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October 2019 Information for Candidates – Teacher of RE

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of RE at St Antony's Catholic College.

First, I must begin by stating that St Antony's is a lovely school. I was appointed Associate Headteacher in 2014 from a local Teaching School with the brief to help the St Antony's move forward and make improvements in a number of areas. I became so settled and happy within the school, that in 2018, when the Governors took the decision to advertise the post of Headteacher permanently, I decided to apply. To my great delight, I was successful in my application and we are now entering a new phase in the life of this school. Currently, we have 560 pupils on roll, which is an increase on previous numbers and likely to reach 650 by the year 2021. With this rise in pupil numbers, we are taking the necessary steps to grow our staff body and discover teachers who can work in our supportive and caring ethos.

We are currently looking for an RE maternity cover teacher from January 2020. However, as we are a growing school, strong consideration will be given to a permanent position. Therefore, we welcome applications for either full time or part time posts. In addition, the post is open to both NQTs and experienced teachers. The ability to teach a second subject may also strengthen applications but this is not an essential requirement. Above all, we seek an enthusiastic RE teacher who can work as part of a team. To help you decide whether to apply for this post, please find below a few questions and answers, which may reassure you:

What are some of the key features of the RE department? If you are successful in your application, you shall be joining an experienced team who have helped to move this subject significantly forward in the last few years. The department is friendly and collegiate, and enjoys some of the best GCSE results within Salford diocese. Our RE team have developed resources over a number of years and there is collective desire to buy into the school's aim of preparing our children for life post-16.

Will I be supported in my new position? Absolutely! Taking up a new post is daunting for both those new to the profession and for those who have experience in teaching. We understand this and therefore we always take steps to support colleagues in any way we can. Over the last few years, we have developed strong systems to support learning. We have an experienced Senior Management Team who recognise that only through collectively working together can we bring about the improvements we have been enjoying. Those new to the school settle very quickly and staff turnover is low.

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What next? Please give strong consideration to an application. The closing date is the 18th October. If you would like to visit the school in advance of this date then please contact the school as soon as possible. This can be done via f.wright@st-antonys.com.

Should you decide to apply for the post all of the relevant documents are on our website (www.st-antonys.com). Please refer firstly to the 'Guidance Notes for Teaching Staff Applicants'. Complete the application form, together with a letter of application outlining your vision and philosophy for the teaching of RE at St Antony's Catholic College, your relevant experience and your understanding of current, relevant educational developments. Your letter should not exceed 2 pages of A4 in length. Please note that we do not accept Curriculum Vitae.

I look forward to receiving and reading your application.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Wright

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