



Recruitment Pack

Teacher of History



St. Peter's Catholic High School

*'A learning and serving community enriched through
friendship and Christian faith'*

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Headteacher's Welcome



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this post at St. Peter's Catholic High School. I hope that the information in this pack provides you with a good sense of our school to form the basis to make an application.

I am sure that you will be impressed by what we have to offer as a friendly, supportive Christian community committed to high standards of Catholic Education.

I would also encourage you to look at the school's website for further information.

We welcome visits ahead of making an application – to arrange to visit school please contact Angela Shacklady - Headteacher's PA at ashacklady@saintpetershigh.wigan.sch.uk Please make this request with sufficient time before the deadline to make the necessary arrangements.

Governors are keen to appoint a talented, hardworking and committed candidate to join our strong staff team. Applications should be made on the CES application form which can be found using the link below:

[CES Teacher Application Form](#)

This should be supported by your statement / letter of application of no more than 2 sides of A4.

Please submit these to Angela Shacklady at the address above by the advertised deadline.

I very much look forward to reading your application and to recruiting the next member of the St. Peter's Staff team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A McGlown', followed by a comma.

Mr. A. McGlown

Headteacher

About Our School

St. Peter's is a successful and oversubscribed 11-16 Catholic Secondary School of approximately 1040 pupils. We primarily serve the children of our partner parishes across a wide area in Wigan, Lancashire and St. Helens. We pride ourselves on living out our mission statement to be a 'Learning and serving community enriched through friendship and Christian faith.' We are committed to both high standards of learning and personal conduct and to being a warm inclusive school where every child can succeed.

The vast majority of our pupils achieve expected or above expected standards at the end of KS2 and this leads to challenging targets at GCSE level. Through our clear expectations and nurturing environment, we create a calm focused learning environment where teachers can teach and the needs of all of our pupils can be met.

The curriculum offer at St. Peter's is a wide and varied one with a very strong academic core and a diverse offer of Arts, Technical and practical courses. I would encourage you to explore this offer on the [school website](#).

Our staff team is a strong mix of very experienced and more recently qualified colleagues and they are very well supported at all levels by our Professional Development Programme. Staff wellbeing is at the heart of our philosophy and we have embraced a number of strategies to promote this including staff wellbeing cafes, wellbeing buddies and the opportunity to work from home where practicable. Staff Development is supported through an ambitious CPD offer and the St. Peter's 'Talent Ladder' of development opportunities.

Our Catholic ethos is at the centre of our school. We welcome colleagues from all faith backgrounds and none who are happy to support and promote this ethos. Our pastoral system is designed to support the development of each young person to become the unique human being they are called to be. Our pupils are encouraged to be their true authentic selves and to respect difference of all kinds. Pupils at St. Peter's show a deep level of care and respect for each other and for the adults who support them.

Working at St. Peter's is challenging because we want to provide the very best for our young people, and it is rewarding because this is undertaken as part of a supportive and caring team who help each other to achieve this.



Working at St Peter's

We strongly believe that St Peter's is a special place to work. However, rather than explain ourselves as to why we feel this is the case we have included comments taken from a variety of people;

Staff who have left us in recent years via our exit questionnaires.

A range of our current staff in different roles throughout school employed within the last three years.

Current staff who have been at the school for longer than 5 years

Supply staff via agency's.

Comments taken from Staff Exit Questionnaires

"Anyone who has the opportunity to work at St Peter's in my opinion is extremely privileged. It is the kind of workplace that has a noticeable impact on your life in terms of your work-life balance, well-being, inner sense of positivity, and the desire to be the best you can be at whatever you are there to do. Working at St Peter's makes you happier. There is a sense of belonging and the staff and students carry this with them so much so that it is impossible not to be blown away by it. Everyone works together and has the same determination to do the best for the students in all aspects of their school life. I am so grateful I had this opportunity and wish all staff and students every success in the future".

"The overarching vision of trying to ensure a community where students are enriched through faith and friendship is something that is evident from the top down at St Peters. It is not just a mission statement it is a way of life for the staff and students. There is an overwhelming feeling of being part of something amazing and the students benefit hugely from this and the way the staff convey it. The students are encouraged to think about themselves beyond the day to day and envisage their futures and what they can achieve if they put their minds to it and reach for their full potential. They get the absolute best education from teachers, whilst developing themselves as individuals who are grounded in strong moral values, kindness, and love for one another"

"SLT have fostered a culture whereby they are at the heart of what is really going to make a difference. From what I have seen they have open and honest conversations with staff about how school can develop, and they listen to what the staff and students have to say. Therefore, every action is linked to an outcome that helps both the school and students develop".



