



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.

The school roll is at present 1028. The school enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and our numbers for admissions are over-subscribed each year. GCSE results (2022-23) were 84% 4-9 grades in English and Maths and 66% 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; GCSE Results in 2023 for two good GCSE Sciences were 85% at 4-9 grades and 68% 5-9 grades. GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics all achieved 100% 4-9 grades and 90% 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. We are committed to providing enrichment/STEM 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 contributions to the cultural capital of each pupil and primary liaison work. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to further enhance their career in a supportive, forward-thinking school.

If you feel you could make a valuable contribution to our Science department either as an experienced teacher or ECT then I look forward to receiving your completed application form with a supporting letter by Friday, 5th April 2024, 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.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barber
Principal

