

To whom it may concern;

It has been my genuine pleasure to work alongside James McGill in the Science Department of St. Ignatius Catholic School. We have been working for five years now, and I can say that James has always been an excellent colleague, team player, and well-rounded educator. He is currently the Key Stage 3 (KS3) Coordinator of the Science Department and has contributed a lot to the development of the KS3 Science Program of our school.

Innovative and creative; James spearheaded the effective and efficient use of OneNote as a tool for teaching, not only Science, but also other subjects. He prepared excellent online materials for students, which not only are well planned and organized, they are also created to cater to the different needs and learning styles of each student. His contribution to the educational technology aspect of Science teaching in our school has made it possible for teachers to continue providing a well planned and executed distance learning program amidst the 2020 Covid-19 crisis. In his duty as a KS3 Coordinator, James has mentored his colleagues and has supported us in terms of providing feedback after lesson observations, resource materials, pedagogical ideas, and assessment techniques. I especially value his input in my teaching of KS3 Science, specifically on how to effectively use assessment for learning in the class.

I can say that James is a visionary Science teacher. He understands the current trends in Science education and has responded to the needs of the time, whilst staying loyal to the policies and academic requirements of the school. His work on developing scientific investigative skills in KS3 has been received positively by staff and students alike. He even extends his expertise to the primary school staff, to ensure that there is consistency and that students would transition well from primary to high school. His work in the KS3 Science Club and Seaperch Underwater Robotics Program of the school has been a great asset of the STEM Program.

James will be an excellent asset in any educational institute that will be blessed to have him. His passion to Science education is contagious. He will definitely create a positive impact not only to the students' life but also to the staff and the whole department. His outstanding pedagogical, organisational, and leadership skills, will surely further enrich any department he will join!

I am more than happy to provide more information about James if you so desire. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me through my contact details provided below.

Respectfully yours,

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