



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 Subject Leader of Design Technology 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 2020.

The college roll is at present 1032. The college enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. The examination results (2018-19) were 78% 4-9 grades in English and Maths and 59% 5-9 grades including Maths and English (BASICS measure).

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 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. During 2018-19, the school was awarded three Exceptional Education Awards at Transforming level in 'Climate for Learning', 'Leadership with Moral Purpose' and 'Engagement with Stakeholders'. Our Diocesan Inspection of November 2018 rated the school 'outstanding' in every aspect. We are ambitious to become one of the best schools in England.

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 leader ready to take on the responsibility of maximising the potential of pupils of all abilities. He/she will be expected to involve him/herself in all aspects of college life including our professional development programme, leadership programme and enrichment programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the college.

The Design Technology department is an aspirational one, with a team of talented and enthusiastic professionals. It is looking for someone who will bring new ideas, strengthen outcomes and extend pupils' talents beyond the curriculum. Results in the subject have been good, however, there was a significant dip in 2019 with Resistant Materials achieving 68% 4-9 grades and Food and Nutrition 74% 4-9 grades. We have identified key issues and hope to achieve much stronger outcomes this year. The successful candidate will be expected to lead the department in raising outcomes for all groups of pupils.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our Design Technology department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Monday, 9th March 2020. 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

