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## Deputy Head Teacher: Two Posts

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Diocese:	Hexham and Newcastle
Location:	St Thomas More Catholic School, Croftdale Road, Blaydon-on-Tyne, NE21 4BQ (Group 7)
Grade:	L21 - L25 (£69,031 - £76,141)
Hours:	Full Time, Permanent
Numbers on roll:	1485

### **Required for January 2023, or earlier start if possible.**

Applicants are invited from practising and committed Catholic teachers for the post of Deputy Head Teacher at St Thomas More Catholic School.

St Thomas More Catholic School is a co-educational Catholic Academy which provides for the education needs of 11-18 year old pupils from the west of Gateshead L.A. We are part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and have a strong commitment to Catholic education.

Our school aims to provide a stimulating and encouraging environment within which students can attain the highest standards of which they are capable, and to assist them in taking their place in the world outside school in a useful and fulfilling career, with a firm sense of Christian commitment. We are strongly committed to the education of the whole child and being *'the principal means of helping parents to fulfil their role in education'* [Canon Law: 796].

We are proud to be part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, a family of secondary, middle, primary and first schools in Durham, Gateshead, Northumberland and Sunderland. Bishop Wilkinson is the largest Catholic education trust in the North East of England, which will have a total of 48 schools by the summer of 2022. St Thomas More is a school that places significant value on collaboration and as such is dedicated to working with our partner schools to improve the quality of education for all students in our care.

St Thomas More is at an exciting stage in its development as the newly appointed Head Teacher takes up post in September. We have a history of strong leadership and therefore are seeking to appoint two outstanding leaders to join our successful team. These two positions will play a significant role in shaping the strategic direction of the



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school, working closely with the Head Teacher to ensure excellence remains at the forefront of our development.

We are looking for leaders who are dynamic, innovative and determined with a proven track record of successful leadership. The successful candidates will have the ambition, drive and expertise to ensure that St Thomas More continues to thrive as a Catholic Community which provides excellent learning opportunities, educates the whole child and helps to achieve social justice in the community it serves.

Our approach to leadership is one of collective responsibility for our shared goals and key improvement priorities. We firmly believe that our relentless focus on developing a healthy organisation is key to building a cohesive team, creating clarity with regards to vision and creating a culture where excellence truly is a habit. Applicants should therefore be active team players and willing contributors to all aspects of school life.

We are looking for strong leaders with a passion for Catholic Education, roles and responsibilities will therefore be agreed with successful candidates as part of a review of strengths and experience to date.

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged and can be arranged by contacting Mrs Nicola Moody on 0191 499 0111 [nmoody@stthomasmore.org.uk](mailto:nmoody@stthomasmore.org.uk). For further information, please visit <https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/>.

For an application form and further details about this vacancy please visit our website <http://bwcet.com/vacancies/>

Applications are to be returned to [recruitment@bwcet.com](mailto:recruitment@bwcet.com) by 9.00am on the closing date.

Please note, applications sent via email will be accepted but will require a real signature on the day of interview.

Closing date: 27th June 2022 by 9.00am.

Interview date: 5th and 6th July 2022.

*The Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and is subject to an enhanced DBS check.*