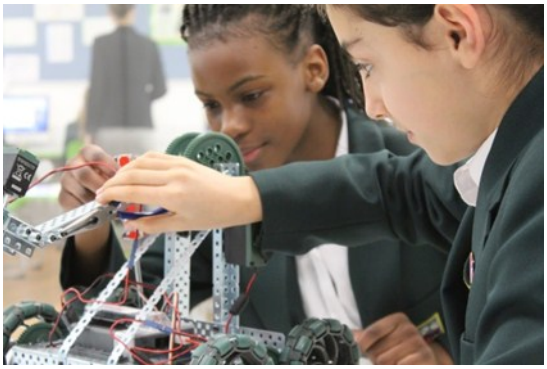

THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Providing a Catholic education to girls aged 11-18

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School direct: Religious Studies

Candidate Information Pack

Salary: £21,004

About us

The Holy Cross School, founded in 1931 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, is a voluntary aided Roman Catholic School for girls aged 11-18. At Key Stage 5 the school has worked in curriculum partnership with our local boys school, Richard Challoner School, for the past thirty years, and post 16 lessons are co-ed. The school converted to academy status in August 2012. With 960 students currently on roll and over 100 staff employed, the school is proud to be acknowledged as being in the top 0.5% of all schools nationally for progress made from Year 7 to 11.

The Holy Cross School can offer you the opportunity to work in an outstanding school environment with well-behaved, motivated students who are keen to learn and where your professional development will be fully supported. In 2017 the school was awarded 'World Class Schools' accreditation, a quality mark given to secondary schools already judged outstanding by Ofsted who have moved beyond this judgement.

Professional Development

We realise that the continuing development of our school is built on the foundations of our exceptional staff. The Holy Cross School is an accredited 'Investors In People Silver' organisation and will support your on-going professional development. The school is committed to excellence, putting great emphasis on staff development and training and can offer internal and external training opportunities to develop skills and assist with your career development. Staff will receive a personalised development programme tailored to their individual training needs. All members of staff will participate in an induction programme when they join our school.

Our Ethos and Values

At The Holy Cross School we aim to provide a rounded education for girls of all abilities. The Holy Cross School has very strong Catholic values. They are clear and explicit and inform all that we do. We are a thriving school with a strong community spirit. Our Catholic ethos is reflected in our Mission Statement below.

School Mission Statement

We are the children of God
and in the spirit of St. Francis and Mother Bernarda,
we aim to create a happy family environment
in which all may grow:
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in faith, hope and love for God,
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in love and respect for one another and the world around us,
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in learning and wisdom,
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so that we may live life to the full and joyfully share this life with others, especially those who are in any way disadvantaged.

Teacher of Religious Studies

About the role

We are looking to train an outstanding teacher of Religious Studies who will have the potential to become a dynamic, enthusiastic and inspirational teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a vibrant department and work with motivated students. We have many years experience of training teachers in the school and offer support and guidance to all our trainees.

Scope of Post

The successful candidate would train with us for a year and during that time do a six week placement in a contrasting school. They would have help and guidance from EQualitas, a school based mentor and a programme of after-school training activities. This is a salaried position (U/Q1 £21,004).

Extra-curricular activities

A variety of extra-curricular activities are offered by the RE Department:

- Mindfulness Club
- Year 11 RE GCSE Revision and Intervention Sessions
- Weekend retreats to Kintbury
- Year 9 Trip to Wintershall
- Year 7 Trip to Hindu temple

Application

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school or discuss your application further, please contact: **Lynn Gordon Assistant Headteacher: ITT@holycross.kingston.sch.uk**

Applications should be made through UCAS Teacher Training:

https://2020.teachertraining.apply.ucas.com/apply/student/login.do

Safer Recruitment Statement

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references will be required prior to the commencement of this post. We welcome applications from all members of the community.