



St Mary's Education Centre

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Dear Community,

I am delighted to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of you to St Mary's Education Centre (SMEC). As the Head of SMEC, this is a distinct opportunity to serve the community and give back the wealth of expertise, knowledge and skills that I have acquired over my 15 years within the field of Education.

In 2010, I graduated with BA in primary Education at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. I then completed a Masters in Language and Literacy at the University of Wollongong where I worked as a tutor, teaching beginning-teachers the foundations of literacy education for the Early Years.

In 2017, I moved to the United Kingdom and was given the post of Head of English for Reception and Lower School (Years 1 & 2) at Pembridge Hall, an elite all-girls preparatory school located in Notting Hill. That same year, I completed a Masters in Literacy Learning and Literacy Difficulties at UCL.

In 2018, I became the Head of Curriculum at Pembridge Hall - responsible for the learning continuum of 420 students, boasting the entry of their 11+ pupils into some of the most prestigious secondary grammar schools in London. During my time as Head of Curriculum and Learning, we were also inspected by the ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) for the Educational Quality of our teaching and learning, and in collaboration with my colleagues, were awarded excellent as the highest grade to earn.

In 2019 I returned to study a Masters in the Language Sciences (Language Development) again at University College London. My interests led me to study the relationship between education and neuroscience, given the fast pace at which technology and the sciences are evolving within education.

At St Mary's Education Centre, we believe that education knows no boundaries, and every student deserves the opportunity to excel academically, regardless of their faith or background. Our dedicated team of educators are committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential.

Our aim at SMEC is to bridge the learning gaps for our students. Our mission is to empower them with the knowledge and skills needed to overcome these learning gaps, whilst excelling in their academics and instilling confidence along the way.

I express my gratitude to His Grace Mar Awraham, the esteemed SMEC Directors and the wider community for their trust and support. SMEC would not have been possible without the community of people that came together to make it a reality.

As we embark on this educational journey together, I extend an invitation for you to actively participate in our school and community, where you'll quickly discover the distinct qualities that set us apart from the rest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrina Di Tirro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adrina Di Tirro
Head of SMEC
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