

Appointment of Cleaning Assistant

A few thoughts

Thank you for your interest in the position of Cleaning Assistant. I hope you find the attached information useful and informative. I thought it might be helpful to candidates if I gave you a personal perspective of the school and the role. This will help you to decide whether or not this is a school in which you would be happy, thrive and able to contribute.

SJB is an 11-18 comprehensive school with 1245 students including 285 in the Sixth Form. We are located just outside the town centre and a 15 minute walk from the train station (22 minutes from London Waterloo on the train). The original school, built in the late 60's (but don't worry, the first thing visitors comment on is how vibrant the learning environment is), has changed significantly in recent years as we expand and improve our facilities. Our new Sports Hall & Gym has just been completed. This is the first phase of three of building works, with the Sixth Form Centre, Humanities and Maths all due to be extended and improved over the next two years. The current development means we will be expanding our numbers and as of 2018 we will be taking an additional 60 students in Year 7 and every year thereafter until 2023 by which time we expect our total be close to 1700 students.

We were very proud to have been one of the few schools to be awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark. This is our most recent award, others include the Millenium Trophy which was awarded by the LEA to the best school in Surrey, Charter Mark, Partnerships with Parents Award, Leading Edge Status, International Schools Status.

The particular strengths of the school are, firstly, the students who, as you will see for yourself if you visit us, are happy, hard-working (on the whole!) and very positive about the school. Similarly the staff, who are mainly young, are enthusiastic and passionate about the school.

As a Catholic school we feel the Christian ethos of the school is at our core and maybe the greatest strength of our school. Everything we do is based on our Mission Statement. We are an inclusive school and appoint members of staff who, whatever their own beliefs, will support our ethos and put the children first.

The school is heavily over-subscribed and is very highly regarded in the local community. Expectations of students and staff are high. As a consequence bad behavior is rare and we all enjoy coming to work.

At our last OFSTED inspection (June 2014) we were judged to be outstanding in every category. As you can imagine we are very proud of achieving this result and it is especially pleasing for the students and staffs hard work to be externally recognised in this way. Please do not think we know all the answers, we don't. Our mission is to be the best school in England and we will continually look for ways to improve. This starts by employing the very best teachers and we are hoping this is where you can help.

As you can see we are all very proud of our school, and every member of staff makes a contribution towards our achievements. We have made lots of improvements to the buildings over the years and keeping the environment to a good standard is, in our view, very important. The cleaning staff play an essential role in keeping these standards. The cleaning is done in two shifts, early morning and after school. There is a small team of cleaners at present, some working both of the shifts. They are a happy, hardworking team and are managed by Tony Lucas, the Premises Manager.

In conclusion, we believe this is a great place to work. Please come and visit us at any time and see for yourself. Open Day is Every Day. If you would like any further information about the job please contact the school on 01483 729343 or Mr Tony Lucas on 07837 766349.

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