



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
Temporary Teacher of
Science
Covering Maternity Leave
Application Pack

Required September or earlier

Temporary Teacher of Science

The post is to cover the maternity leave of the current postholder for 1 year or the return of the postholder whichever is the sooner

The Governors wish to appoint a dynamic, enthusiastic and talented teacher of science who has a determination to make a real difference to the lives of young people. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and ambitious individual to become a valued teacher of science in this flagship curriculum area in our school. This is an exciting time in our school's development and we are looking for an individual who will focus on providing the very best for every student and will positively contribute to Brownedge St Mary's journey.

The successful candidate will be:

- a passionate educator with the skills and determination to make a significant difference to the lives of our students in sharing our mission to let their light shine.
- an inspirational classroom practitioner with proven record of raising the attainment of students of all abilities.

In return, wonderful children, loyal and proud of their school, hardworking and committed staff, insightful and supportive governors, an environment shaped by the best pastoral care where every child's future matters, excellent opportunities to develop your own professional development.

Applications from NQTs are positively welcomed as well as from more experienced colleagues.

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.'

"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: Sunday the 19th of April 2026 at Midnight

Proposed Interview Date: TBC

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

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 teacher of science, 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 **Sunday the 19th of April 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

BROWNEGE 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 774 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.

SCIENCE FACULTY INFORMATION

The Science Faculty at Brownedge St Mary's is committed to developing curious, knowledgeable and resilient learners who understand the importance of science in the world around them. Through a knowledge-rich curriculum, practical investigation and enquiry-based learning, we aim to foster a genuine enthusiasm for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Pupils are encouraged to think critically, apply their knowledge to unfamiliar situations and develop the scientific skills needed to question, investigate and evaluate evidence.

The department is a supportive and collaborative team consisting of the Head of Science, a Second in Science and a further five science teachers, supported by a full-time laboratory technician. The team works closely together to share ideas, develop high-quality resources and continually improve teaching and learning across the faculty. We place great importance on maintaining an open, supportive culture where staff feel valued and are encouraged to contribute new ideas to the development of the curriculum.

The Science Faculty is well resourced with five fully equipped laboratories and an additional shared classroom. The department also benefits from a fully stocked preparation room, managed by our technician, and a dedicated staff office. All teaching rooms are equipped with interactive teacher screens and staff utilise iPads to support teaching and learning. The department places a strong emphasis on practical science, ensuring pupils regularly engage in hands-on investigations across all disciplines.

At Key Stage 3, pupils study science through a carefully sequenced programme of topics across Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The curriculum is designed to build strong foundational knowledge while developing key scientific skills. Regular short knowledge checks are used to identify misconceptions and support pupils in strengthening their understanding over time.

At Key Stage 4, pupils follow the AQA GCSE specifications for both Combined Science: Trilogy and the Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Assessment at this stage includes the regular use of GCSE-style questions and past paper materials to prepare pupils for the demands of the final examinations.

The Science Faculty has a strong record of success at GCSE. Recent examination outcomes include:

Combined Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Grade 9-4: 62.5%	Grade 9-4: 92.6%	Grade 9-4: 100%	Grade 9-4: 100%
Grade 9-7: 10.7%	Grade 9-7: 22.2%	Grade 9-7: 55.6%	Grade 9-7: 44.4%

Beyond the classroom, the department offers a range of enrichment opportunities designed to inspire pupils and broaden their understanding of science. These include a Science Club for Years 7 and 8, a STEM Club for Year 9 pupils, inter-house science competitions and a range of educational visits. Recent trips have included visits to local colleges and international STEM experiences such as CERN.

The Science Faculty has an excellent team ethos and places great value on collaboration, innovation and professional development. We are proud of the supportive environment within the department and welcome applicants who share our passion for science education and our commitment to helping every pupil achieve their potential.

Job Description
Temporary Teacher of Science
Covering the Maternity Leave of the Postholder
Brownedge St Mary`s Catholic High School

To discharge the professional duties of teachers as described in the latest Pay and Conditions of Service document for Teachers in relation to: **Teaching, Assessments, Reports, Appraisal, Educational Methods, Discipline, Health and Safety, Cover, Public Examinations, Management, Administration and Other Activities.**

To discharge the professional duties of Assistant Headteachers as described in the latest Pay and Conditions of Service document for Teachers.

In addition to discharge those duties in keeping with the CES contract of employment and the stated Mission of the School:

Post Title:	Temporary Teacher of Science
Salary/Grade:	MPS/UPS Point in line with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.
Responsible To:	Head of Subject, the Head Teacher, members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Governing Body.
Supervisory Responsibility:	The post holder may be responsible for the deployment and supervision of the work of teaching assistants relevant to their responsibilities.

