



# 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 KS4 Co-ordinator of English 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 2019.

The college roll is at present 1020. The college enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. The examination results (2017-18) were 88% 5 or more 4-9 grades in all subjects; 83% 4-9 grades including English and Maths and 62% 5-9 grades including Maths and English. Results in English Language were 85% 4-9 grades, 70% 5-9 grades and English Literature 90% 4-9 grades, 71% 5-9 grades.

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 National Support School and a Specialist Science College with High Performing Specialist School status and we have Leading Edge status, International School status, Prince's Teaching Institute 2018 Mark, Fairtrade Fair Achiever Award status, Artsmark Gold Award, Space Education Quality Mark as well as Gifted and Talented Lead School status. We are also a 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 English 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 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, leadership programme and extra-curricular programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college.

The English department is an aspirational one, with a team of talented, hard-working and enthusiastic staff. It is looking for someone with drive, enthusiasm and a passion for all aspects of English. He/she must be creative in all aspects of his/her work to enthuse and motivate pupils so that they gain outstanding outcomes. As we embed the new GCSE specification, we would like the successful applicant to be fully involved in the preparation of lessons and resources as we work with the ethos of sharing best practice. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career in a supportive, forward-thinking school.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our English department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. The names of two referees should be provided.

If you would like to make an informal visit to the college or speak to a member of the English department, please contact Mrs Sally Jenkins to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin  
Principal

