

OUR VISION

Empowering
global talent
to shape the
future ✨



St Edmund's College
University of Cambridge

Our Vision

The world is changing. New approaches to solving global challenges are needed.

At St Edmund's we are a community of global thinkers and leaders within the University of Cambridge bridging disciplines and cultures to solve humanity's challenges.

We build a better future by developing, supporting and connecting a community of global talent, inspired to learn from difference and united in a commitment to improve the future for individuals, societies and the world.



We empower global talent to shape the future.





An ecosystem of thinkers, doers and change makers

Our alumni, affectionately known as 'Eddies' are based in over 110 countries. Eddies go on to lead cutting-edge research in institutions around the world or hold senior positions in an international network of influential organisations. Whether as Astrophysicists or Zoologists, Bishops or Judges, our alumni go on to shape the lives of millions of people.

Our College

St Edmund's is a vibrant community of exceptional people drawn from over 80 nationalities. With over 700 students and around 250 senior academics and professional members, we are responsible for the intellectual and personal flourishing of an extraordinary concentration of global talent: living, studying and working within our leafy 10-acre site, located close to both the historical city centre and West Cambridge.

We are a place for multidisciplinary research and encounter.

We enable University of Cambridge academics to connect across disciplines, convene thinkers and doers who are changing the world, and commission ideas that matter through our Research Institutes. St Edmund's inspires new perspectives through global membership and visitor programmes.

We are a home for personal and intellectual development.

All our students are over the age of 21 and bring adult experience to the College's community; are already leaders in their field or profession. Our goal is to ensure that time at St Edmund's empowers our students to be a force for good and transforms their understanding of how to navigate and have impact in an increasingly complex world.

We are a space to learn from difference.

Founded in 1896, out of a belief in higher purpose and an open mind we continue to place that at the centre of all that we do. Drawing on our global community there are few places where so much can be learnt, about so many, from so few.

Our Theory of Change

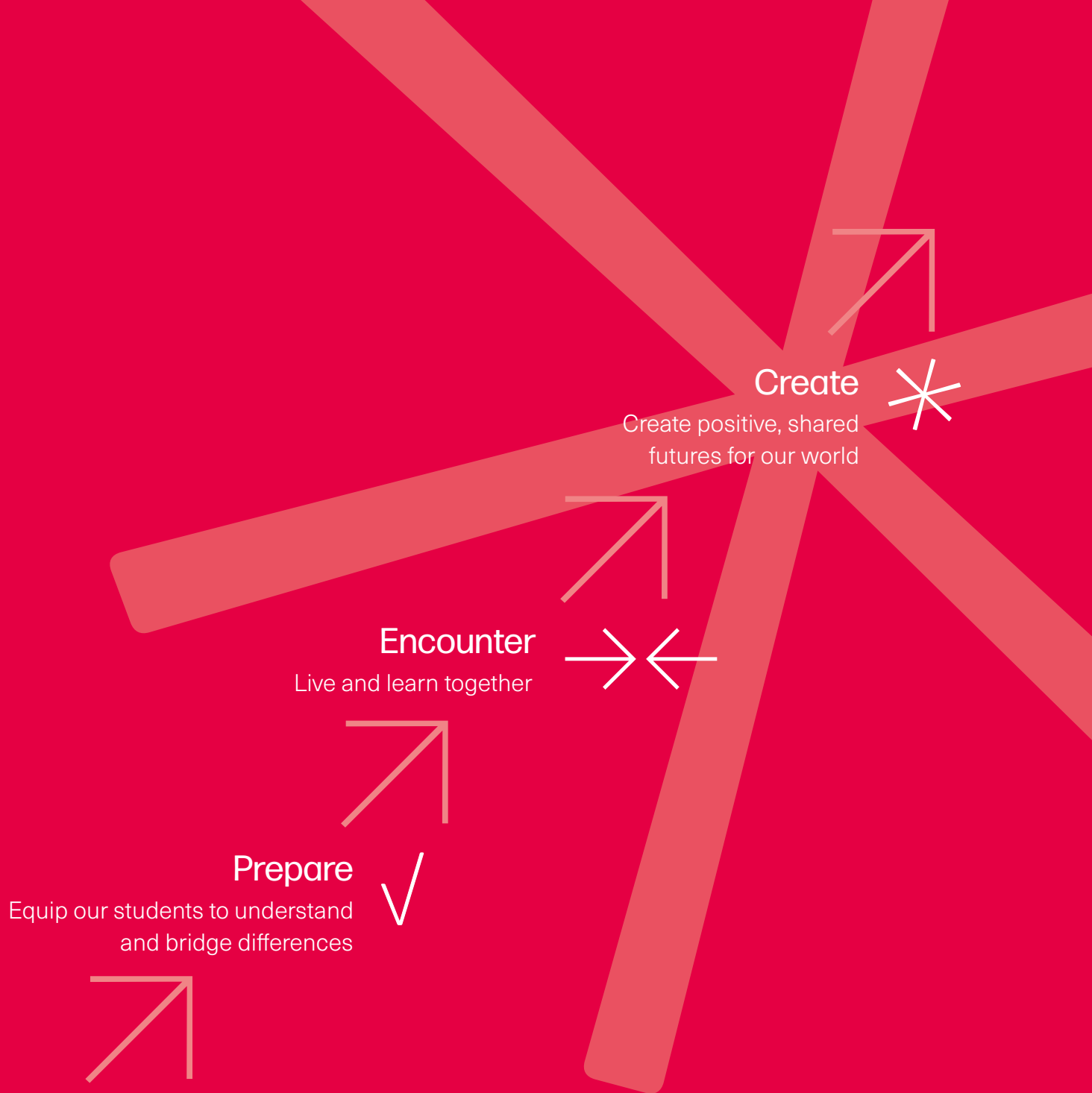
Our mission is to empower global talent to shape the future.

