SAINT JOHN WALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Catholic School For All

Head of Religious Studies and Catholic Ethos
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Required for September 2018.

We require an enthusiastic and driven Catholic teacher to lead and develop the Religious Studies Department and school’s Catholic ethos. We are an 11-16 oversubscribed Catholic comprehensive school that received a ‘Good’ judgement in April 2017 from Ofsted and ‘Outstanding’ from the Diocesan Inspectorate in November 2017. We are a ‘Catholic School for All’ with the Mission Statement ‘to educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be’.

The school is in the process of change and raising standards. The successful candidate will need to be able to actively lead and participate in this process. You will need to be able to evaluate and audit current practice, identify priorities for improvement and then effectively lead the Religious Studies Department and school’s Catholic ethos to improve pupil outcomes. This would include leading briefings and meetings, quality assurance of teaching, learning and Catholic Life, monitoring and tracking progress, leading interventions and working with other middle leaders, conducting and overseeing the appraisal process. There are three members of the Religious Studies team which includes a Second in Department to help facilitate your vision for the department. The school has a Lay Chaplain and Pastoral Assistant, and a part-time Chaplaincy Support Worker who support all aspects of Catholic Life and Collective Worship.

The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to high standards of classroom practice and will understand the importance of excellent learning and teaching, having a genuine regard for young people and high professional standards. The ability to work in a team is essential; sharing good practice and providing opportunities for students and staff at different stages of their learning or careers. This is a Senior Middle Leader post so it is essential you can be a role model of outstanding practice in all areas.

If you are a motivational leader, passionate about your work and Catholic Life, and the achievement of pupils then this could be the job for you. You will be assured of joining a friendly and supportive staff.

Governors seek to appoint a practising Catholic to this position. There is an expectation within our school that all staff take responsibility for supporting our Catholic ethos and for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. The post will be subject to an enhanced DBS Check and you will be expected to sign the Catholic Religious Studies Service Contract. We positively welcome applications from all sections of the community irrespective of ethnicity and gender.

For an application form and job description please contact Mrs J Page, Saint John Wall Catholic School, Oxhill Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 8HH or alternatively you can download the application pack from the school website at www.sjw.bham.sch.uk

Please note that we will not accept applications made via the Birmingham City Council website on their application forms.

Closing Date: 12 noon, Monday 21 May 2018