



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 Geography 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 commences 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.

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 person appointed will play a key role in promoting the school and contributing to its continuing success. They will need to be a well-qualified, inspirational and outstanding teacher ready to take on the responsibility of maximising the potential of pupils of all abilities. They will have high expectations for all. They will be expected to involve themselves in all aspects of school life including our professional development programme, leadership programme and extra-curricular/enrichment programme. Promotion of the spiritual ethos and pastoral care are also important factors within the school.

The Geography department is an aspirational one, with a small team of talented, hard-working and enthusiastic staff. It is looking for someone with drive, enthusiasm and a passion for all aspects of geography. We have been awarded the top award for Eco Status and were highlighted in the OFSTED report (2021) following a deep dive in the subject. The grades that pupils achieve at GCSE are testament to the excellent teaching and learning practice in the department. The successful candidate 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 would like him/her to have a good working knowledge of geographical information systems and the BTEC Technical Award Travel and Tourism, if possible. We are committed to providing fieldwork opportunities for our pupils so applicants must be willing to support the various trips as well as lead future enrichment activities. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career in a supportive, forward-thinking school or for an ECT beginning their teaching career.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our Geography department then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Wednesday, 21st 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 or speak to a member of the Geography department, please contact Mrs Sally Jenkins to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin
Principal

