



## ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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**Re: Professional Reference for Jamie McGill**

I have worked with Jamie since August 2019 and consider him to be an outstanding Science teacher and KS3 leader. He is committed and professional at all times, has excellent working relationships with staff, parents and pupils alike and has been a source of support and advice that I have personally found invaluable. Jamie has led KS3 Science at St-Ignatius and his development of resources for KS3 is; in my thirty-year teaching experience second to none. His utilisation of one note has been exemplary, and his skill in training teachers, such as myself, in using it as a learning tool, has greatly increased the capabilities of not only the Science department but all departments at St-Ignatius. This, of course, has been of particular value in the school's transition to online learning.

Jamie's IT skills are very impressive, a number of times I took problems to our IT helpdesk, often several times, but the problems remained. Only to discover that when I took the same problem to Jamie it was solved within minutes and an explanation of how to fix it myself next time followed. Teaching days are often long and unrelenting with little time for lunch or break. Jamie always makes time to help, supporting teachers and students alike. Be it a needy year 7 or following up with a member of staff on one of his whole school training sessions.

I have observed Jamie teaching and have found him to be methodical in his planning and preparation and both innovative and creative with his development of one note, and his differentiated classroom activities. He uses Science practicals to great effect and is not afraid to run challenging practicals with large groups of younger students, and to encourage and support teacher such as myself to do the same. I was also impressed with Jamie's skills in teacher observation, his advice was professional, reassuring and above all helped me improve my teaching.

Jamie's extra curricula work is again outstanding, long after teaching is finished, he is working with his Sea Perch and Science club groups, the class filled and buzzing with enthusiastic students each student group working independently on their own projects.

In summary, Jamie will make a positive difference to any department.

An outstanding teacher, he is a reliable and safe pair of hands, capable of leading a project to fruition, he is excellent with data analysis and works effectively to deadlines. He has my wholehearted recommendation.

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