



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 Science Laboratory Technician 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.

The college roll is at present 1027. 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). Centre Assessed Grades in 2020 were 89% 4-9 grades in English and Maths and 66% 5-9 grades including Maths and English. Results for two good GCSE Sciences were 78% at 4-9 grades and 63% at 5-9 grades in 2019. In 2020, Centre Assessed Grades for two good GCSE Sciences were 85% at 4-9 grades and 74% 5-9 grades. GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics all achieved 100% 4-9 grades and typically 80% achieved 7-9 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 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'. In 2020, we were awarded two more Exceptional Education Awards in 'Professional Learning' and 'Variety of Teaching Approaches'. 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 Science department is a supportive, successful and forward-thinking one. The successful candidate will be fully inducted and encouraged to participate in a range of professional development activities. We are looking for someone who is extremely efficient, able to use his/her initiative and has the ability to prioritise the range of daily tasks required. This post requires good interpersonal skills, strong communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team.

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 Thursday, 11th March 2021. The names of two referees should be provided.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

D. A. Cronin

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Principal