Working at St Peter's

We asked current staff who had recently joined us what do they enjoy about St Peter's and what if anything makes us different from other schools that they have worked in?

From the moment I came for interview I have been made to feel very welcome at St Peter's. The atmosphere is so supportive and friendly from both staff and students. I know should I ever have any issues there are countless members of staff I could turn to for help and advice. I love that I have the opportunity and support to develop my skills further both in and out of the classroom.

(Main Scale Teacher)

I joined the teaching staff at St Peters in September 2019, and I have never looked back. I worked at my previous school for nearly 10 years and, understandably, it was a very difficult decision to leave, but absolutely the right one for my career. St Peter's has very high expectations of both students and staff and this enables optimal learning to occur. Our students feel very safe and secure, with respect being a quality that is highly promoted and a fundamental aspect of our Catholic community. There is a clear sense of purpose and the school nurtures this quality in our students. I love the sense of direction and determination our students and staff have to do well for themselves but also a wish to see their peers do well. The students and parents are invested in learning, the school has strong Christian values and we listen to each other's point of view intently. The SLT corridor is always open and I have had plenty of opportunities to improve my own professional development. I have been involved in the 'Promoting Excellence Middle Leadership' course, which has enabled me to reflect on my own leadership qualities.

It is a great pleasure to be involved in such an encouraging and welcoming environment.

(TLR Holder)



Working Collaboratively with the Archdiocese



Our school works as part of the Liverpool Archdiocese Secondary School Improvement Trust (ALSSIT). We work collaboratively with colleagues across the 32 secondary schools and sixth form colleges. The Trust's Partnership director and School Improvement Lead promote a wealth of CPD and Professional Development opportunities as well as the sharing of best practice and resources.

I would urge you to look at the work of ALSSIT by following this [link](#)

East Cluster Schools



What the school can offer

- A caring and supportive learning community.
- Access to a high quality CPD offer as part of a Talent Development ladder. Please click to see our Talent Development.
- An approach that prioritises staff well being and work life balance, including the ability to work from home where practicable.
- A well ordered and enthusiastic pupil community where teachers can teach and all can learn.





Departmental Profile

The History Department at St. Peter's is a successful team. The Department consistently achieves good results at GCSE. In 2019 9-7 grades were 26% for Modern History and 37.5% for Ancient History. 9-5 grades were 57% for Modern and 44% for Ancient. 9-4 grades were 73% for Modern and 63% for Ancient. These results increased through 2020-21 over the pandemic. In 2022 9-7 grades were 35% for Modern History and 53% for Ancient History. 9-5 grades were 67% for Modern and 71% for Ancient. 9-4 grades were 84% for Modern and 88% for Ancient.

Staffing

The History Department currently consists of 4 full time teachers. All these staff are experienced History specialists. One member of the team has a pastoral Head of Year responsibility and one leads the Wigan and West Lancashire Catholic School Direct programme. History sits within the Humanities Faculty which consists of the History and Geography Departments. The Head of History also leads the Humanities Faculty. We have common systems and approaches to teaching and learning across both Departments. There are 3 full time Geography teachers.

Accommodation/Resources

The school's new build, open since September 2016, allows us to locate History on the first floor of the new block with three new dedicated History classrooms suited together. An office is located with these rooms and a generous storeroom is a good base for Departmental resources.

Curriculum

Pupils receive four 50-minute History lessons in Y7 –Y9 and Y10 and 11 GCSE pupils receive six 50-minute lessons over two weeks.

Classes in KS3 and 4 are mixed ability. The Department currently teaches AQA History (9-1) GCSE and OCR Ancient History (9-1) GCSE.

Inspection

The school was last subject to a full OFSTED inspection in February 2019 when it was judged to be 'Good'. The full report is available via our website.

The school was inspected by the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Christian Education Department in June 2019 under Section 48. The overall effectiveness judgement was that "St. Peter's provides outstanding Catholic Education".

Trips and Visits

The Department is involved in a range of trips and visits, from Year 10 & 11 trips to Rome, Belgium, London and Auschwitz to a visit from a Holocaust survivor for Y9. The extra-curricular offer of the school is very rich and we are keen to continue with this. In addition, the charity and fundraising aspects of school life are also very widespread.



Job Description

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 NAME OF POSTHOLDER:

1.2 JOB TITLE: Teacher

1.3 JOB PURPOSE: Under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, carry out the professional duties of a school teacher as set out in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).

Implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.

Monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher.

Facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.

Contribute to raising standards of student attainment.

Share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

1.4 Line Management: Reporting to - Head of Department

Responsible for - No line manager responsibility

1.5 Liaising With: Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team, teachers and support staff, LEA representatives, external agencies, parents and Primary class teachers

1.6 Salary Scale: Classroom Teacher's Pay Scale

1.7 Working Time: Full time as specified within the STPCD

1.8 CRB Disclosure Level: Enhanced



2. TEACHING

- 2.1 Teach, students according to their educational needs, including the setting and assessment & marking of all work.
- 2.2 Assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.
- 2.3 Provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- 2.4 Ensure that ICT, Literacy, Numeracy and school subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of students
- 2.5 Undertake a designated programme of teaching.
- 2.6 Ensure a high quality learning experience for students which meets internal and external quality standards.
- 2.7 Prepare and update subject materials.
- 2.8 Use a variety of delivery methods which will stimulate learning appropriate to student needs and demands of the syllabus.
- 2.9 Maintain discipline in accordance with the school's procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.
- 2.10 Undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, Departmental and school procedures.
- 2.11 Mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.

3. STRATEGIC/ OPERATIONAL PLANNING

- 3.1 Assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in the curriculum area and department.
- 3.2 Contribute to the curriculum area and Department's Development Plan and its implementation.
- 3.3 Plan and prepare courses and lessons.
- 3.4 Contribute to the whole school's planning activities.



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4. CURRICULUM PROVISION

- 4.1 Assist the Head of Department to ensure that the curriculum area provides a range of teaching which complements the school's strategic objectives.

5. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 Assist in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of students, examining and awarding bodies and the school's mission and strategic objectives.

6. STAFFING

- 6.1 Take part in the school's Staff Development Programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.
- 6.2 Continue own professional development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- 6.3 Engage actively in the performance management review process.
- 6.4 Ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support
- 6.5 Work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 7.1 Help to implement school quality procedures and to adhere to those.
- 7.2 Contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the curriculum area/Department in line with agreed school procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria. To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.
- 7.3 Review methods of teaching and programmes of work.
- 7.4 Take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.



8. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- 8.1 Maintain appropriate records and provide relevant accurate and up-to-date information for MIS, assessments, registers, etc.
- 8.2 Complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.
- 8.3 Track student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON

- 9.1 Communicate effectively with the parents of students as appropriate.
- 9.2 Where appropriate, communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the school.
- 9.3 Follow agreed policies for communications in the school.
- 9.4 Take part in liaison activities such as parents' evenings, review days and liaison events with partner schools.
- 9.5 Contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies.
- 9.6 Attend staff briefings as directed.

10. MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

- 10.1 Contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.
- 10.2 Assist the Head of Department to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.
- 10.3 Co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the school, Department and the students.



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11. PASTORAL SYSTEM

- 11.1 Be a Form Tutor to an assigned group of students
- 11.2 Promote the general progress and well-being of individual students.
- 11.3 Liaise with Head of Year to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral system.
- 11.4 Register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- 11.5 Evaluate and monitor the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.
- 11.6 Contribute to the preparation of action plans and progress files and other reports.
- 11.7 Alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
- 11.8 Communicate as appropriate, with the parents of students and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff.
- 11.9 Contribute to PHSE and Citizenship and Enterprise according to school policy.
- 11.10 Apply the Behaviour Management systems so that effective learning can take place.

12. SCHOOL ETHOS

- 12.1 Play a full part in the life of the Catholic school Community, supporting its distinctive mission and ethos and encouraging staff and students to follow this example.
- 12.2 Adhere to school and legal requirements for collective worship.
- 12.3 Promote actively the school's corporate policies.
- 12.4 Comply with the school's Health and Safety Policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.

How To Apply and Further Information



Thank you for your interest in this position at our school. We hope to have provided you with all the necessary information for you to decide that you would like to join the team at St Peter's. If you wish to apply, please complete the following forms.

[Application Form Link](#)

[Disclosure Form Link](#)

[Recruitment Monitoring Form Link](#)

Please read the following;

[Privacy Notice](#)

[Reasonable Adjustment Statement.](#)

The following link will provide you with notes to help you complete the application form.

[Notes to applicants](#)

Should you have any further questions or would like any further information , please contact Mrs A Shacklady (Headteacher's PA) on 01942 760119 or email: ashacklady@saintpetershigh.wigan.sch.uk

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