



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

We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in the post of Subject Leader of PE at St Richard's Catholic College. The post has arisen due to the pending retirement of the current Subject Leader.

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 physical education and will lead the department to become outstanding. 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 physical education both within the college 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 PE department is regarded as a good department but GCSE results require improvement. This will be an area for a future leader to really focus on alongside expanding extra-curricular provision, the curriculum diet and preparing for the completion of the new sports facility. He/she must be committed to the raising of both academic standards and pupils' fitness levels. As with all learning, participation in sport must be encouraged to be a life-long skill amongst all pupils.

If you feel you have the right qualities to lead our PE Department 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

