

St Gregory's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Teacher for Maths

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Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Prospective Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity to join our dynamic team of dedicated professionals striving to provide our students with the very best Catholic education possible.

Our mission is clear and profound: to provide every student in our care with a world-class Catholic education, ensuring they are embraced by our inclusive and loving community. At the heart of our educational philosophy is the belief that **every child is known and loved**. Inspired by the life of St Gregory, we strive to empower our students, teaching them to understand their own unique value and dignity. Through this understanding, they can recognise and realise their God-given potential.

We aim for our students to become servant leaders, guided by principles of empathy and integrity, making unique and positive contributions to society and the world. We hold ambitious expectations for our students and challenge them to strive for the very best they can achieve. We enable our students to take personal responsibility for their education and development, overcoming barriers and owning their actions so that they can be rightly proud of their achievements.

At St Gregory's, we are dedicated to creating a safe environment for our students so that they can be themselves with confidence. Clear expectations are provided, allowing them to flourish academically, emotionally and spiritually. Our commitment to truly knowing each student enables us to provide a nurturing atmosphere where they can grow and thrive.

Central to our educational approach is the emphasis on personal and spiritual development. Opportunities for prayer, reflection, and collective worship form an integral part of school life. Through these experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their spiritual formation. We encourage them to reflect on their lives, their beliefs, and the unique role they play in the world around them.

By joining us, you will play a crucial role in shaping the educational journey of our students. We would be delighted to discuss how you could become a part of our dynamic community, where a commitment to excellence, inclusivity and the values of our Catholic tradition defines who we are.

Thank you for considering St Gregory's as the place to inspire and be inspired.

Sincerely,
Mike Wilson
Headteacher
St Gregory's Catholic School



About St Gregory's Catholic School



St Gregory's Catholic School is a Catholic secondary school and part of the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP). KCSP is a multi-academy trust (MAT) established by the Archdiocese of Southwark for Catholic education across Kent and it currently comprises 26 academies of which 21 are primary schools and 5 are secondary schools.

St Gregory's Catholic School is an over-subscribed seven-form entry secondary school located in Tunbridge Wells and is a popular destination for pupils from its Catholic partner primary schools in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks.

St Gregory's Catholic School is an inclusive academy. Its dedicated staff, helpers and governance committee members work hard to ensure that every student is supported and challenged to be their very best. Each individual is encouraged to grow spiritually and intellectually, so that unique and positive contributions can be made to society and the world. Its most recent denominational inspection in March 2018 judged it as 'Outstanding' and its most recent Ofsted inspection in March 2013 judged the academy to be 'Outstanding' in all areas.



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School vision and values

Our Vision

St Gregory's strives to provide every student in our care with a world-class Catholic education. We are an inclusive and caring community, and one in which every child who enters this school is known and loved.

We teach students to understand their own unique value and dignity, so they may recognise and realise their God-given potential and, inspired by the life of St Gregory, we empower them to approach with vigour the opportunities of their education. We aim for our students to guide others by example and, as a servant leader, to use their discernment so they make unique and positive contributions to society and the world.

St Gregory's ALIVE values:

Ambition

Rooted firmly in Catholic teachings, we aim to nurture and guide our students to fulfil their God-given potential so they may achieve success. We support this by providing extensive opportunities in our students' education that include academic, co-curricular, personal and relationship guidance, as well as providing strong role models and teaching moral and ethical values.

Leadership

We strive to be a community of servant leaders, where individuals gain a clear sense of self and purpose, knowing their values and using these to guide how they enrich the community in which they belong.

Integrity

We teach our students to value honesty and have strong moral principles, using their discernment to govern their actions and take responsibility for their choices.

Vigour

Inspired by the life of St Gregory, we empower our students to work with vigour, so they approach all activities and opportunities with effort, energy and enthusiasm.

Empathy

We aim for our students to understand and value the feelings of others and for them to know they are loved and celebrated irrespective of their differences. We also give them the confidence to celebrate their own differences.

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School intent statement

Our school is a community centred on the Catholic ethos that strives for excellence, and teaches students the knowledge, skills and attributes they require to be effective 'life-long learners'. Students are happy and fulfilled, because they are nurtured in an environment where they are cared for, known and loved, and encouraged to be unique individuals. We pride ourselves on educating students academically, morally and spiritually, to go out into the world as socially responsible and successful individuals who have a strong sense of how they will use their skills and talents to make the world a better place. We do this by providing a curriculum rich in knowledge and skills, focused on strong relationships which encourage shared values and mutual respect.

At St Gregory's we develop young people who think deeply, are knowledgeable and are informed because they understand how to learn and the value of learning. Students make and articulate informed judgements, hold discussions and show compassion and empathy that enables them to make considered decisions and partake fully in wider society. St Gregory's underpins the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership vision of a rich, child-centred curriculum that fosters a love of learning.

Our ambitious curriculum carefully sequences learning, so that students learn and apply knowledge and skills which are enhanced further with an exciting diversity of enrichment activities. We strive to provide world-class opportunities for our students, and seek to develop the 'whole person'. Our carefully considered curriculum is well planned, well-structured and thoughtfully sequenced, so that long term learning builds. Memory is fundamental and is developed by students thinking hard to retrieve knowledge, spacing concepts and skills in each subject, and interleaving them throughout the curriculum.

