



St. Richard's Catholic College

A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College



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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the post of Subject Leader of Music and the Performing Arts at St Richard's Catholic College. I hope you will find the enclosed information informative and that you will decide to apply for the post which commences January 2018.

The college roll is at present 999. The college enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. The examination results (2016-17) were 88% 5 or more 4-9 (A*-C) grades in all subjects and 83% 5 or more 4-9 (A*-C) grades including English and Maths. Our last OFSTED inspection (2006) rated the school as outstanding as did our most recent Diocesan Inspection (November 2013). Visitors to the college often comment on our 'strong' family atmosphere and supportive ethos. Pupils are positive, respectful and fully engaged in their learning. They enjoy coming to school and each is encouraged to develop to the full. Ours is a 'can do' culture with the belief that everyone can achieve. We are a National Teaching School and a high-performing Specialist Science College, with Leading Edge status, as well as International Schools status, Gifted and Talented Lead School status and Fairtrade status. We are also a strategic partner in the Sussex maths hub. We are ambitious to become one of the best schools in England.

The person appointed will be passionate about music and the Performing Arts. He/she will need to be a specialist in music and orchestral work. He/she will need to be an inspirational and outstanding leader ready to take on the responsibility of maximising the potential of pupils of all abilities. He/she will be able to promote high engagement and enjoyment of music and the Performing Arts both within the classroom and in the extra-curricular opportunities provided. He/she will be expected to involve him/herself in all aspects of college life including our professional development programme, leadership programme and extra-curricular programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college.

The Music department is an outstanding and key part of the Performing Arts team. This is evident in all assemblies, services and performances. Over 70 pupils regularly perform in the choir and our orchestra generally has about 20 pupils playing a range of instruments. We are particularly keen to hear from talented individuals interested in promoting and strengthening the instrumental side of music as well as leading Performing Arts. We are looking for someone who will bring new ideas, strengthen each department's high standards and extend pupils' talents and interests in music and the Performing Arts. Results in music have been good with 85% achieving C or above in 2016 and 87% achieving C or above in 2017.

This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career in a supportive, forward-thinking school. You will be encouraged to engage in Teaching School activities in order to benefit your own teaching and leadership of the department.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our Performing Arts in this new exciting leadership role, then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Wednesday, 11th October 2017. The names of two referees should be provided.

If you would like to make an informal visit to the college, please contact Mrs Sally Jenkins to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin
Principal

