St Gregory's CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teacher of Science

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Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in this exciting role within our secondary school, which forms part of the West Kent Cluster of Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership.

We are a collaborative partnership of proudly Catholic, world class schools connected by our ambitious extended curriculum and passion to nurture the young people in our care into confident, well-rounded Individuals who make the world a better place.

We have extremely high expectations of what we do for the students in our schools and are keen to recruit like-minded, passionate colleagues who have the potential to redefine what is possible in the education landscape.

If you are passionate about making a better world through the power of education and have the skills to help us to support the Science team we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards

Phil Byrne Headteacher St Gregory's Catholic School





Our Vision

We provide the students in our care with a world-class Catholic education. We guide our students to understand their own unique value and dignity. Inspired by the life of St Gregory, we empower our students to approach, with vigour, the opportunities of their education; to recognise and realise their potential as servant leaders and use their discernment to choose how they will make the world a better place.

Our Aims

With Christ's love at the centre of all that we do, students;

- live life to the full
- learn all they can about their world in order to
- lead lives which change it for the better

Students accomplish this because our curriculum:

• is appropriately ambitious for all our students, including SEND and Disadvantaged

students

- is progressive, interleaved and sequenced to develop knowledge and understanding
- provides opportunities to develop and strengthen literacy across all curriculum areas
- provides opportunities for reading
- promotes opportunities for the development of strong relationships, healthy lifestyles and good wellbeing
- challenges students to apply their knowledge and make informed decisions
- teaches our students how to learn and develop scholarly habits so that they become confident, independent learners
- promotes a learning environment in which students discover and develop new talents

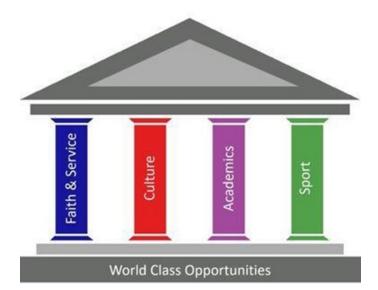
School vision and values

These pillars provide a framework to focus students as they set ambitious goals for their future.

Our aim, through our curriculum is to develop young people:

• who are happy and feel fulfilled

• who have the confidence, resilience and knowledge to build relationships, pursue active and healthy lifestyles and stay mentally healthy



• who are curious, enjoy learning and have high expectations for themselves and are ambitious for their futures

- who know how to learn and evaluate their own strengths to make progress
- who can make and articulate informed decisions and are aware of their rights and responsibilities in a global society
- who demonstrate respect, compassion and empathy towards the beliefs and values of others
- who possess the cultural capital they need so that they are not disadvantaged by the social context in which they live



About St Gregory's Catholic School



St Gregory's Catholic School is a Catholic secondary school and part of the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP). KCSP is a multi-academy trust (MAT) established by the Archdiocese of Southwark for Catholic education across Kent and it currently comprises 25 academies of which 20 are primary schools and five are secondary schools.

St Gregory's Catholic School is an over-subscribed seven-form entry secondary school located in Tunbridge Wells and is a popular destination for pupils from its Catholic partner primary schools in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks.

St Gregory's Catholic School is an inclusive academy. Its dedicated staff, helpers and governance committee members work hard to ensure that every student is supported and challenged to be their very best. Each individual is encouraged to grow spiritually and intellectually, so that unique and positive contributions can be made to society and the world. Its most recent denominational inspection in March 2018 judged it as 'Outstanding' and its most recent Ofsted inspection in March 2013 judged the academy to be 'Outstanding' in all areas.

Role description

We wish to appoint a Teacher of Science to join an excellent Science department from January 2024. Applications welcome from both Chemistry and Physics specialists. The post is suitable for ECTs (Early Careers Teachers) and experienced teachers. There maybe a TLR for the right candidate.

You will be joining a skilled, passionate and committed team so we are seeking an outstanding candidate who can continue to raise the quality of provision to enable the best possible outcomes for all of our students.

The successful candidate will be a committed team player with a passion and determination to inspire and motivate students to develop a passion for science. They will be dynamic, emotionally intelligent and sympathetic with the strong Catholic ethos and values of St Gregory's who are committed to improving the life chances of young people.

Benefits of working at St Gregory's Catholic School

- A supportive and caring working environment for staff and students and a school wide focus on wellbeing
- Dedicated and bespoke CPD time for all staff and personal development opportunities
- Access to our Fitness Suite
- Access to Kent Rewards Scheme
- Generous Pension Scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme which offers counselling, financial guidance, legal enquiries with access to online health and wellbeing resources

Our Offer:

St Gregory's students love to gain new knowledge and skills and all our teachers relish the opportunity to deliver challenging, engaging and interesting lessons, with high expectations of behaviour. Opportunities for excellent Continued Professional Development and staff well-being are at the forefront of our commitment to all staff at St Gregory's.



