



September 2018

Dear Colleague

TEACHER OF SCIENCE (FULL-TIME AND TEMPORARY MATERNITY COVER) COMMENCING 30TH OCTOBER 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 (version 12) in order that your application can be considered. The closing date is 12 noon on Wednesday 26th September.

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**."

Therefore 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. In addition the successful candidate must be prepared to work with colleagues to implement strategies to further improve student outcomes and ensure that the Science faculty is at the forefront of teaching and learning in this school.

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 science faculty consists of 6 fully equipped laboratories with a central preparation area. Each lab has an interactive white board and two have suites of computers linked to the school's network. The faculty have currently updated the scheme of work for Key Stage 3 and offer the AQA suite of courses at Key Stage 4. Students start their GCSE course of study at the start of Year 10 and all take AQA Core Science. More able students leave the school having studied the three separate sciences. The faculty is managed by the Director of Faculty, Mrs Brown and the Deputy Director of Faculty, Miss Helen Davies. In addition there are three full-time science teachers, one part-time science teacher and one other teacher who teaches science as part of their timetable. Technical support is provided by one full time technician. The school is high attaining and achieving, with 77% of students attaining 5+A*-C grades, including English & Maths.

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