



# St Richard's Catholic College

A High Performing Specialist Science School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the post of teacher of science 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 will commence 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The school roll is at present 1045. The school enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. The Teacher Assessed Grade results (2020-21) were 92% 4-9 grades in English and Maths and 73% 5-9 grades including Maths and English (BASICS measure).

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 Specialist Science College with High Performing Specialist School status and we have Leading Edge status, Fairtrade Fair Achiever Award status, Artsmark Gold Award and Space Education Quality Mark. In 2018-19, the SSAT awarded the school exceptional Education Awards at Transforming Level for 'Engagement with Stakeholders', 'Climate for Learning' and 'Leadership through Moral Purpose'. In 2019-20 the SSAT awarded the school two further Exceptional Education Awards at Transforming Level in 'Professional Development' and a 'Variety of Teaching Approaches'. In 2020-21, the school was awarded a further Exceptional Education Award at Transforming Level in 'Wellbeing'. We are ambitious to become one of the best schools in England.

The Science team is a strong department and we would expect the successful candidate to contribute to its continuing success. Academically, the pupils achieve exceptionally well; Teacher Assessed Grades in 2021 for two good GCSE Sciences were 92% at 4-9 grades and 73% 5-9 grades. GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics all achieved 100% 4-9 grades and 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. They must be creative in all aspects of their work to enthuse and motivate pupils so that they gain hands-on experience, opportunities beyond the classroom as well as innovative teaching practice. Your contributions to a strong team ethos would be much appreciated, working to achieve positive outcomes for the pupils you teach.

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. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible as we may interview on receipt of applications. The names of two referees should be provided.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin  
Principal