Our vision and values draw inspiration from our founders who confronted fear and prejudice with purpose, persuasion, and pragmatism. They speak of the enduring importance of an open-minded community. A place in which people can flourish intellectually, physically and spiritually.

To fulfil this vision, we will:

- Become the most international college in Cambridge and a first-choice college for globally minded students over the age of 21.
- Become a leader in widening access and participation for postgraduates.
- Become a college of choice for visiting scholars, for global leaders in their field.

Our **Theory of Change** initiative illustrates how we prepare our members for positive encounter with difference, so that they gain the skills and confidence needed to create positive and shared futures. This will prepare them to become the next generations of leaders and decision makers.



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I hope to use my skills to make a difference. To influence people's views on the environment and effect change that will help solve global environmental challenges.

CECILIA RIBORDY, (2023) MPhil ANTHROPOCENE STUDIES
First-ever Posse Foundation Scholarship recipient at
Cambridge University

Our values enable our members to thrive

All members of our community are guided by the College's **THRIVE** Community Framework. It forms the basis of who we are and guides our members to deliver our vision.



Trust

We welcome all members as equals and in turn expect members to contribute to the community and take responsibility for their actions. Our members build trust through openness, integrity, and consideration for others.

Higher Purpose

We recognise the importance of cultivating mind, body and spirit. Our members are encouraged in a desire to serve beyond the self and to grow in understanding and wisdom.



Resilience

We encourage responsibility towards the self and others and provide support that acknowledges the individual and reflects the needs of a diverse, global community. Our members are helped to develop the mind-set and skill set to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Imagination

We are open to new ways of thinking and exploring the world both as it is and as it ought to be. Our members are encouraged to move beyond academic specialism or personal identities to imagine new possibilities and innovate for the future.



Voice

We foster productive, vigorous and inclusive discourse, learning to engage and influence across cultures and disciplines. Our members exchange ideas and views, developing the skills and confidence to listen and communicate with impact and respect, including through challenging conversations.

Enjoyment

We want our members to enjoy their time with us; there is space at St Edmund's for enthusiasm and exploration as well as excellence.



