



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Newcastle upon Tyne
Headteacher: E Patterson
NOR c.1450



Teacher of Religious Education Full-time or Part-time 0.7 (70% timetable) Main or Upper Pay Range

Required from September 2022

The Governors wish to appoint an excellent Teacher of Religious Education to contribute to our flourishing RE department. The role may appeal to candidates seeking their first teaching post or, equally, to recently qualified or more experienced teachers, looking to develop in an outstanding school, which is totally committed to Religious Education. There will be opportunities to teach post-16 for experienced candidates.

St Mary's is a great place to work and provides excellent job satisfaction, as it is a very supportive environment. We provide excellent CPD for ECTs and recently qualified teachers, as well as on-going training for more experienced teachers. There are opportunities for teachers at all levels to help develop teaching and learning across the school, working collaboratively with teachers from other departments, whether as coaches, researchers or SLEs. The working environment is, therefore, a very stimulating one for all staff and is an added attraction of this post.

St Mary's is a very popular and happy school, rated Outstanding by the Diocese and Ofsted. We became an academy in 2013 and enjoy outstanding facilities in a new building, which opened in 2011. We joined the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust in June 2020. We are also very popular with parents and are one of the most over-subscribed schools in the North-East. The roll has grown from around 1100 five years ago to over 1450 by September 2021, with 5 year groups of around 240. The Sixth Form currently has over 270 students, but will grow to around 300 in the next couple of years, as larger and strongly academic year groups move into Sixth Form.

At St Mary's, Religious Education is a well-established and highly respected department with excellent results. Recent highlights include:-

- In 2021, 46% of pupils achieved a Grade 7 or higher in GCSE RE, with 69% Grade 5+ and 87% Grade 4+
- 45% achieved Grade 7+ in 2020, with 73% Grade 5+ and 86% Grade 4+
- In the last examined year, 2019, 43% of pupils in GCSE Religious Studies achieved a Grade 7+, with 74% achieving Grade 5 or higher. These results were significantly above the national average and included an impressive 25 grade 9's.
- Across 2021 and 2020. 59 students took A Level Religious Studies with 24% achieving an A* or A, 64% A*-B and 92% A*-C
- In 2019, 27% of pupils achieved A*/A, 73% A*-B and 82% A*-C

Leadership, teaching and the climate for learning in Religious Education are all outstanding, as they are across the whole school.

Above all, the Governors wish to appoint a teacher with:-

- A clear commitment to nurturing and promoting the school's distinctive ethos
- A passion for providing the best possible holistic education for all students
- A commitment to maximising achievement through excellence in teaching and learning
- An excellent track record as a classroom teacher
- The ability to promote a love of learning Religious Education in our students

Application packs are available to download from our school website, or by e-mailing the Director of Finance and Support Services, louise.douds@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk. If you require any further information about the post, please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Fisher, Director of Staffing on 0191 215 3260.

Closing date: 9.00am Monday 14th March 2022. Interviews will take place shortly after this date.

The school is fully committed to safeguarding and the welfare of children and young people. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.