



JOHN F KENNEDY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Teacher of Geography - full time/part time
(MPS/UPS + London Fringe Allowance)
Required for September 2019

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Geography at John F Kennedy Catholic School (JFK). I hope that you find the information we have provided for you is informative and useful – its aim is to help you as you begin to consider whether JFK is the right school for you in the next stage of your career development.

JFK was opened in 1967 and is a mixed 11-18 comprehensive Catholic school with approximately 1070 students on roll, including 200 in the Sixth Form. The school enjoys a very good reputation in Hemel Hempstead and beyond as a strong community with high academic achievement, excellent extra-curricular opportunities and a welcoming, friendly environment. Our fundamental aim in educating our young people is formed by considering the Latin root of the word 'educate': a 'drawing' out of the potential in each child. We believe that all of our students have their own unique gifts and talents and our task as teachers is to maximise their achievements. This means more than just focusing on exam results; personal development and spiritual development are equally important.

In 2017 the school underwent its most recent inspections: Section 8 in March and Section 48 in December. The headline outcomes for these inspections were all 'good'. In terms of results our Progress 8 figures so far have been: 0.10 in 2016, 0.09 in 2017, 0.25 in 2018. These were achieved without a compulsory 'Progress 8 bucket-filling' policy.

The Geography Department is a well resourced, supportive and successful department consisting of 2 full-time and 1 part time members of staff. Geography is taught in 3 classrooms, all fitted with interactive whiteboards.

Geography is taught in mixed ability form groups throughout key stage 3 with students studying a range of traditional and contemporary topics. Geography is a popular option at GCSE and A Level, with students following the Edexcel syllabuses for both. Exam performance is strong and above the national average. Field work and excursions play an important role within geography at the school. Residential trips for exam groups and day trips for lower school groups are supplemented by international experience trips, organised by the geography department. Recent highlights include trips to Iceland and Italy.



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This is therefore an exciting time to join this thriving and successful department. If appointed you will be supported by the Subject Leader.

The governors would like to appoint an NQT or experienced Teacher of Geography to join this thriving and high achieving department in either a full time or part time role. There will be an opportunity to teach across the full age range.

I hope that having read this letter and the information about the school that you will choose to apply. To do so, you are asked to complete the application form in full but instead of a supporting statement please write a letter of application which relates your experience to the job description and person specification. In your letter you should also outline your personal educational philosophy, your vision and the contribution that you can make to John F Kennedy Catholic School.

I am always happy to welcome visitors to the school and I encourage you to come and visit us to see the school for yourself. If you would like more information about the school please visit our website (www.jfk.herts.sch.uk). If you would like to know more about the post itself please do not hesitate to contact my PA, Eva Final (email: efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk), who will be very happy to answer any questions you may have. May I ask you to return the application form to the school address. Thank you for your interest in the post.

Paul Neves
Headteacher

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