



SALUS POPULI

Our Lady's Catholic College

Teacher of Science



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The School



Thank you for your enquiry about this current vacancy. I am pleased to enclose information about the post and the school. Please also visit our website www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk for other useful information and particularly our latest Ofsted, Denominational Reports and school prospectus.

We are a happy, ambitious 11-18 school in the beautiful city of Lancaster. We have recently been judged by the Catholic School's Inspectorate as outstanding for Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship. Our Ofsted report judges leadership and management, behaviour, personal development and sixth form provision as good so this is an excellent time to be joining our school. We are proud of our Catholic faith and although many of our pupils and staff are not Catholic they appreciate the benefits that working within a caring Catholic community brings to everyone. The whole community of Our Lady's is working to St. Oscar Romero's ideal of "Aspire not to have more, but to be more". We pride ourselves on how our young people put their faith into action and use their gifts to help those less fortunate than themselves.

We believe in providing a curriculum that is both ambitious and inclusive for all. We have developed curricula that promote awe and wonder in the different disciplines across school as well as ensuring that lessons are challenging and engaging for our pupils. At Our Lady's Catholic College, we understand the importance of engaging with educational research in order to continually improve and as such promote staff to engage with a range of CPD.

What Ofsted inspectors said about us:

- ◇ 'Pupils value the sense of community and friendship that they find at Our Lady's Catholic College.'
- ◇ 'The school sets out clear expectations of how pupils should behave in lessons and around school.'
- ◇ 'Pupils understand the high expectations that staff have for their behaviour and achievement. They fully engage in learning and they display positive attitudes towards their education.'
- ◇ 'The school has set out a clear vision for the ambitious curriculum that it offers to pupils.'
- ◇ 'Pupils are happy at school. They appreciate the wide range of experiences on offer to develop their understanding of equality and diversity.'
- ◇ 'The school has grown its leadership capacity at all levels'

As a Catholic school, we were also inspected by the Diocese of Lancaster in March 2025

What Denomination inspectors said about us:

- ◇ 'There is consistent departmental strategy for teaching and learning.'
- ◇ 'Students are very well behaved in religious education and engage in their lessons'.
- ◇ 'An experienced religious education team is implementing consistent strategies for further improvement.'
- ◇ 'There is a clear vision on teaching, learning and assessment from the subject lead.'

We have made many improvements and remain a school that wants to move forward, improve and develop for the sake of our pupils. We would love the opportunity to show you what a fabulous school we have. If you would like to join us, please arrange a school visit; I am certain that you will be impressed with our wonderful family community. Should you be successful in your application, we can promise you a challenging and fulfilling experience. This position offers you the opportunity to make a crucial contribution to the future success and wellbeing of our young people.

Helen Seddon
Headteacher

Science Department



We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified, dedicated and enthusiastic science teacher to our school. They should be able to contribute to teaching across the age and ability range. For a suitable candidate, there may be teaching at KS5 science. ***Additionally we are recruiting for a temporary post to cover maternity leave.***

Through strong collaboration and individual motivation, we contribute to our shared vision of nurturing a sense of awe and wonder in our students. As a team, we continually strive to improve students' learning experience by sharing good practice and improving our schemes of learning to engage and challenge all students from their individual starting points. We aim to enable them to master key concepts and apply skills to solve problems in unfamiliar situations. We enrich and extend learning and a love of science through a range of opportunities, both in and out of school.

Our continued drive helps students make excellent progress in science, leading to high uptake and superb outcomes at KS5. We teach Edexcel Separate and Combined Science GCSE to cater to the wide ability of our students, and enter them for the most appropriate tier within those options. At KS5 we offer AQA Biology and Physics, OCR Chemistry and Pearson BTEC National in Applied Science. A large number of students follow career pathways that use their KS5 science qualifications. Our KS3 schemes have been written around the Pearson Exploring Science resources, but sequenced and adapted to our context.

We are a vibrant, close-knit team driven by a shared passion for teaching and learning. We frequently collaborate to refine our pedagogy, making Science both accessible and exciting for our students. We believe it is important to bring scientific concepts to life beyond the classroom and so we; run a thriving STEM Club, have built a school veg patch that our Gardening Club use to grow their own produce and we have recently had department chicks! It is important that Science is not just taught but joyfully lived.

Further details can be obtained from the Subject Leader of Science: k.oktem@olcc.lancs.sch.uk

To apply, please click on 'quick apply' on TES or contact our recruitment team recruitment@olcc.lancs.sch.uk

- Start date is September 2026 (*permanent role*) and 27th April (TBC) 2026 (*maternity cover*)
- Closing date for applications is Monday 23rd February 2026
- Interviews Wednesday 4th March 2026 (TBC)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Oktem

Subject Leader of Science