

Teacher of English

Start date: September 2023

Closing date: 31st May 2023

Welcome to Mount St Joseph Catholic School

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of English at Mount St Joseph.

Mount St Joseph is a vibrant secondary school situated in the South of Bolton serving a richly diverse community. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds including families newly arrived in this country and low income families. A number of our students have English as an additional language (37%) and our pupil premium is 42%. We place a strong emphasis on inclusion.

Our ethos is underpinned by the gospel values of serving others, tolerance, compassion and forgiveness. As a community of learners, believers and friends, we are committed to the spiritual, moral, educational and social development of our community.

We believe strongly in the power of high expectations of our students and of ourselves, and in the importance of personal goals that are meaningful to each individual. We know that every student has their own potential and we are determined to help them to fulfil it. We aim to enable all students to take part in exciting learning inside and outside the classroom, so that they can make rapid and sustained progress.

We are proud of our team of dedicated staff who provide an inspiring, structured and supportive learning environment, in which every student is challenged to realise their full potential and encouraged to be ambitious for their futures. Our school continues to celebrate good results; they are attributable to the hard work and high aspirations of our students, the strong teaching from our committed and talented staff, the outstanding pastoral support and a clear commitment to raising achievement from all members of the school community.

There is a strong emphasis on providing opportunities for students to further build their confidence, self-esteem, interpersonal relationships and to develop the resilience to overcome problems. We aim for all our students to enjoy their time at Mount St Joseph School, to have memories and friends that will last a life time and to leave with the qualifications, personal skills and attributes needed to be successful young adults.

We are looking to appoint an outstanding enthusiastic leader to facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides all pupils with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potential.

The last Ofsted inspection concluded that we are a good school with outstanding leadership qualities. Our aim is to be an outstanding school - that is what we, our students and our whole community deserve and expect.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person who is an excellent practitioner, who possesses the energy and enthusiasm to bring their skills and innovation to our community; a person who will be a role model and leader and ambitious for both students and staff.

If you are inspired and share our vision, please apply and we look forward to considering your application and meeting you.

Yours faithfully,



About the School

Mount St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic voluntary-aided 11-16 comprehensive under the trusteeship of the Salford Diocese. The Instrument of Government of the school states that it is part of the Catholic Church and is to be conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with Canon Law, the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Salford.

Our aim is to secure the highest academic achievement for each child, a full awareness of personal and social responsibility and a deepening love and understanding of the Catholic Faith and our Mission Statement is the reference point for all our work:

As a **community of learners** we aspire to achieve our full, academic potential in a happy, safe and caring environment.

As a **community of believers** we aim to develop a full awareness of our spiritual and moral responsibility and a deepening love and understanding of our faith.

As a **community of friends** we influence the people around us by using our unique gifts and talents to develop one another socially and culturally to build a better world.

Safer Recruitment

Mount St Joseph is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We undertake thorough checks to ensure that we meet our obligations to protect our students. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including an Enhanced Disclosure and Baring Service check.



Key facts and Statistics

Age range	11- 16
Location	Bolton
Attendance	94%



Job Description

The job description should be read alongside the range of duties and responsibilities of teachers as set out in the annual Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

Candidates will be expected to have considered these in relation to Mount St Joseph.

Principle Responsibilities

To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential. To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate



Key duties and Responsibilities:

- To uphold and implement the ethos and values of the school.
- To treat all students as individuals and contribute to their emotional, social, academic and moral development.
- To follow closely agreed syllabuses and schemes of work and to participate in their development and annual review.
- To plan, implement, deliver and review high quality lessons that met the needs of the students and that are in line with an agreed programme of study at Key Stage 3 and 4.
- To mark students' work on a regular basis and record this to show the students' progress throughout the year in line with departmental and school policy.
- To participate in and contribute to the performance management cycle and relevant INSET.
- To keep a record of assessment and attendance of students in class. To contribute to departmental and school tracking systems and the analysis of data to inform future target setting and planning.
- To develop a classroom environment that allows all students to succeed.
- To implement the school behaviour management policy.
- To contribute towards the provision of assessment methods and their evaluation as outlined in the assessment policy.
- To participate in the school's self-evaluation cycle.
- To undertake the duties as a form teacher.
- To liaise with other departments, parents and agencies to meet the individual needs of the pupils.
- To attend departmental, form tutor or any other meetings as required.
- To carry out a share of the supervisory duties in accordance with published rotas
- To contribute to the future development of the department, its resources and its teaching materials.





- To attend parents evening and other specific events.
- To make a positive contribution to the wider aspects of the school.
- To assist in the promotion of the good name of the school within the community
- To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCD not mentioned in the above.
- To comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Legislation and Council Policy taking appropriate action where necessary.

Please note that this job description is a comprehensive definition of the post but will be reviewed periodically and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time in consultation with the Headteacher. This job description works within the parameters of the terms and conditions of your contract.





Person Specification

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate that he/she has the qualifications, experience, knowledge, abilities and personal qualities outlined below.

Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE		
1. A relevant degree and teaching qualification.		Qualification Certificates
2. The ability to solve problems that arise in a way		2. Lesson observation and interview
that is accessible to the students being taught.		3. Application form and interview
3. Experience of teaching secondary age pupils.		4. Lesson observation and interview
4. High personal standards.		5. Application form and interview
5. A willingness to identify with the ethos and values		
of the school and be fully involved in its activities.		
KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES		
1. Knowledge of the requirements of National		Application form and Interview
Curriculum at KS3 and KS4		Lesson observation and interview
2. Ability to teach to GCSE level.		Lesson observation and interview
3. Good teaching skills		4. Lesson observation and interview
4. Ability to maintain good order and discipline		5. Lesson observation and interview
5. Ability to use ICT to facilitate learning.		6. Lesson observation and interview
6. The ability to accurately assess the quality of		7. Application form and interview
pupil's work against national standards.		8. Application form and interview
7. The ability to promote the spiritual, moral and		9. Interview and Lesson observation
cultural development of pupils through lessons.		
8. Good communication skills.		
9. Good teaching skills.		
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
1. Clear dedication to teaching as a career	Sense of humour	Application form and interview
2. Enthusiasm and a liking for work with young people	Commitment to extra-curricular activities	2. Application form/ Interview/ Lesson observation
3. Flexibility and an ability to respond creatively to		3. Application form and interview
changing circumstances		4. Interview and interaction with others whilst visiting
4. Ability to relate well with colleagues and pupils and to		the school
work with and support colleagues in the department		5. Interview
5. Appropriate professional dress and appearance		

Department Information

The English department at Mount St Joseph is strongly committed to ensuring all students develop their ability to achieve their potential in all aspects of the subject. We work together to drive forward with passion to ensure the department continues to improve on its outstanding status. We believe that all students have the right to high quality lessons that stimulate a love of and passion for English that engages students with the English language surrounding them. We believe in equipping our students with the practical aspects of the subject that will enable them to utilise the skills needed for a successful life.

Within the department there are eight highly experienced staff and one early career teacher. The team work effectively in planning and sharing resources so that each teacher can support their class and understand the progress of each individual student, know how it fits into the bigger picture and ultimately maximise the achievements of all students in our care. All our classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards or electronic screens and access to a suite of PCs is also available.

English language, literature and literacy is taught at key stages three and four. At key stage four, students are entered for the AQA GCSE examinations.

Application Details

Thank you for taking the time to view the details for the Teacher of English position.

If you require any further information about the post, please contact Mrs Samuel–01204 391800.

To apply for the post please use the application form attached with the advert.

Please send all completed forms to samueln@msj.bolton.sch.uk

