



# ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*St Richard Reynolds is a Catholic community rooted in the love of Christ in which we help each other to become the person whom God has created us to be.*

LOVED LISTENED TO

CHALLENGED

INSPIRED

## College Chaplain / Parish Youth Worker

The parish - home - College triangle is at the heart of Catholic education. A shared youth worker can help to build bridges between these three pillars of Catholic formation. ***The precise nature of the role would depend on the talents and skills of the person appointed.***

We believe that the key value lies in the *relationships* that would be developed by the colleague.

- Our young people and their parents/carers would know the youth worker from their parish *and* from College and would feel more able to be involved in both settings
- A shared youth worker in College would have access to young people during the day, and would not be limited trying to persuade parents and young people to engage with activities in a busy week.
- The informal relationships built up in College could help young people to be more confident in joining in with parish activities.

### Some ideas for the role could include:

- empowering young people to lead in liturgies, in College and in parishes
- leading relevant trips such as the Redcaps Pilgrimage, open to both pupils in College and those who have not been able to access Catholic education
- developing a junior catechists programme: training in College, service in the parish
- fostering communication between parish and College so that College is aware of the pupils' roles in parishes
- developing better liturgy by planning liturgies jointly
- organising links between parishioners and the College eg. inviting parishioners into College, special musical performances in local Catholic residential homes
- developing stronger transition links between parish, feeder primaries and secondary schools
- making young people more at home in their parish when they see a face they know from College
- better communication between priests and College leading to smoother working
- supporting families in times of crisis by liaising with home and College
- offering parent education sessions in College eg. what to do when your child doesn't want to go to Mass
- transition for young people to university - education about how to practise your faith and letters of introduction to new parishes



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There would be the more general responsibilities that would include leading in the development of the prayer life of the College. This could involve:

- the preparation of weekly, end of term and Holy Days of Obligation Masses
- the preparation of other liturgies such as Lenten & Advent Prayer
- organising termly events for young people (Years 7 & 8, possibly Years 5 & 6) in the parish to develop their human and spiritual formation
- leading College assemblies
- helping to plan Year Retreats
- helping to run the monthly Parish youth club
- developing staff prayer and other prayer groups
- Establishing or supporting other College groups linked to social justice, charities or ethical issues e.g. West London Citizens, SVP
- Organising Eucharistic Ministers courses
- Caring for the Chapel and Sacristy

St Richard Reynolds College is both a primary and a high school, therefore the opportunities we have for growing and maintaining robust positive relationships from age four, within a local Catholic community that demanded a local high school, are quite unique.

We recognise too, that the successful candidate for this role would not be expected to do everything alone but would need to inspire and challenge others, particularly our young people, to take on similar leadership roles themselves.

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