



Tuesday 13th March 2018

Letter from the Governors

Private and Confidential

Dear Applicant

Re: Application for Post of Principal

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Principal at St Ambrose College.

The Governors are seeking an outstanding candidate who is a committed, practising Catholic to embrace our faith, Catholic ethos, educational vision and:

- Has a proven track-record as an outstanding practitioner;
- Has a strong Catholic faith with a clear understanding of education and leadership in a Catholic school;
- Will continue to maintain the College's ambition to follow the Eight Essentials of [Blessed Edmund Rice](#);
- Will inspire, challenge and encourage our dedicated staff;
- Will be a strategic and collaborative leader, with a clear vision, who will inspire each of our enthusiastic, vibrant pupils to achieve his full potential;
- Will encourage parents of our students to be fully involved in the College and in their son's education;
- Will lead the College to retain its current outstanding status;
- Will continue to foster and increase the College's outstanding sporting activities.

The College was established in 1946. It is a selective grammar school for boys, with 1004 currently on roll, under the trusteeship of the St Ambrose College Edmund Rice Academy Trust. In 2012, the College moved into a £24 million new state of the art facilities.

St Ambrose College is part of the Edmund Rice Network of schools, which extends around the globe; we have a special link with St Ambrose Academy in Sierra Leone. Ten upper sixth form students have recently returned from Freetown. Our goal to support the digging of a borehole to provide water for the Academy will soon be achieved. The College is also raising funds to support two staff members at Easter to visit the Edmund Rice mission in Zambia.

The opportunity has arisen to lead a college, which is consistently one of the top Catholic schools in the country. In August 2017, we gained the best results in the history of the College with 86.3% of pupils achieving 5A*- B including English and Mathematics at GCSE and 74.9% of pupils achieved A*- B and



Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

Principal: J M Keulemans BSc (Hons) NPQH



47.7% A* - A at A2. The College has an enviable Progress 8 score of +0.41, and Attainment 8 score of 68.8 points. Our A level Progress score is +0.12 with an average result of 38.43 points (B).

The sports facilities are the envy of most schools, with badminton, basketball, football, swimming, tennis, hockey, indoor rowing, rugby, athletics, cricket, softball, handball, volleyball, table tennis and water polo are part of our curriculum. St Ambrose has a strong sporting history, providing rugby internationals and with a succession of National and regional honours in rugby, swimming, athletics, water polo and indoor rowing.

The College actively follows and promotes the Eight Essentials of Blessed Edmund Rice. The successful candidate can look forward to working with a committed and talented Senior Leadership Team, dedicated and hardworking staff as well as a supportive Governing Body.

Further details will be provided once shortlisting has taken place. The application form can be found on the [St Ambrose College](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) website. Please outline in your supporting letter, of no more than 2 sides of A4, how your experience, your Faith and your qualities will match the details given.

Informal visits to the College are welcome before application on Tuesday 27th March and Tuesday 17th April 2018. Please contact Jane Bryan if you would like to arrange a visit on either of these dates. (Email: jane.bryan@trafford.gov.uk, or Telephone: 07580551130)

I look forward to hearing from you by the closing date of Wednesday 18th April 2018, 12 noon.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Peter Goodwin
Chair of Governors

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