

## Bishop Challoner Catholic College

Head of Department in Computer Science

I would like to thank you for your interest in applying for the above post and look forward to receiving your application.

The Computer Science and ICT Department comprises of a team of 3 teachers, 2 of which are computer science specialists with academic backgrounds in the field. It is a small, highly effective team which strives towards a common goal of computer-based education and one that has flourished in recent years, both in terms of results and uptake.

### GCSE Computer Science Results

Year – Results	Challoner
2016 (A*-C)	62.5%
2017 (A*-C)	79.0%
2018 (9-4)	85.2%
2019 (9-4)	97% (predicted)

### Student uptake for GCSE Computer Science

Year	Percentage of Cohort
2016	9.0%
2017	10.4%
2018	15.4%
2019	20%

The department is very proud to offer A Level Computer Science and is currently taking the first cohort through examinations in June. Since September 2018 the department also offers BTEC L3 ICT as an option, with the first cohort currently studying it in Year 12.

At Key Stage 3 we offer a broad and engaging curriculum, heavily focused on inspiring students to perceive a path forward with Computer Science or ICT. The department is innovative in its use of online platforms, making use of online assessment and learning tools wherever possible. Members of the team are fully encouraged to bring new ideas and platforms to the table.

The examination board at GCSE is OCR for both Computer Science and ICT. The A Level course also follows the OCR offering to allow for seamless transition. Future plans are to follow OCR's offering in ICT at post-16 as well.

Previous extra-curricular opportunities have seen pupils visit Bletchley Park, Birmingham University and Google's Garage in Birmingham.

Thank you once again for your interest in the advertised post and having looked at the requirements of the post I look forward to receiving your application.

Gerrard Hetheron  
Senior Vice Principal