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ST. ANSELM’S COLLEGE

**TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**(Full-Time)**

**The College**

St. Anselm’s College is a Roman Catholic Grammar School Academy for boys in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The College was founded in 1933, by the Congregation of Christian Brothers, to provide Catholic Education for the boys in the area. From 1944 to1975, it operated as a Direct Grant Grammar School. When Direct Grant was phased out, the College became Independent and remained so until 1995, when the College became the first school in the country to opt back into the maintained sector as a Grant Maintained School. From September 1999 the College was Voluntary Aided and became an Academy in June 2011. It remains under the Trusteeship of the Christian Brothers. The College is heavily oversubscribed with 5 Form entry, and 986 on roll, including 200 in the 6th Form.

The College was inspected by Ofsted in July 2019 and judged to be “*Good*” in all areas. St Anselm’s has been the top 6th Form in Wirral for progress from GCSE to A Level since 2017. We were the top maintained 6th Form in Merseyside in the 2020 DfE 16-19 Progress Tables.

The College was last inspected by Shrewsbury Diocesan Inspectors in March 2019 and judged to be *“a good Catholic selective grammar school for boys with many outstanding features.”*

The Headmaster enjoys the support of a highly committed, hard-working, yet cheerful, staff. Most colleagues put time in above and beyond any minimum requirement and the confines of their job descriptions. This has the effect of creating a positive and rewarding environment in which to work.

# The Post

The successful candidate will:

* ***be a committed practising Roman Catholic, able and willing to communicate their faith to young people with clarity and empathy;***
* ***be a graduate of Theology or a related subject area;***
* ***have experience of teaching RE at KS3 and GCSE;***
* ***be prepared to teach General RE (and possibly GCE Theology) in the Sixth Form;***
* ***promote spiritual development of all members of the Community by contributing to liturgical celebrations, assemblies, retreats and opportunities for Christian service;***
* ***be hard working and committed to his/her own professional development;***
* ***be ambitious and keen to take on new challenges;***
* ***be able to relate well to both colleagues and pupils;***
* ***be willing and able to lead assemblies and reflections for students and staff.***

# The Faculty

**Staffing:**

There are currently 3 full-time and 2 part- time teachers of Religious Education including the Head of Faculty, who took up post in September 2018. They are supported by four other colleagues, including 2 Senior Leaders and a part-time Lay Chaplain.

# Curriculum:

**Year 7 & Year 8** follow the “To Know You More Clearly” Religious Education Directory.

**Year 8** follow the Shrewsbury Diocese scheme of work including world faiths.

**Year 9** follow the Diocese of Shrewsbury Scheme of Work.

**Year 10** follow the Edexcel syllabus A Catholicism.

**Year 11** follow the Edexcel syllabus A Philosophy and Ethics.

**A Level** Theology follows the Eduqas Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Development of Christian Thought modules.

All **Year 12** and **13** students participate in a Core RE programme with a focus on vocation and social justice.

**Chaplaincy:**

Responsibility for Chaplaincy is shared by the Headmaster, Head of RE and the Pastoral Team, with the support of Fr Bernard Forshaw our spiritual Chaplain.

Current activities include:

* Whole College liturgies
* Mass and liturgies for Holy Days and College Feasts
* Year 7 and 6th Form Retreat
* An active SVP Society and Edmund Rice International group.
* Links with the Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders, including the Sierra LeoneY13 Immersion Retreat in February 2024.
* The Edmund Rice Family Summer Camps and ERI Youth Ambassadors at the UNO in Geneva
* Fund-raising for the West African Missions; Shrewsbury Diocese Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land and Wirral Charities
* The Friday Club run by the Sixth Form for local adults with learning difficulties;
* Visits to Asylum Link in Liverpool and support for refugees in Wirral
* Support for local Homeless Missions and Foodbanks, including the Charles Thompson Mission and Wirral Foodbank

**Accommodation:**

There are three classrooms dedicated to the Religious Education Faculty, in the main building and a fourth in Outwood House, the Sixth Form Centre. The College Chapel is also in Outwood House.

# Timetable

All candidates must complete the CES application form and a letter of application, no longer than 300 words, should also be included. References will be taken up on all short-listed candidates.

Closing date for completed applications: Tuesday 18th June, 4.00 pm Interviews will be held thereafter.

**NB: *At St. Anselm’s College we are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of all pupils in our college community. All staff have a responsibility to ensure that our pupils feel cared for, valued, safe and respected.***

***All staff have a duty to ensure that pupils are protected from harm and that they are given opportunities to have optimum life chances so that they enter adulthood successfully.***