Job Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be responsible for the learning and achievement of all pupils in their classes ensuring equality of opportunity for all. • Be responsible and accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. • Treat pupils with dignity and respect and act with honesty and integrity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect. • Contribute to pupils' moral, cultural, spiritual and citizenship development. • Work proactively and effectively in collaboration and partnership with learners, parents/carers, governors, other staff and external agencies in the best interests of their pupils. • Act within, the statutory frameworks, which set out their professional duties and responsibilities and in line with the duties outlined in the current School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document and Teacher Standards (2021) and to discharge those duties in keeping with the Catholic Education Service (CES) contract of employment and the stated Mission of the School. • Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school.
Duties and Responsibilities	All teachers are required to carry out the duties of a schoolteacher as set out in the current School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document . Teachers should also have due regard to the Teacher Standards (2021). Teachers' performance will be assessed against the teacher standards as part of the appraisal process as relevant to their role in the school.

<p>Teaching and Learning Responsibilities</p>	<p>A teacher must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect. b) Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions. c) Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils. 2. <u>Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes. b) Plan teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge c) Guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs. d) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching. e) Encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study. 3. <u>Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings. b) Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship. c) Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject. 4. <u>Plan and teach well-structured lessons</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time. b) Promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity. c) Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired. d) Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching. e) Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s). 5. <u>Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively. b) Have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils' education at different stages of development. c) Have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.
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	<p>6. <u>Make accurate and productive use of assessment</u></p> <p>a) Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements.</p> <p>b) Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils' progress.</p> <p>c) Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons.</p> <p>d) Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback.</p> <p>7. <u>Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment</u></p> <p>a) Ensure pupils follow clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour using Talaxy, both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.</p> <p>b) Have high expectations of behaviour and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them.</p> <p>c) Cultivate and maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.</p> <p>8. <u>Fulfil wider professional responsibilities</u></p> <p>a) Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school.</p> <p>b) Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support.</p> <p>c) Deploy support staff effectively.</p> <p>d) Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues.</p> <p>e) Communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils' achievements and well-being.</p>
<p>PART TWO: PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT</p>	<p>A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.</p> <p>1. <u>Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:</u></p> <p>a) Treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions.</p> <p>b) Showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others.</p> <p>c) Not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs</p> <p>d) Ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.</p> <p>2. Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.</p>

	3. Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.
Pastoral System	<p>1.To monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils within classes assigned.</p> <p>2.To act as a form tutor and carry out the duties associated with the role</p> <p>3.To contribute to the teaching of Learning for Life, Citizenship and Enterprise according to school policy.</p> <p>4.To attend regular training with regard to safeguarding and follow school and legal procedures when dealing with safeguarding issues, including referral to the DSL.</p>
School Ethos	<p>The governors of St. Mary's would encourage all staff to be involved in enrichment activities in line with the ethos of the school, specifically:</p> <p>1.To play a full part in the school community, to support its distinctive Mission and to encourage students to follow this example.</p> <p>2.To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship and to lead House acts of worship as requested.</p> <p>3.To contribute significantly, where appropriate, to implementing the policies and practices of the school and to promote collective responsibility for their implementation.</p>
Other	<p>1.Proactively participate with arrangements made in accordance with the Appraisal Regulations 2024</p> <p>2.Perform any reasonable duties as requested by the Head Teacher</p> <p>3. Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified. The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.</p>

Note

This job description is current at the date below but will be reviewed on an annual basis and, following consultation, may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the job requirements which are commensurate with the job title and grade.

Signature of post holder:

Date: / /

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Signature of Head Teacher:

Date: / /

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Person Specification
Temporary Teacher of Science
Covering the Maternity Leave of the Postholder
Brownedge St Mary`s Catholic High School

As a Roman Catholic School, this post requires the successful candidate to be fully supportive of the Christian mission of the school.

Brownedge St. Mary's Catholic High School is committed the safeguarding and welfare of its children and young people. The successful candidate will need to share fully in this commitment.

Governors will consider applications on the basis of each candidate's ability to meet the criteria below.

Criteria are classed as Essential (E) or Desirable (D). Criteria will be evidenced through Application Form / Supporting Statement (A) Interview (I) Letter (L) and References (R)

		E/D	A/I/R
Faith Commitment	Fully supportive of the catholic ethos of the school	E	A
Qualifications, Experience and Professional Development	Qualified Teacher Status	E	A
	Degree or Equivalent / Appropriate Science Qualification	E	A
	Ability to teach Science to KS3 and KS4	D	A, L, R, I,
	Excellent classroom practitioner with potential to be 'outstanding'	E	A,I,R
	Commitment to further professional development	D	I
Professional Knowledge and Understanding	Awareness of recent developments in science education	E	A,I
	Competent in the use of ICT for learning, teaching and administration	D	A,I
Personal Skills and Attributes	The ability to:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work effectively and collaboratively with a team of colleagues 	E	A, R, I
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> motivate and inspire pupils 	E	A, I
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan effectively for a variety of learning styles and abilities 	E	A,R, I
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and use assessment information effectively to plan next steps in pupils' learning. 	E	A, R, I
	At ease with Christian ethos of the school	E	I
	Effective interpersonal and communication skills	E	I
Application Form and Supporting Statement	Your letter/supporting statement should be clear, concise and related to the specific post (maximum 2 sides A4, font size 12).		

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.”