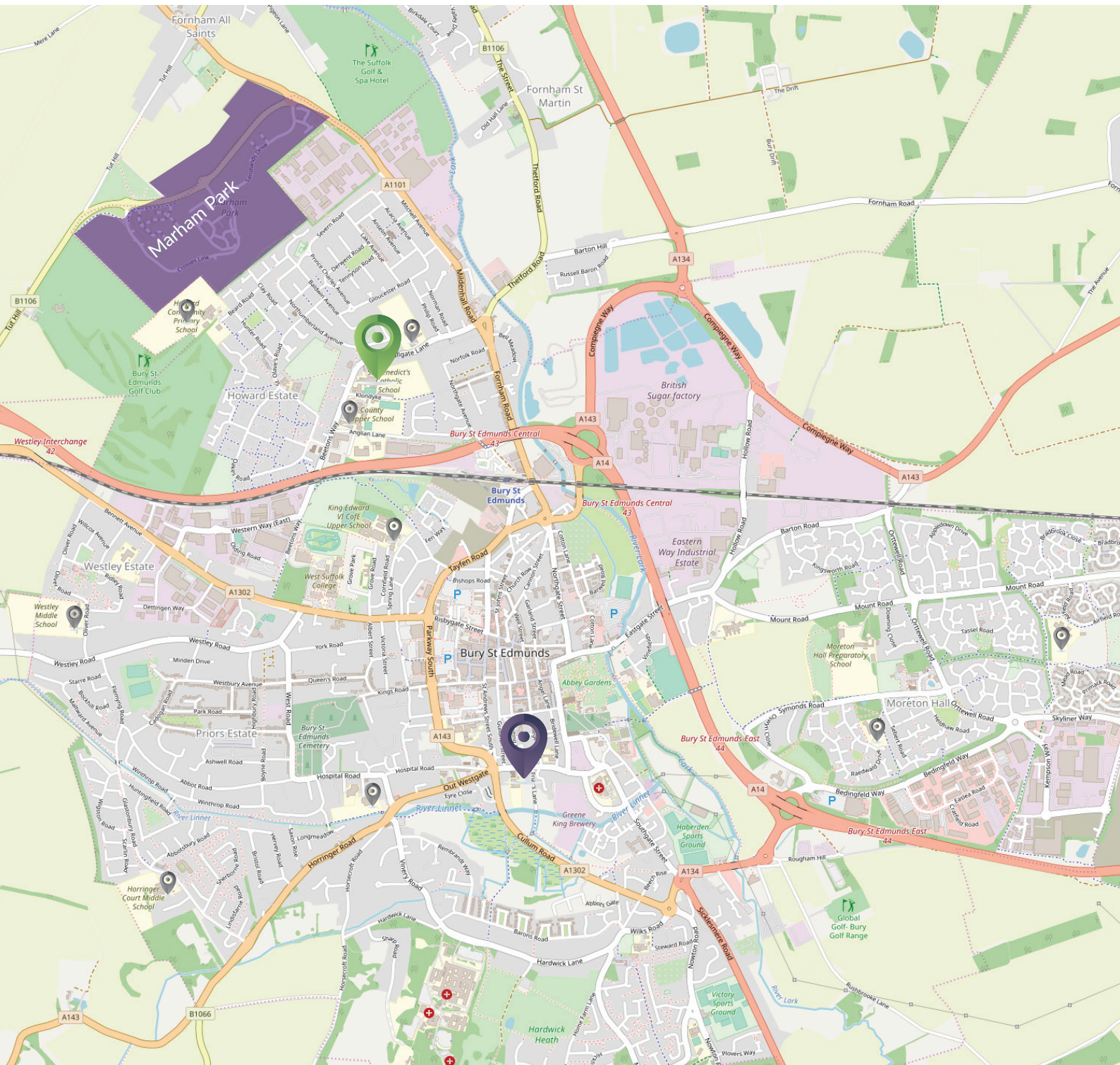
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**Kate Copeman**  
Head of School, St Edmund's



## Easy drop-off & collection

Drop-off and pick-up are a breeze, just 5 minutes from Marham Park. St Edmunds offer the facility of a bus service which runs from St Benedict's to St Edmund's before school, and from St Edmund's back to St Benedict's at the end of the school day. For more information contact St Edmund's.



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