Job description

Job Title:	Teacher of Science
Salary Grade:	MPS/UPS
FTE:	1.0
Line Manager:	Subject Leader for Science

Purpose of Job: To support the work of the Subject Leader in raising the standards of teaching, learning and achievement in the department.

General Responsibilities:

1	Key Accountabilities		
1.1	TEACHING AND LEARNING	Teach the subject as required at all levels from KS3 to A level Contribute to the Department's bank of resources for the teaching of the subject and assist in the pro- duction of materials which take into account pupils of all abilities and levels. Contribute to the drawing up, evaluation and reviewing of schemes of work in relation to relevant Key Stag- es. Plan and evaluate work in accordance with departmental policy. Provide team teaching support in class as required.	
2		Key Accountabilities	
2.1	SUPPORTING THE PUPIL	Maintain records of achievement and progress of all pupils in accordance with the statutory requirements and the departmental policy. Mark and return work set, including homework, within an agreed and reasonable time. Use the School's Marking Policy and Departmental Policy at all times. Complete student data entry and reports in line with School Policy. Attend Parents' Evenings as required and keep parents/carers informed about their child's performance and future targets.	



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3		Key Accountabilities	
3.1	TUTOR ROLE	Undertake responsibility for a Tutor Group including Registration, Small Group Tutorials and delivery of PSHE. Monitor and set targets for the social and academic progress of all students in the Tutor group. Endeavour to build up a good relationship with the students in the Tutor Group so that they will look to you for support and advice.	
4	Literacy & Oracy in the Department		
4.1	LITERACY	Model high expectations of written and spoken English Explicitly teach key vocabulary (not just subject specific) and reinforce through regular retrieval Identify students who need to develop their literacy skills and intervene appropriately Insist that students write in full sentences as often as is appropriate Provide regular feedback which develops accurate spelling and grammar	
4.2	ORACY	All teachers are expected to champion and explicitly teach oracy Model high expectations of spoken English and insist that student emulate this Ensure students speak in complete sentences using correct grammar and pronunciation Encourage students' eloquence by reducing their reliance on filler words, e.g. "um", "er" Celebrate good oracy	
5		Key Accountabilities	

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5.1	GENERAL DUTIES	The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the written state- ment of conditions of employment (the contract of employment). Adhere all relevant statutory requirements as detailed in the most recent School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. To promote good order among pupils and ensure their health and safety both on and off the school premises. To act in accordance with the school's policy on safeguarding issues. Promote the School ethos in which the highest achievements are expected from all members of the School community. Adhere at all times to the professional business standards of dress, courtesy and efficiency in line with the Catholic ethos of the School. Uphold the School's behaviour code and uniform regulations	

Performance Management and Professional

The teacher will be part of the School's Appraisal Scheme. They will have a Line Manager who will set agreed targets for the year. The Line Manager will monitor and review performance, including classroom teaching. The School will support the continuing professional development of all staff to ensure that their expertise is being kept up to date.

This job description outlines the main duties and level of responsibility of the post for the time being. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list and it cannot anticipate future service demands. There is a clear expectation of the post holder that they will make a positive contribution to enhancing and adapting services.

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	Criteria	Essential / Desirable
Faith Commitment	Understanding of the distinctive nature of a faith school	D
raith commitment	A practising Catholic	D
	Graduate qualification in the Subject or equivalent	E
Qualifications	Qualified Teacher Status	E
	Experience of teaching the subject to G.C.S.E level and the ability to teach to A level	E
	Ability to organise and prioritise workload and work on own initiative	E
	The ability to work constructively as part of a team, understanding School roles and responsibilities and the post holder's position within these	E
Knowledge &	Ability to communicate well in writing and face to face to all stakeholders	E
Experience	Demonstrable experience of improving successful student outcomes in the last three years	E
	Producing high quality experiences and outcomes for students	E
	Experience as Tutor and/ or pastoral work	E
	Empathy with students	E
	Ability to use ICT effectively	E
	A commitment and understanding of the use of ICT within the curriculum	E
	Excellent communication skills	E
Skills, Qualities &	Excellent interpersonal skills	E
Abilities	Excellent organisation skills	E
	Dedication	E
	Ability to remain positive and enthusiastic when working under pressure	E
	Ability to organise work, prioritise tasks, make decisions and manage time effec- tively	E
	Assembly, disassembly and cleaning of equipment	E



Application process

You are welcome to contact HR at <u>HR@sgschool.org.uk</u> if you would like to visit the school before submitting an application.

For ease of applying, we are happy to accept applications directly from Kent Teach: <u>Click Here</u>

Should you be shortlisted for interview, additional information may be requested at that time.

Closing date for applications: 5th October 2023 at 09:00 Interviews to be held on: W/C 9th October 2023 Start date: January 2024

All applicants need to have the Right to Work in the UK to be considered for this role. This vacancy may close on or before the specified closing date depending on the volume of suitable applicants. If you are unsuccessful, we will contact you accordingly.

Safer Recruitment St Gregory's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this position is subject to satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service. We are an equal opportunities employer.

