



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Headteacher Mr I Gaughan BA

## Welcome to the Holy Cross Mathematics Department

Dear Applicant

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for an ambitious, highly-motivated and enthusiastic teacher of mathematics to join our team. We are a very strong department where all seven members work well together to achieve high standards.

At the present time we follow the AQA Linear syllabus. Last year we achieved our best ever GCSE results with 82% of pupils achieving GCSE grades A\*- C and 21% achieving grades A\*- A.

A well-resourced department, mathematics is taught in a suite of rooms, all of which contain an interactive whiteboard. Audio and visual equipment is available in all rooms and there are excellent resources used to support both teaching and learning such as an annual subscription to 'Mymaths', 'MathsWatch' and a regularly updated scheme of work. We also have a class set of chrome books for pupils to access software during lessons.

We have strong links with local Primary schools, with Year 5 pupils taking part in a very popular annual competition here at school.

Pupils are currently taught in sets according to ability. Teachers normally take the same group in Years 10 and 11 in order to ensure continuity. There are many well-established departmental policies in place.

Extra-curricular activities are at the heart of our department. Many workshops and trips are organised throughout the year both for pleasure and to support study. In February 2015 we took a number of KS3 pupils to Paris. Our KS4 pupils attend Maths Inspiration events in the autumn term and last year AGT pupils from Years 9 and 10 attended Saturday workshops held by Liverpool University and Lancaster University.

All members of staff play a major role in promoting excellence in all areas of mathematics. In recent years we have: entered pupils for the UKMT intermediate challenge; held a numeracy logo competition; various Pi Day activities including creating a paper chain of Pi; World Maths Day activities; KS3 pupils took part in the Runshaw College 'Design a Mathscot' competition; and successfully set up a Year 10 Young Enterprise company. Chess club and Puzzle & Games club are held every week too.

Should you have any questions about us, or would like to look around and meet the team before applying for the post, please do not hesitate to contact me: [z.coyle@holycross.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:z.coyle@holycross.lancs.sch.uk)

Very best wishes

Mrs Zoe Coyle  
Head of Mathematics

*"I have come that they may have life and live it to the full" John 10:10*