



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 Geography teacher 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 September 2018.

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; 83% 5 or more 4-9 (A*-C) grades including English and Maths and 53% 5 or more 5-9 grades including Maths and English. Our last OFSTED inspection (2006) rated the school as outstanding as did our most recent Diocesan Inspection (November 2013) and interim Diocesan Inspection (January 2017). Visitors to the college often comment on our 'strong' family atmosphere, supportive ethos and Christ-centred caring environment. 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 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 need to be a well-qualified, inspirational and outstanding teacher ready to take on the responsibility of maximising the potential of pupils of all abilities. He/she will be a good to outstanding 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, leadership programme and extra-curricular programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college.

The Geography department is an aspirational one, with a small team of talented, hard-working and enthusiastic staff. It is looking for someone with drive, enthusiasm and a passion for all aspects of geography. He/she must be creative in all aspects of his/her work to enthuse and motivate pupils so that they gain hands-on experience, opportunities beyond the classroom as well as innovative teaching practice. We would like him/her to have a good working knowledge of geographical information systems which they can lead within the department. We are committed to providing fieldwork opportunities for our pupils so applicants must be willing to support the various trips as well as lead future events. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career in a supportive, forward-thinking school or for an NQT beginning their teaching career.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our Geography department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Tuesday, 19th June. 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

