

**Information relating to the post of Head Teacher at
St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham**

The post of Head Teacher is available from 1st September 2019. Taking Christ as a model for life, St Leonard's Catholic School endeavours to pursue excellence in all and for all. The Trustees of this highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 school, wish to appoint a well-qualified, highly motivated, committed and practising Catholic Head Teacher to lead the school into the next stage of development.

We have high quality staff, students who want to learn, an excellent reputation and a prime location in the beautiful, historic City of Durham. We are looking for an inspirational, forward thinking, dynamic leader, who will empower students and staff to excel.

We are keen to appoint a leader who will ensure that St Leonard's Catholic School will continue to provide a broad curriculum which is rich and stimulating and who appreciates the positive impact a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities has on students.

St Leonard's Catholic School is part of The Durham Martyrs Multi Academy Trust and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills with the capacity to develop highly effective relationships with all members of the school community and with our partners in education and other agencies.

The leadership team currently consists of the Head, two Deputies and four Assistant Heads. SLT roles are reviewed annually and there is an expectation that people will take the lead in different areas over time.

As a school we enjoy a good reputation in the locality based on strong academic performance over many years. We attract a comprehensive range of pupils whose attainment on entry is slightly higher than the national average. We have strong support from parents who are very interested in their children's education. Trustees and Governors provide a clear foundation for the school and we enjoy good relationships with the diocese and local authority.

The diocesan secondary Head Teachers work closely together in a network that will provide support and advice for the successful candidate. Durham Local Authority is also keen to encourage partnership between schools and we work closely with five local comprehensives through curricular and other links.

From a strong position of academic achievement we are determined to improve further so that we provide high quality opportunities for all our pupils on a par with the best schools in the country. In doing this we are fully committed to meeting all the needs of our young people and retaining the diverse range of activities which makes education worthwhile and enjoyable for all who are involved in it.

Shortlisting will take place on 28th November and interviews are scheduled for 10th and 11th of December.

Thank you for your interest in this post.

I enclose a pack containing the following:

- CES Application form
- The School Prospectus incl. Safeguarding Policy
- General Information about the School
- A Job Description
- A Job Criteria
- Diocesan Briefing Note on Practising Catholic
- Diocesan Statement on Equal Opportunities

Closing date for applications in Wednesday 28th November at 12 midday and completed forms are to be returned to Mrs E Turnbull, St Leonard's Catholic School, North End, Durham, DH1 4NG. Emailed forms will be accepted to Recruitment@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk, but will require a real signature on the day of interview.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "AM. Horsburgh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mr A Horsburgh,
Chair of Trustees**