

Job Title:	Full Time Temporary Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover)
Required:	Temporary maternity cover from September 2026 to May 2027 (<i>or until the permanent postholder returns</i>)
Salary:	Mainscale/UPS
Responsible to:	Line Manager, Curriculum Leader of Science

We are delighted to invite applications for a Temporary Teacher of Science to cover maternity leave, ideally with a specialism in biology.

The successful applicant:

- Will be an excellent practitioner
- Must be able to motivate, challenge and inspire pupils to succeed in Science
- Must be committed to improving the outcomes for all pupils
- Will have high expectations of themselves and the pupils
- Will have excellent communication skills and the ability to develop and improve practice in themselves and others
- Must be passionate about the development and implementation of the Science curriculum
- Will be up to date with relevant pedagogy, apply this to their teaching and promote it to others

Essential Educational Requirements

- Qualified Teacher Status
- Degree or equivalent

The successful candidate will be joining a thriving and oversubscribed school in all year groups.

During our recent Ofsted Inspection (January 2025) school received Outstanding for Personal Development. The Inspectors commented: “Pupils are polite, kind and considerate. They enjoy the positive relationships that they have with staff, who care for them well. Pupils make a strong contribution to the calm and respectful atmosphere that exists at the school. They are happy here.”

In our recent Catholic Schools Inspection (November 2024) St Cecilia’s was graded as Outstanding in all areas. The Inspector also recognised: “The exemplary quality of relationships between all members of the community has created a family atmosphere in which every person is highly valued. The pastoral care and well-being for all students, especially those who are most vulnerable, is of a very high standard.”

We understand the realities of workload and are proactive in supporting staff wellbeing. Our comprehensive wellbeing package includes:

- Free, confidential counselling
- Financial and wellbeing coaching

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- Menopause and nurse support
- 24/7 GP access
- Stress coaching and physiotherapy
- Monthly staff breakfast
- Weekly staff wellbeing treats including fresh fruit

We also offer thoughtful practical benefits that make a real difference to day-to-day working life, including:

- PPA and Research & Development time taken at home when timetabled in Period 5
- Flexible working hours during Advent, with later starts and earlier finishes

Recent Staff Voice (January 2026) highlights include:

"Very simply, love it. Love the school, students, colleagues, environment, faith aspect."

"I feel very comfortable and supported. All staff are great and so are the students."

"I enjoy working at St Cecilia's; it is a very inclusive team who support each other."

"Great – very proud of the school, feel supported and trusted in my ability to do my job."

"Very fortunate."

St Cecilia's is more than a workplace. It is a community built on care, professionalism, faith and mutual respect — a place where staff feel valued, supported and proud to belong.

If you would like to visit school, in fact we encourage you to visit our outstanding school, please contact Barbara Clarke, School Business Manager on 07375 324661 or via email to: bc@st-ceciliass.lancs.sch.uk who will arrange a visit with the Curriculum Leader of Science, Mrs Naomi Dewhurst.

The position is temporary to cover for maternity leave and will end usually on the return of the permanent postholder.

Applications should be submitted using the Catholic Educations Services form and emailed to Mrs B Clarke, School Business Manager, to: bc@st-ceciliass.lancs.sch.uk

Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025, an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

Deadline for applications: 12 noon – Friday 15th May 2026

Interviews w/c Monday 18th May 2026

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