



Science

# 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 temporary teacher of Drama 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 is to cover a maternity leave.

The college roll is at present 1001. 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 play a key role in promoting the college and contributing to its continuing success. He/she will be responsible for running his/her department, but will be supported by other members of the Performing Arts team notably Music, Art and Dance and a Subject Leader of Performing Arts who begins in January. He/she will need to be a well-qualified, enthusiastic and inspirational teacher ready to take on the responsibility of maximising the potential of pupils of all abilities. He/she will be an excellent classroom practitioner with high expectations for all. He/she will be expected to involve him/herself in all aspects of college life including our professional development programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college.

As well as being a popular subject, drama contributes to all areas of school life including liturgy. Over a hundred pupils usually participate in the annual summer production and clubs are well-attended too. We want our pupils to achieve outstanding outcomes in Drama but we also see the benefits of drama in developing a child's creativity, resilience and sense of well-being.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our school and the role of Drama within it, then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter, evidencing why you are the ideal person to lead Drama by Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The names of two referees should be provided.

Applications are welcomed from NQTs as well as experienced candidates.

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

