



Let Your Light Shine

If we love others, we live in the light. 1 John 2:10

Inspired by our Gospel Values we have a shared responsibility to:

1. create an environment of welcome, love and respect for each member of our learning family.
2. develop the unique gifts and talents of all, striving for excellence in everything we do.
3. live out our commitment to love, service and justice in the local and global community.
4. nurture the journey of faith and discovery for all.
5. celebrate and reflect on the love of God which is at the heart of all we are.



POST OF

Teaching Assistant
Level 2B – Grade 5

Application Pack

Required asap

Teaching Assistant

27.5 Hours per Week – Term Time Only

Level 2B – Grade 5 (Point 6 £25,989 to Point 11 £28,142)

Please note the salary quoted is full time equivalent, actual salary received will be paid on a pro-rata basis.

Governors wish to appoint a Teaching Assistant. The successful applicant, under the teacher's clear guidance, will work with individuals or small groups, to support the education, personal and social development of pupils in the class including those with special needs and/or bilingual needs. You will be required to establish positive relationships with pupils and assist them to complete structured learning activities. The role would be to ensure pupils remain on task and to report progress to the teacher

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“Pupils and their parents and carers describe Brownedge St Mary's as a school with a ‘family feel’ where everyone is valued. Relationships between pupils and staff are built on genuine warmth and respect. Pupils are polite and respectful to each other and well cared for by staff.”

OFSTED May 2025

“The pastoral provision is exceptional. The school is extremely welcoming, and the sense of community is palpable. ... (Gospel) values are lived out, permeate the school and are exemplified by strong positive relationships resulting in a united and joyful community. Staff have excellent relationships with students. Students are extremely respectful” CSI Inspection November 2022

Informal discussions and visits to the school can be arranged by contacting school on 01772 339813

Closing Date: Wednesday the 4th of February 2026 at Midnight

Proposed Interview Date: To be Confirmed

We reserve the right to close this post should we receive suitable applications prior to the closing date. Therefore, we would encourage early applications.

If you do not hear anything within four weeks of the closing date, you will not have been successful on this occasion

Further information and an application pack are available to download from the school website:

www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk or by calling the school reception.

Please return completed application to recruitment@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk or by addressing to Mrs D Walmsley at the school.

Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 an on-line search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted Candidates.
This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure with the DBS.

Brownedge St. Mary's Catholic High School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to ensuring the safety of all its children and young people.

Please refer to our school website www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk : Our School – Policies – Child Protection

BROWNEGE ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Applicant

I am delighted to be writing to you as Headteacher of Brownedge St. Mary's Catholic High School. Having started my career here over 30 years ago, I have a deep understanding of our school. It is truly a warm, welcoming and vibrant place to be, where we work as a family to support, challenge and care for one another, striving continuously for excellence and to be the best that we can be.

Here, at Brownedge St Mary's, we place Christ at the centre of our pupils' lives: a place to encounter the living God in all that we are and do. Christ becomes alive by integrating Gospel values into every aspect of teaching, learning and the totality of school life both inside and outside the classroom. As a school we challenge every member of our community to "Let Your Light Shine" and to develop their God-given talents to their full potential. By doing this we ensure that our pupils' journeys into adulthood are also journeys of faith from which grow values, aspirations and morals that inform their actions and choices as unique individuals.

Our school is an environment where pupils feel safe, cared for and confident to express themselves. As a result, excellent relationships are formed, based on mutual respect and care for one another. I am extremely proud of our hard working and dedicated staff who go beyond high quality teaching and pastoral care and offer a rich extracurricular provision that ensures daily enrichment for all.

This is an exciting time for our school as it moves forward in the next phase of its journey to becoming an outstanding Catholic school. As an inspirational Teaching Assistant, you will be working in a team that is passionate and committed to delivering the absolute best for all our students. If you are someone who has energy, determination and drive and are collaborative and build strong relationships then Brownedge is the community for you.

I hope you are the person we are seeking. Should you decide to apply please read the job description and person specification carefully as it is important that, in your letter of application, you can demonstrate how your current experience, skills and qualities meet the job profile, and in particular, how you meet the requirements of the person specification.

You are reminded that the closing date for applications is **Wednesday the 4th February 2026 at Midnight**.

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to satisfactory Enhanced DBS clearance and all pre-employment checks to include satisfactory references.