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The group of friends which I discovered at Eddies was the single most uplifting experience of my whole life.

MARIA KHAN (2016) EDUCATION

Student Madeline Jackson (2022) MB Bchir Medicine, is President of the University of Cambridge 2024–2025 Lightweight Rowing Crew. She rowed in the University of Cambridge's winning Light Weight Women's Crew in the 2024 Boat Race.



Our Origins & Today

**St Edmund's College has been part
of the University of Cambridge
for over 100 years.**

We are the only full College in Cambridge (and Oxford) with a post-Reformation Roman Catholic founding. Until 1871 Roman Catholics and other religious minorities were not allowed full membership of the University of Cambridge as students. Founded in 1896 to provide a space for this formerly excluded minority, we've grown from just six Roman Catholic students to a diverse and welcoming community of nearly 1,000 members.

Today we welcome students and academics from all faiths and none and have active programmes of research and engagement for members from different faith traditions. Our unique Roman Catholic chapel sits at the heart of the College and the Dean ministers to the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community, engaging with faith leaders across the University.

We continue to meet our Royal Charter objective to “promote and facilitate contributions from the Catholic Church and from members of the Catholic Church in carrying out [our] objects”, in particular through the Von Hügel Institute (VHI). The VHI, based within St Edmund's, is an Institute of Critical Catholic Inquiry engaged in interdisciplinary research focused on ethics and contemporary global realities and is dedicated to encounter, dialogue and transformation.

The College also has active affiliations with the Woolf Institute, dedicated to improving relations between religion and society through education, and the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

Our Community



We are part of the world-leading University of Cambridge.

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When I was at St. Edmund's, I was part of an extremely international cohort of students. Over 60 countries were represented in the year I was studying. It was so international that it helped to shape your view of what you would like to do in the world. And for me that ended up being in public policy.



ALUMNUS JANEEN FERNANDO
(2012) MPhil International Relations; Gates Scholar
UN Peace and Development Advisor



The University is central to the Cambridge Cluster, one of the world's most enterprising networks of people and companies.

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As a Fellow of St Edmund's College, I engage with a diversity of disciplines and subject areas, outside of my own area of research. Networking with highly accomplished individuals beyond my field of expertise provides new insights and opportunities for collaboration.



PROFESSOR SHAHZAD ANSARI
Professorial Fellow of St Edmund's College,
and Professor of Strategy & Innovation at
Judge Business School



The University of Cambridge's research and innovation environment continues to produce world-leading outputs and global impact, as evidenced by the Research Excellence Framework (2021).

Over 315,000 living alumni globally, including 121 Nobel Prize winners, 47 Heads of State are at the heart of this ecosystem.

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My idea was to form a safe community, by women for women, that educated them on their rights both at home and in the workplace. I wanted to make a difference.



STUDENT TEHREEM QURESHI
Recipient of the (2023) Forté MBA Fellowship
and Founder of non-profit organisation
Femtor, Pakistan



Some of our students benefit from College Scholarships such as the The Haskalah Scholarship and The Randeree Scholarship. We also have a proud sporting tradition and offer a sports bursary to our most accomplished university-level sporting students.

Our Future

By donating to St Edmund's College, you will have direct impact upon our future.

We seek partners keen to invest in our ambitious plans.

Creating global thinkers.

We aspire to be the destination of choice for international students wanting to undertake postgraduate study at the University of Cambridge. Funded scholarship opportunities enable some of the brightest minds to flourish, regardless of where they come from. With your support we will be able to grow our student community further, becoming home to the largest cohort of one-year master's students in Cambridge.

Supporting global research.

Investing in inter-disciplinary research enables our academic community to push the frontiers of knowledge.

An estate that enables our global mission.

Our architectural masterplan sees us developing an estate fit for the 21st century and our every growing community. We have planning permission in perpetuity to realise these ambitious plans.

Together we can realise our shared vision to solve humanity's greatest challenges.



Artist's impression of proposed estate development



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