With Christ's love at the centre of all that we do, our curriculum aims to develop young people who:

- Are happy and feel fulfilled
- Are curious, enjoy learning and have high expectations for themselves and are ambitious for their futures
- Act as positive role models, guiding others by example
- Can make and articulate informed decisions and take responsibility for themselves
- Approach activities with effort and commitment, showing resilience and perseverance

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Role description

We wish to appoint for April/September 2024 an innovative, enthusiastic and well qualified teacher of Maths to join us at St Gregory's. This post would suit an experienced teacher or a newly qualified teacher.

The Maths department has a wealth of experience and consistently produces excellent results at GCSE and A Level. You will be joining a skilled, passionate and committed team who continually raise the quality of provisions to enable the best possible outcomes for our students.

The successful candidate will be a committed team player with desire and determination to inspire and motivate students to develop a passion for maths.

Benefits of working at St Gregory's Catholic School

- A supportive and caring working environment for staff and students and a school wide focus on well-being
- Dedicated and bespoke CPD time for all staff and personal development opportunities
- Access to our Fitness Suite
- Access to Kent Rewards Scheme
- Generous Pension Scheme Employee Assistance Programme which offers counselling, financial guidance, legal enquiries with access to online health and wellbeing resources

Our Offer:

We create an environment where our staff can thrive and enjoy the work that they do which enables our young people to flourish, gain confidence, achieve and be happy. We have a reputation for being a very caring environment and we have a great record for investing in staff training and development.



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Job description

Job Title:	Teacher of Maths
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Salary Grade:	MPS/UPS
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FTE:	Full time
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Line Manager:	Subject Leader for Maths
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Purpose of Job:

To support the work of the Subject Leader in raising the standards of teaching, learning and achievement in the department.

Key duties and responsibilities

Accountability for teaching and learning – to support the Subject Leader in ensuring that the quality of teaching and learning within the department is outstanding.

Key Tasks:

- Plan, prepare and deliver outstanding lessons to provide students with the opportunity to achieve their potential.
- Ensure that lessons are engaging and stimulating considering individual needs of the students.
- To support the development of the SOW.
- To observe and review teaching of lessons with the Subject Leader.
- To support the Subject Leader in the monitoring of student work and teacher feedback.



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Accountability for Leadership – to demonstrate appropriate leadership behaviours which inspire confidence in others, whilst also challenging and supporting colleagues, thereby creating a positive impact at school and department level.

Key Tasks:

- To support the Subject Leader in school self-evaluation, both at whole school and department level.
- To deputise for the Subject Leader, if necessary.
- To participate in the recruitment of department staff, including interviewing for staff and providing effective induction of new staff in line with school procedures.
- To support the department in any open evening or event related to the department as a whole.

Accountability for Management – to support the Subject Leader in the day-to-day management of the department and its staff.

Key tasks:

- To support the Subject Leader in making sure appropriate arrangements are made for classes when staff are absent
- To support the subject leader with the conduct and behaviour of students and to help members of staff as problems arise.
- To work with the Subject Leader in setting pupils.
- To implement and promote school policies and procedures, e.g. Health & Safety; Child Protection.



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Other responsibilities – along with the Subject Leader and in their absence:

- To follow the school's policy in respect of safeguarding and child protection and ensure the health and safety of the pupils.
- To play a full part in the life of the school community and to support its distinctive vision and ethos.
- To accept overall responsibility for all aspects of internal & external examination and testing procedures as relate to the area of responsibility.
- To ensure effective communication with parents and community representatives as appropriate.
- Participate in relevant meetings with colleagues and parents.
- To encourage and take responsibility for the learning environment by overseeing visual materials and classroom/school displays.
- Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task may not be identified, and may change over time.

This job description outlines the main duties and level of responsibility of the post for the time being. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list and it cannot anticipate future service demands. There is a clear expectation of the post holder that they will make a positive contribution to enhancing and adapting services.

Job descriptions will be reviewed, in consultation with the postholder, at least annually or whenever there may be a significant change to the role.



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Person specification

	Criteria	Essential / Desirable
Faith Commitment	Understanding of the distinctive nature of a faith school	D
	A practising Catholic	D
Qualifications	Graduate qualification in the Subject or equivalent	E
	Qualified Teacher Status	E
	Experience of teaching the subject to G.C.S.E level and the ability to teach to A level	E
Knowledge & Experience	Ability to organise and prioritise workload and work on own initiative	E
	The ability to work constructively as part of a team, understanding School roles and responsibilities and the post holder's position within	E
	Ability to communicate well in writing and face to face to all stakeholders	E
	Demonstrable experience of improving successful student outcomes in the last three years	E
	Producing high quality experiences and outcomes for students	E
	Experience as Tutor and/ or pastoral work	E
Skills, Qualities & Abilities	Empathy with students	E
	Ability to use ICT effectively	E
	A commitment and understanding of the use of ICT within the curriculum	E
	Excellent communication skills	E
	Excellent interpersonal skills	E
	Excellent organisation skills	E
	Dedication	E
	Ability to remain positive and enthusiastic when working under pressure	E
	Ability to organise work, prioritise tasks, make decisions and manage time effectively	E
	Assembly, disassembly and cleaning of equipment	E

Application process

You are welcome to contact HR at HR@sgschool.org.uk if you would like to visit the school before submitting an application.

For ease of applying, we are happy to accept applications directly by clicking the “Quick apply” button.

Should you be shortlisted for interview, additional information may be requested at that time.

Closing date for applications: 31 March 2024 at 09:00 am

Start date: April/September 2024

All applicants need to have the Right to Work in the UK to be considered for this role. This vacancy may close on or before the specified closing date depending on the volume of suitable applicants. If you are unsuccessful, we will contact you accordingly

Safer Recruitment

St Gregory's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this position is subject to satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service. We are an equal opportunities employer.



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