



St Thomas More Catholic High School

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Dear Applicant

Temporary Teacher of Science (Part time or full time)

Thank you for your interest in the above position at St Thomas More Catholic High School.

We are an 11 – 18 mixed, converter academy serving the Catholic community of the Tynemouth Priory Partnership (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle). On December 1st 2020 we joined the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust which comprises of all of the North of Tyne Catholic schools. We have a well-balanced, genuinely comprehensive intake, which is one of our great strengths. The ability profile on entry is above the national average and free school meals uptake is below the national average. We have an excellent reputation locally and nationally for the quality of our ethos, teaching and learning, high achievement, and sustained improvement over time.

Ofsted last inspected the school in May 2023, judging the school as 'Good' - *"There is a warmth and friendliness at St Thomas More Catholic High School... Pupils conduct themselves well. They are friendly and polite... The curriculum is ambitious for all pupils... staff are enthusiastic and knowledgeable."*

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle also inspected the school in January 2023 under section 48 of the Education Act judging the school to be 'Outstanding'- *"Leaders and governors have an unwavering commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and have supported pupils ably to challenge injustice through a variety of campaigns... Pastoral care is the bedrock of the school. Students are known by name and cared for deeply"*

This is reflected in strong parental support for and confidence in the school. The school website will give you an insight into our work and ethos: www.stmacademy.org.uk.

Our reputation and practice are excellent with regard to professional development for all staff. Our experience and expertise are especially strong in ITT and ECT work, in leadership development programmes at middle and senior leadership levels, and in providing opportunities for staff to deliver CPD as well as participate. There is a very strong, recognised learning culture across the school. Our collaborative approach extends to working with other schools within North Tyneside, and with other Catholic schools in the Diocese. We have dedicated professional developmental time each Tuesday afternoon and there are many opportunities for staff to deliver CPD activities both within school and at local level.

The Science department consists of a team of 15 specialist teachers and has a suite of classrooms each with an interactive whiteboard, good resource areas and workspace for staff. We make extensive use of a wide range of teaching materials from varied sources.

We follow Edexcel Syllabus at GCSE and at Advanced Level. Examination results are excellent at all levels and this subject is very popular in at both KS4 and in the sixth form.

The department has an excellent reputation which is based on excellent leadership and management combined with an outstanding ethos amongst the team. Staff work hard in a positive, collaborative style. They share expertise, experience, resources, developmental work and administrative responsibilities. They are given opportunities for early responsibility and initiative is encouraged.



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I am enclosing the following:

1. Advertisement details
2. Job Description
3. Application Form (inc. Notes to Applicants, Recruitment Monitoring Form, consent to obtain references).

The closing date for application forms is at 9am on 15th May. **Shortlisting** will take place as soon as possible after the closing date. If you have not heard from us by 20th May please assume that you have been unsuccessful.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Watson
Headteacher

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