

St Catherine's

Catholic

Arts College with

Academy Status

School

and Wales, company number 07694573. Registered office: St. Catherine's Catholic School Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7QJ

A charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England

Headteacher: Yvonne Connolly BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH

October 2019

Dear Applicant,

RE: Assistant Headteacher – January 2019

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the position of Assistant Headteacher. It is my privilege to be Headteacher at St Catherine's and to continue the work of our founders, the La Sainte Union Sisters who established the school 60 years ago to provide an outstanding education to girls and provide them with the opportunity to learn, to develop and to grow in the knowledge and love of their faith, ready to take their place in the world.

We are looking for a strong, approachable, compassionate and inspirational leader who is committed to improving the life opportunities of our students. The person specification provides a more comprehensive list of the qualities we are looking for, but in essence we wish to appoint somebody with the integrity, energy and intelligence to take the school forward, in collaboration with the rest of the Leadership Group and the Governors.

The specific responsibilities of the postholder will be dependent on the experience the successful candidate brings. We aim to be flexible and give people the opportunity to work in many different areas of school leadership. The role will bring with it several development opportunities across all areas of school life. We see this post as a natural stepping stone to Deputy Headship. We are extremely keen to develop all our staff to the best they can be; please be ready to learn and become even better.

Achievement is excellent at the school. We are a true comprehensive and as an inclusive school teach a full range of abilities across all key stages. Academic performance at the school has improved consecutively over the years and our Ofsted inspection in January 2019 highlights the highest ambitions that we have for every student in our school to achieve their very best. We are the highest performing school in our local area with an impressive Progress 8 score of 0.81 and an Attainment 8 score of 56.03. All students make excellent progress irrespective of their starting point.

St Catherine's is a safe, caring and happy school for both its students and staff. We are a family here at St Catherine's and place great emphasis on turning out children with the right set of values and caring for one another.





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Chaplaincy is vibrant at our school and our Diocesan Section 48 Inspection which rated St Catherine's as outstanding in all areas confirms the wonderful opportunities for students and staff to engage with and live out our gospel values.

Please visit our website, <u>www.stccg.co.uk</u> where you will find information about the school. You will find that we are a happy and successful Catholic school, and we are lucky to have wonderful, motivated students. Our aim is to serve them to the best of our abilities and in so doing, to help them find their God-given vocation.

The closing date for application forms is noon on Friday 18th October 2019 and completed application forms along with a supporting statement should be e-mailed to Jane Lenihan at the school: <u>admin@stccg.co.uk</u> The post is subject to vetting procedures including references and DBS checks.

If you have any further questions about the post, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lenihan at the school. We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yvonne Connolly Headteacher

