November 2017

Dear Colleague

**TEACHER OF GIRLS’ PE (PART TIME 0.4 FTE PERMANENT JOB SHARE MONDAY & TUESDAY)**

**(PREFERRED START DATE JANUARY 2018 BUT WILL CONSIDER EASTER 2018)**

Thank you for the interest that you have shown in the above post. On the website you will find an application form, person specification and brief details of the position. Applicants please note that in addition to a completed application form there should also be a letter in support of your application. It is important that you complete the most up to date version of the Catholic Education Service (CES) form in order that your application can be considered. The closing date is 12 noon on Wednesday 15th November.

**In April 2017 the school was graded by Ofsted as good with outstanding features:**

“Pupils shine at this school because they benefit enormously from being part of the ‘St James family’, a supportive and caring community. They are happy and safe in school.”

“Pupils are taught the skills needed to become thoughtful, self-confident citizens, able to express their views and opinions. This, together with a range of high-quality qualifications, means that they are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education.

**We were also judged to be an outstanding Catholic school’ by the Diocese of Shrewsbury:**

“St James’ lives its mission statement. Outcomes for pupils, the provision for Catholic Education, leadership and management in the development of the Catholic life of the school are all confirmed by this inspection as **outstanding**.”

We require a talented, enthusiastic, hard-working teacher who can rise to the challenge of being part of a team that delivers such high standards. The successful candidate must be prepared to give up plenty of their own time to plan and deliver outstanding lessons and maintain and further develop the excellent extra-curricular provision that is available at St James'.

St. James’ is an 11-16 mixed, voluntary aided Catholic Comprehensive school in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. It is a very attractive purpose built school with good facilities and it is set in delightful surroundings in Cheadle Hulme. The school is also the designated local Catholic school for physically disabled students.

The PE faculty is based in the on-site sports hall with office. Lessons are taught on the sand based astro-turf as well as on the school field, netball courts and the sports hall itself. GCSE PE is taught, using the Edexcel/Pearson syllabus to students at Key Stage 4. The faculty prides itself on the outstanding results it achieves in examination subjects as well as the extensive extra-curricular programme it offers. During the last academic year 39% of the school roll participated in competitive sporting competition for St James' and success occurred at a local, regional and county level. Girls have access to a broad and balanced sporting curriculum that includes netball, hockey, football, badminton, athletics and rounders, as well as gymnastics and dance. The Faculty is led by Mr Walker and contains 3 other members of staff, one of whom also has an additional role as SSCO.

Our Catholic Christian faith is at the heart of everything we do at St. James’. This post is not, however, restricted to Catholics and we welcome applications from all suitably qualified teachers who meet the requirements of the person specification and who feel able to support the school’s ethos.

St. James’ is a stimulating environment for both students and staff. Expectations for both achievement and behaviour are high and we demand high standards of everyone. I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Margaret Monaghan

Chair of Appointments Committee