



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 teacher (full time) 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 2021.

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.

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 strong department and we would expect the successful candidate to contribute to its continuing success. Academically, the pupils achieve exceptionally well; 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.

The Science 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 Science. 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. The department prides itself on its enrichment activities and primary liaison work. 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 Monday, 15th March 2021. 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 make an informal visit to the college, please contact Mrs Sally Jenkins mrsjenkinss@strichardscc.com to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin
Principal