If you join our team, you will enjoy a full and purposeful career where you are valued, supported to develop and your hard work is recognised. I hope that having read all the necessary information about our school you are excited about applying for this position.

I look forward to receiving your completed application and reading what you have to offer our School.

Warm regards,



Mrs Nicola Oddie
Headteacher

BROWNEDGE ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

School Context



We are an 11-16 Mixed Catholic Voluntary Aided High School in Bamber Bridge in the Diocese of Salford. There are currently 773 pupils on roll. This has increased year on year, and we are now oversubscribed in Years 7 to 10. In May 2022 we went through an extensive refurbishment and added a new school entrance, new toilet facilities and developed new ICT suites, RE classroom, staffroom, music room and school dining facility for pupils.

The Mission Statement of Brownedge St Mary's expresses our intention to ensure that all pupils are given the opportunity to fulfil their potential using their unique talents gifted to them by God. Our inclusive ethos and high aspirations for our pupils commits us to providing opportunities that allow all pupils to develop as independent, confident and successful learners who enjoy learning and make good progress.

Through our Mission, we develop pupils' personal and moral values based on our Catholic ethos, teaching them respect for other cultures, religions and ways of life (including British Values) and ensuring that all know how to make a constructive contribution to the local, national and worldwide community.

Our curriculum is responsive to our local context and the profile of our cohort entry. Building on knowledge of pupils' prior learning, we ensure that pupils are challenged from day one through new and engaging learning. We ensure that our broad and balanced curriculum, delivered by specialist staff, equips our learners to transition into appropriate progression routes and ensures that pupils gain secure knowledge, transferrable skills and values which will allow them to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Our curriculum has been designed and developed to ensure there is no cap on expectations and ambitions and meets the needs of different groups. It has been designed to be ambitious and to give all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. We plan and sequence our learning such that all groups make good progress. Challenging concepts are revisited so that pupils can make sustained gains in new knowledge.

In May 2025, we were visited by OFSTED who recognized that we are a continuously **GOOD** school.

In November 2022, we were visited by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate who recognized that we are **OUTSTANDING** in terms of our Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship and our RE Faculty were **GOOD** in terms of curriculum provision, outcomes and leadership.

**Lancashire County Council
Combined Role Profile**

Grade Profile – Teaching Assistant - Level 2b (Grade 5)

POST TITLE:	Teaching Assistant 2(b)
GRADE:	Grade 5
CAR USER:	Not applicable
LOCATION:	Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Assistant Head Teacher/SENCo
STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR:	None
JOB PURPOSE:	
<p>Under the general supervision and direction of the teacher, to plan and implement learning activities for individuals and groups. To monitor pupil progress and provide feedback to the class teacher and establish supportive and constructive relationships with pupils' parents and carers. To provide short term cover for classes to which the Teaching Assistant is normally assigned, when the class teacher is unexpectedly unavailable.</p>	
MAIN ACTIVITIES:	
<p>In addition to the following duties, the postholder may be required to undertake any of the duties normally associated with a lower graded Teaching Assistant post</p> <p>Support for Pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Under the general supervision and direction of the teacher to implement structured learning activities for individuals and groups of pupils. – To undertake activities in order to monitor the personal social and emotional needs of pupils. – To develop positive relationships with pupils to promote pupil progress and attainment. – To assist in the devising of pupil's individual targets and their monitoring and review. – Support pupils as part of a planned inclusion programme – To implement specific programmes with individual pupils or groups appropriate to the developmental needs of individual children throughout different curriculum areas. – To assist in the development of varying skills that support pupils' learning. – To assist in the specific medical/care needs of pupils when specific training has been undertaken. 	

Support for the Teacher

- To monitor and record pupil progress and developmental needs.
- To produce relevant classroom resources.
- To undertake classroom administrative tasks including the maintenance of records.
- To assist in pupil supervision and assist in the management of pupil behaviour.
- To provide short term cover for classes to which the Teaching Assistant is normally assigned, when the class teacher is unexpectedly unavailable.
- To provide information to the class teacher to assist in the planning of work programmes.
- To liaise with the school's nominated person in respect of pupil absence.
- To assist with the arrangements for out of school learning activities including the administration of work experience.
- To provide clerical and administrative support including the collection and recording of money.
- Administer routine tests, assist in the invigilation of exams and undertake routine marking of pupils work

Support for the School

- To assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place.
- To support the promotion of positive relationships with parents, carers and outside agencies.
- To work within school policies and procedures.
- To attend staff training as appropriate.
- To take care for their own and other people's health and safety.
- To be aware of the confidential nature of issues related to home/pupil/teacher/school work.

