

St Monica's R.C. High School

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Dear Prospective Applicant

I would like to welcome you to Saint Monica's, a school which is privileged to serve the Catholic community of Prestwich. I am delighted that you are interested in applying for the new position of Deputy Headteacher at our school. As a Catholic school, the foundation of all our work is the gospel message. Our Mission Statement of 'Prayer and Service' really captures our guiding principles and the education we aim to provide for all. It is our duty to serve the young people as best we can, and we are looking for a talented leader who not only shares this mindset, but also has the drive and determination to make a difference to the lives of others.

After a period of turbulence in recent years, the school has improved rapidly and the designation of Special Measures was lifted in December 2019. Our headline outcomes are among the strongest in the Local Authority. There remains further opportunity to consolidate and build on that success, making the school the best it can be for the pupils. This is an opportunity to play a key strategic, leadership role in the school's ongoing improvement.

Like all schools, we continually strive to improve our outcomes so that young people leave us with the skills and attributes needed to create God's Kingdom. As such, our pupils are challenged to excel. If we do our job well, we could have a future Prime Minister or brain surgeon in our midst. We love, value and respect our pupils, doing all we can to ensure that they become successful. We seek like-minded professionals to join our team and share our collective vision.

The post of Deputy Headteacher will be integral to the on-going improvement of our school. This is a real opportunity for a professional with innovative ideas and the necessary drive to make an impact on both pupil experience and outcomes across our school. First and foremost we require an excellent teacher and leader, with an emphasis on servant leadership. As the job description and person specification show, this role will involve strategic leadership responsibility for the continuing development of the quality of education across the school and further improvement in outcomes for all pupils. We are looking for an additional member of our leadership team who embraces and welcomes challenge; but who also has the right approach and the tenacity to succeed.

Thank you for the time and interest in this post you have committed so far. If you are keen to serve the young people of Prestwich alongside our team and believe you have the skills and dynamism we seek, please consider applying for this valuable leadership opportunity. Your application form and supporting statement should be returned to us by **Monday March 1st at 12:00pm**. You are warmly invited to arrange a visit to St Monica's prior to applying should you wish to do so. I would be delighted to meet with prospective candidates and to show them round our school. Visits can be arranged by contacting h.collier@stmonicas.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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