

Working in the Diocese of Leeds



Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the position of Headteacher at St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield in the Diocese of Leeds.

The Diocese of Leeds covers a wide geographic area encompassing eight local authorities mainly in West and North Yorkshire well served by a network of rail and motorway links. We have 78 primary schools, 11 high schools, a sixth form college in Leeds and a residential non-maintained specialist SEND school. Our smallest school is 70 pupils whilst the largest is nearly 2,700 pupils serving both rural and urban areas. There are good partnerships between schools across the Diocese as well as within local deaneries and further networks with local authority schools. The Catholic University of Leeds Trinity also falls within the Diocesan educational provision.

Bishop Marcus' Vision for Education in the Diocese of Leeds continues to recognise the ever-changing landscape and the challenges and opportunities this brings. This is ensuring that all schools are successful in providing a high quality of Catholic Education for the children and young people in communities they serve. This is allowing schools to strengthen in solidarity and to collaborate effectively to deliver the mission of the Catholic church in their communities. The vision continues to develop as we look to consolidate the work of the existing Trusts. The Trusts are now well established across the diocese with over 83% of schools already part of our Catholic Academy Trust structure.

The five Catholic Multi Academy Trusts and their corresponding geographical areas are as follows:

- Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust – Wakefield, North Yorkshire and East Riding areas
- St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust – City of Leeds area
- Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust – Bradford and Keighley areas
- Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust – Kirklees and Calderdale areas
- Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust – North Leeds, North Yorkshire and Lancashire areas

The Diocese together with its Trusts offers a comprehensive programme of continuing professional development every academic year to ensure your continued growth, development and career progression.

It is an exciting time to be a leader in the Diocese of Leeds, and I hope that you will take this opportunity to apply to be the new Headteacher of St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Monsignor Paul Grogan

Episcopal Vicar for Education

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