St. Richard's Catholic College

A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College

Science

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the post of Science 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 BASICS measure. Science GCSE results in 2018 were 74% 4-9 and 60% 5-9 for the Double Award and for the Triple group the results were 100% with at least two 5s and 65% with at least two 7s.

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 Science department is a high-achieving, aspirational and forward-thinking one, looking for someone who will bring new ideas and maintain its high standards in teaching and learning. The department have been recognised by the Prince's Teaching Institute for its commitment to sharing good practice and to celebrate its range of successes. This allows easier access to a wide range of high quality CPD for teaching colleagues and enrichment opportunities for pupils. The Science department has recently been focused on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) arena with much success in competitions and cross-curricular project opportunities.

The person appointed will play a key role in contributing to the department's 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 enrichment programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college. 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 Science department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Friday, 15th 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

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Principal