Support for the Curriculum

- To assist the delivery of educational and developmental work programmes.
- To support the use of ICT in learning activities

Note:

In addition, other duties at no higher a responsibility level may be interchanged with/added to this list at any time.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

Health and safety

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must help us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

Safeguarding Commitment

This school is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Attendance

Good attendance enhances the service delivered by schools, minimises staffing difficulties and ensures best value to the school. It is essential that applicants for positions in this school can evidence a previous satisfactory attendance record/commitment to sustaining regular attendance at work.

Person Specification Form

Post Title - Teaching Assistant - Level 2(b)

Personal Attributes required (on the basis of the job description)	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)	To be identified by: (eg application form, interview, reference etc)
Qualifications NVQ level 2 or above qualification –appropriate to the post (or equivalent) Level 2 or equivalent qualification in English/Literacy and Mathematics/Numeracy	D D	A A
Experience Experience of working with or caring for children of relevant age Experience of working in a relevant classroom/service environment Experience of Administrative work Experience of supporting pupils with challenging behaviour	E D D D	A/I/R A/I/R A A/I/R
Knowledge/skills/abilities Ability to operate at a level of understanding and competence equivalent to NVQ Level 2 standard Ability to relate well to children Ability to work as part of a team Good communication skills Ability to supervise and assist pupils Time management skills Organisational skills Knowledge of classroom roles and responsibilities Knowledge of the concept of confidentiality First Aid Certificate Administrative skills Knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage Good numeracy and literacy skills Ability to make effective use of ICT Flexible attitude to work	E E E E E D D D E D D D E D E	A/I/R
Other Commitment to undertake in –service development Commitment to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people Satisfactory attendance record/commitment to regular attendance at work	E E E	I I I

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should submit an application form along with a formal supporting letter addressed to the Chair of Governors detailing why they would like to be considered for the role.

The letter of application should be a maximum of 2 sides of A4, Arial Font size 12, with normal margin settings.

The letter of application should be

- Be accurate and legible
- Be underpinned by an overall philosophy and understanding of Catholic education and how you will support the distinctive ethos of the school
- Be clear and concise, outlining how your experience has prepared you for the post
- Outline a clear educational philosophy and link this with the requirements of the post including your future professional aspirations

Please return all completed application forms and supporting documentation to

recruitment@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk

Extracts from our recent inspection reports

Ofsted confirmed our school continues to be a GOOD school. (May 2025)

A FEW EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT:

“Pupils and their parents and carers describe Brownedge St Mary’s as a school with a ‘family feel’ where everyone is valued.” - A testament to our warm, nurturing culture and strong community ethos.

“Pupils are united in their praise for the school’s inclusive ethos. One pupil reflected the views of many, saying, ‘You don’t have to be afraid to be yourself here.’” – A powerful tribute to our school’s support for individuality and emotional safety.

“Pupils, especially those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well and typically move on to ambitious next steps in further education.” – Highlights our school’s effectiveness in supporting all learners to achieve and aspire.

“The school’s work on pupils’ personal development is a tangible strength. A meticulously designed programme of spiritual, moral and cultural opportunities is at the heart of school life.” “The school’s extensive programme of extra-curricular activities is noteworthy.” – Underscores the richness and intentionality of our wider curriculum.

“Pupils leave the school as confident individuals, more than ready for their next steps in life.” – A compelling summary of our ultimate impact on our pupils.

Catholic Schools Inspection confirmed our school to be GOOD, with outstanding judgements in Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship. (November 2022)

KEY STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL INCLUDE:

“The pastoral provision is exceptional”

“The school is extremely welcoming, and the sense of community is palpable”

“(Gospel) values are lived out, permeate the school and are exemplified by strong positive relationships resulting in a united and joyful community”

“There is exceptional readiness to take on roles of leadership, responsibility and service resulting in a strong community that reflects the diversity of St Mary’s”

“Students are extremely respectful”

“Student leadership opportunities are varied and extensive”

“Students clearly understand they are part of a Catholic family whose core values come from Jesus. They embrace this, value it highly and actively contribute... In essence, students find the school’s ethos inspiring.”