



# St. Richard's Catholic College



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



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Principal: **D. Cronin, N.P.Q.H., M.A., B.Ed.**

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of temporary DT/Food Technician at St Richard's. This position is to cover a post-surgery absence and is for six months in the first instance. Essentially, we are looking for someone who can provide practical and administrative support to staff teaching Design Technology and Food.

The school roll is at present 1034. The school 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 including English and Maths and 59% 5-9 grades including English and Maths (BASICS measure). This year's Centre Assessed Grades were very strong with 89% achieving 4-9 grades including maths and English with 66% achieving 5-9 grades including maths and English and 43% achieving 7-9 grades. Centre Assessed Grades for Design Technology were 89% grade 4 and above and 70% grade 5 and above; Food & Nutrition were 100% 4 and above and 83% grade 5 and above.

Our last OFSTED inspection (2006) rated the school as outstanding as did our most recent Diocesan Inspection (November 2018). Visitors to the school 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 2019 Mark, Fairtrade Fair Achiever Award status, Artsmark Gold Award, Space Education Quality Mark as well as Gifted and Talented Lead School status. Recently, the SSAT awarded the school Exceptional Education Awards for 'Engagement with Key Stakeholders', 'Climate for Learning' and 'Leadership through Moral Purpose'. We are ambitious to become one of the best schools in England.

The Design Technology department is an aspirational one, with a team of talented and enthusiastic professionals. A new Subject Leader was appointed in September 2020 and an NQT was also appointed. If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to supporting the department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, however, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible as we may interview on receipt of applications rather than await the closing date. The names of two referees should be provided.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Design Technology department about the role, please contact Mrs Sally Jenkins to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to receiving your completed application form by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin  
Principal

