

# DOMINICAN COLLEGE FORTWILLIAM



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dominican College is a Catholic Voluntary Grammar school for girls, located in Fortwilliam Park in Belfast. Established in 1930 by the Dominican Sisters from Cabra, our school is rich in history and tradition and is continually growing and transforming to meet the needs, aptitudes, and ambitions of all our pupils. The school's enrolment figure is 1050 with an annual intake of 150 pupils in Year 8.

Our school ethos focuses on treating each pupil as an individual, celebrating their unique talents and developing their full potential across a wide range of academic and extracurricular areas. We have a long tradition of academic success and promote high aspirations, encouraging our pupils to aim for excellence in all aspects of life.

Based on our distinct Catholic and Dominican ethos, we are an inclusive community and promote values of trust, tolerance, and mutual respect. Our approach to education ensures the holistic development of each pupil, and prepares them to meet the challenges, and embrace all the opportunities in a rapidly changing world.

**POST: TEACHER OF HOME ECONOMICS, NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE & HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (with the ability to teach both subjects to A-level.)**  
(This is a full-time permanent post)

## Personnel Specification

*Evidence that you meet the essential and desirable criteria will be gathered from the application form, interview, certificates and references.*

Qualifications & Training	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A teaching qualification as approved by the Department of Education (NI);</li> <li>• Honours Degree in Food and Nutrition; or Home Economics; or Consumer Management; or equivalent (minimum 2:2).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 2:1 honours degree in relevant subject.</li> </ul>
Experience & Knowledge	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear knowledge and understanding of the curricular requirements of CCEA Home Economics, Food and Nutrition to GCSE, and Nutrition and Food Science to A-level;</li> <li>• Experience of teaching Home Economics, Food and Nutrition to GCSE and A-level;</li> <li>• Clear knowledge and understanding of the curricular requirements of CCEA Health and Social Care to GCSE and A-level;</li> <li>• Ability to teach Health and Social Care to A-level;</li> <li>• Competence in the use of IT to enhance the teaching, learning and assessment Home Economics, Food and Nutrition and Nutrition and Food Science &amp; Health and Social Care;</li> <li>• Willingness and ability to contribute significantly to the extra-curricular life of the school and to promote its ethos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of teaching Health and Social Care to GCSE level;</li> <li>• Experience of teaching Health and Social Care to A-level.</li> </ul>
Skills	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective Classroom management skills and ability to motivate pupils;</li> <li>• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;</li> <li>• Excellent organisational skills with ability to plan, prioritise and schedule effectively;</li> <li>• Excellent ICT skills;</li> <li>• Be an effective Class Tutor, promoting the highest standards of Pastoral Care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in effectively leading and managing practical activities;</li> <li>• Experience in managing a range of resources.</li> </ul>
Personal Qualities	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committed and loyal to the Dominican ethos of the school;</li> <li>• A pupil-centred approach to teaching and learning;</li> <li>• Positive, enthusiastic attitude;</li> <li>• Ability to manage sensitive matters effectively;</li> <li>• Flexible in managing change;</li> <li>• Sensitive to the feelings and needs of others;</li> <li>• Ability to work as part of a team;</li> <li>• Respectful, honest &amp; confidential.</li> </ul>	

**The Board of Governors reserves the right to apply enhancement criteria should it be required.**

## **Key Dates**

<b>Publication of advertisement for the post:</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Closing Date for receipt of Applications:</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (by 12 noon)
<b>Interviews will be scheduled:</b>	From week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 onwards

## **Guidance notes:**

1. Application should be made using the application form provided. No additional sheets are to be used and no additional material or curriculum vitae will be considered.
2. It is essential that applicants outline on the form, how they meet each criterion, providing detailed information and dates as required.
3. Applicants called for interview will be required to bring photographic proof of identity.
4. Completed application forms should be marked, for the attention of the Principal, and can be e-mailed to [info@dominican.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@dominican.belfast.ni.sch.uk) or sent by post to 38 Fortwilliam Park, Belfast BT15 4AQ.