



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 RE teacher 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 September 2023.

The school roll is at present 1040. The school enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. The GCSE results (2021-22) were 86% 4-9 grades in English and Maths and 74% 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 RE department is outstanding and we would expect the successful candidate to contribute to its continuing success as one of the most successful departments in the school. Academically, the pupils achieve exceptionally well in GCSE RE with 89% of pupils achieving 9-4 grades, 81% achieving 9-5 grades and 56% achieving 9-7 in 2022. Additionally, the RE department has a crucial role to play in maintaining the Catholic ethos of the school. The department works closely with the Lay Chaplain and opportunities are made during RE lessons to promote the spirituality of the pupils.

The RE 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 RE. 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. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career by taking on leadership responsibilities within the department or for an ECT beginning their teaching career.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our RE department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter. The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 14th June 2023, 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 school, please contact Mrs Jenkins mrsjenkins@strichardsc.com to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin
Principal

