



Vacancy

Headteacher at Christ the King Catholic High School

Contract: Full time, Permanent

Required: 1st September 2025 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Salary Range: L22 – L27 (£83,464-£93,400)

About us

Welcome to Christ the King Catholic High School. We are a warm and dynamic smaller than average Catholic High School in the heart of Preston and the Diocese of Lancaster. At Christ the King, we believe we provide a rich educational environment for each student. We also believe that the traditional values of courtesy and consideration are essential and hence our community is ordered, structured and well-disciplined but within a framework of caring for each individual.

Christ is at the heart of our school. Our school motto “Love one another as I have loved you” (John, 15) resonates with our distinctiveness as a Catholic school and our students are at the very heart of everything we do. We do this through our approach, modelling “THE CTK WAY” and coupling this together with high academic expectations allows students to grow academically, socially and in their faith. The young people in our care reflect what we stand for, as one Year 10 student eloquently described ‘We are a family. We are the Body of Christ’.

At Christ the King, we are very proud to be such an inclusive and welcoming school. Around 40% of our student population is eligible for pupil premium and attainment on entry is regularly below the national average. As a Catholic school, we are extremely proud of our success in securing valuable progression routes for all students. Recent years have seen significant improvements, both in published academic outcomes and in the demand for pupil places, for which we are now consistently oversubscribed.

The Role

Due to the relocation of our serving Headteacher, we are looking to appoint a practising Catholic who is an innovative and inspirational leader, self-motivated and ambitious. The successful candidate will drive the vision of the school, developing a rich and challenging curriculum combined with a culture of high expectations and opportunity. They will provide Catholic professional leadership for the school within the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust as well as contributing to the mission of the Trust and its values.



Safeguarding

Our Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share the commitment and undergo an enhanced DBS check. The successful candidate will be appointed under the terms and conditions of a CES contract which they will be required to sign. The employer will be the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Applications must be made on the CES/Mater Ecclesiae Senior Leader application form.

The post you are applying for is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974(Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013), If successful you will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a 'Disclosure.' Information provided by you or the Disclosure and Barring Service will be dealt with in a confidential manner in accordance with the DBS's Code of Practice. You may view the Code of practice on the DBS website at www.gov.uk/dbs or alternatively a copy is available on request.

The school's safeguarding policies can be found using this [link](#).

Mater Ecclesiae has adopted Lancashire County Council's policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders. This is available to all applicants upon request.

Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

How to apply

Please take the time to read the candidate information pack, and please do contact us before the closing date for an informal chat if you have any questions about the role. If you decide to apply, ensure that you complete the supporting statement in your application to let us know how your experience and personal qualities make you suitable for the role.

Closing date: 12 noon Thursday 15th May 2025

Shortlisting: Friday 16th May 2025

Interviews: Wednesday 21st May and Thursday 22nd May 2025

Applicant MUST use the Mater Ecclesiae CES Application form found with this posting and on the Trust website.

Application forms should be returned to: recruitment@mecmat.org