**OUR LADY’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**A National Teaching School**

**Science at Our Lady’s Catholic High School**

All pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are taught Science in academic sets for three hours per week. The Science Department comprises a team of eight specialist teachers and two technicians. It has a well-developed strategy for delivering the Curriculum at Key Stage 3, with excellent schemes of work and a rigorous assessment process. As of September 2017, at KS4 all pupils complete one of three Science courses. The majority of pupils complete the Trilogy Science in 9 hours over two weeks. A growing number of pupils opt to complete the Separate Sciences GCSE, with two classes per year at present. A very small number of pupils complete a BTEC Science course. Science results have been consistently outstanding and in 2017 the pupils achieved the following A\*- C results:

* Core Science – 66%
* Additional Science – 76%
* Separate Sciences – 97% for Biology, 97% for Chemistry and 93% for Physics

Facilities for the teaching of Science are outstanding. There are six suited Science laboratories with interactive white boards, projectors and visualisers, in addition to storage rooms, a large communal office and an extensive prep room. The Science Department also run Science clubs for KS3 pupils.

Our Lady’s Catholic High School is a highly successful oversubscribed 11–16 mixed High School of 900 pupils serving mainly the Catholic community in the north of Preston. In 2017, 75% of students achieved 5 or more standard GCSE grades including Mathematics and English. Behaviour and relationships in our school are outstanding as recognized by Ofsted in when we were rated as Outstanding in all four areas of assessment. All of teachers use our highly respected and successful system for managing behaviour and relationships called ‘Behaviour 4 Learning’. This is supported by a sophisticated system for rewarding pupils for being fit to learn and for commitment to school life.

In 2014 we were designated a National Teaching School and are the lead school for the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership between over 60 Catholic primary and secondary schools and post-16 colleges with a shared vision and commitment to providing first class professional development for Initial Teacher Training, practising teachers and school leaders.

We are seeking a well-qualified, enthusiastic and outstanding teacher to join this very successful and highly regarded curriculum area.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

*Please note that under the Criminal Justice and court Services Act 2000 it is an offence for an individual who has been disqualified from working with children to knowingly apply for, offer to do, or accept or do any work in a regulated position. An individual is disqualified from working with children if he/she is included on certain lists held by the Criminals Records Bureau, or has been disqualified from working with children as part of a sentence.*

**Person Specification:**

**Candidates will be expected:**

* to show commitment to upholding the Catholic ethos of our school as expressed in our Mission Statement;
* to be well qualified at graduate level;
* to be capable of teaching Science throughout KS3 and KS4;
* to be committed to teaching pupils of all abilities, backgrounds and faiths;
* to provide evidence of improvements and refinements made in their own teaching based on experience and training;
* to provide evidence of successful teaching at examination level and/or at Key Stage 3 or in the case of newly qualified teachers evidence of successful teaching of Science on teacher placement;

**Candidates might also be able:**

* to provide evidence of participation in recent and relevant INSET.

**Job Description:**

The successful applicant will be subject to the general professional responsibilities outlined in the current Teachers’ Pay and Conditions and Our Lady’s Employee Attendance Policy. ***The job description for this post is enclosed.***

You should include a clear and concise letter of application with original views of no more than two sides **(printed on A4 and word processed using Arial/Calibri minimum font size 11)**, in which you should outline:

* your overall educational philosophy informed by experience;
* specific recent evidence of successful teaching at examination level and/or at Key Stage 3 or in the case of newly qualified teachers evidence of successful teaching of Science on teacher placement;
* an outline of the strengths you could bring to Our Lady’s Catholic High School.

**This letter replaces the need to complete the statement in the CES application form and should be attached with the form.**

Short-listing will consider the extent to which you have addressed the above issues, and the Job Description.

Completed Application Forms should be returned to:

The Headteacher, Our Lady’s Catholic High School, A National Teaching School, St Anthony’s Drive, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 3SQ.

**T: 01772 326913 F: 01772 760212 Email: pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk**

**Candidates will be invited to interview by telephone and should ensure that a working day contact number is included in their application.**

**Closing date: Tuesday 26 June 2018 – 12 noon**