



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 RE 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 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 RE were 90% 4-9 grades and 82% 5-9 grades.

Our last OFSTED inspection (2006) rated the school as outstanding as did our most recent Diocesan Inspection (November 2018). 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 RE department is an outstanding department and we would expect the successful candidate to contribute to its continuing success as the most successful department in the school. Academically, the pupils achieve exceptionally well with 90% of pupils achieving 9-4 grades and 82% achieving 9-5 grades and nearly 50% achieving 9-7 in 2018 GCSE. Our pupils who took the AS Philosophy and Ethics course in Year 11 achieved 100% A-D. Additionally, the RE department has a crucial role to play in maintaining the Catholic ethos of the college. The department works closely with the Lay Chaplain and opportunities are made during RE lessons to promote the spirituality of the pupils.

The RE 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 RE. 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 are committed to providing enrichment opportunities for our pupils so applicants must be willing to support trips and clubs as well as lead future enrichment 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 RE department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 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

