



## Saint John Wall Catholic School – A Catholic School For All

*'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'*



### Head of RE and Catholic Ethos (p-time or full time)

Saint John Wall Catholic School is an oversubscribed 11-16 school with a diverse population, serving the community of North West Birmingham. Over 50% of our pupils qualify for additional Pupil Premium funding, and over 60% of our pupils speak English as an Additional Language.

The school's Progress 8 score is well above national. In June 2023, Ofsted judged the school Good with outstanding behaviour and attitudes and outstanding leadership and management. Ofsted reported that *'Pupils blossom in this unique and caring school. Everyone is welcome and staff and pupils care for and look out for each other. Classrooms are places where teachers teach, and pupils learn.'*

In February 2024, the Catholic Schools Inspectorate graded the school Good with outstanding Catholic ethos and outstanding Religious Education. The CSI report stated *'The mission statement and values are central to the school's life. Students demonstrate a deep sense of belonging to this welcoming, friendly community. They feel safe, behave exceptionally well, and appreciate all the school offers.'*

As Head of RE and Catholic Ethos you would lead a fully staffed department of Religious Studies specialists with a track record of strong outcomes for pupils. You will also lead a small Chaplaincy Team, and other colleagues to continue to develop the outstanding Catholic Ethos across a diverse school community. As a practising Catholic, by personal example and with professional leadership, you will ensure the Catholic Ethos, rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church, permeates all aspects of the life of the school.

#### The Role

- To be accountable for leading, managing and developing a high quality of education in the subject/curriculum area.
- To lead the Catholic Ethos of the school, including Collective Worship and Catholic Life (PICCL).
- To be a Senior Middle Leader within the school acting as a role model of best practice to colleagues; undertaking duties and on call, attending school events and representing the school in a professional capacity across the Diocese and other partnerships.
- To ensure the provision of an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils studying in the department, in accordance with the aims of the school and policies determined by the Governing Body and Headteacher.
- To ensure high quality implementation of the curriculum.
- To raise standards of pupil attainment and achievement within the whole curriculum area and to monitor and support pupil progress.
- To effectively manage and deploy support staff, financial and physical resources within the department to support the designated curriculum portfolio.

#### Salary

MPS/UPS +TLR1c

To start January or September 2025 (depending on availability)

#### Closing Date

9.00am on 14 October 2024

#### Informal visits

Informal visits to school prior to application can be arranged by contacting Miss Pollock on 0121 554 1825 or by email to [enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk)

Application form and Job Description can be found at [www.sjw.bham.sch.uk/AboutUs/Vacancies](http://www.sjw.bham.sch.uk/AboutUs/Vacancies)

*As a Catholic School we will expect that you actively support the Catholic ethos, and help us to follow the highest standards of safeguarding for our pupils. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS and any other relevant employment checks, including an online search.*