



Salesian

Enlightening minds, uplifting hearts

Maths Intern



Starting Your Salesian Journey

Being Salesian

Through our work at Salesian we aim to build the Kingdom of God here on Earth and in doing so make the world a better place. I start with this as it sums up our whole approach to education. We place Christ right at the centre of the lives of the children, we remove barriers to learning, we challenge students to aim for the stars and we treat every child and member of staff with loving kindness.

About 200 years ago a priest in Turin noticed there were many vulnerable young children roaming the streets after dark. He would say regularly that young people were those of greatest potential but also of greatest vulnerability. He felt that something needed to be done to help these young, and so he took action. This priest's name was Don Bosco whose decision on that day to do something to help those young people was, in effect, the start of the Salesian order.

The church hall he had welcomed the young children into back then become *The Oratory*, the first Salesian 'school'. Here he grew the children in the light of God, developing the whole child through both academic study and activity and play.

Today we still use the same principles Don Bosco used then, as captured in this video: [Us and the Kingdom we Build](#). He would often say '...it was not good enough to love the young people they need to know they were loved'. He would tell his priests they needed to 'meet the young people where they are'. What he meant by all of this was it was not good enough for his team just to teach the young, they needed to be with them during break, to play sport with them, to support them after class and to inhabit their space. In doing so he felt that strong relationships were developed upon which great things could be built. We do just the same today.

We also maintain the same high standards he did back then. Expectations are high of the young people in terms of both achievement and conduct.

I truly believe that being part of Salesian school and college is special and is different from anywhere else. This video explains that idea in a bit more detail: [Being Salesian](#).

Being Salesian is about being faithful, dedicated and aspirational and as staff at the school is about growing amazing young people. As an old proverb says, 'A society grows great when people grow trees, the shade of which they will never sit under'. This is exactly the job we do with the children here at Salesian.

Our School

Salesian is a co-educational 11-18 Catholic comprehensive school and is part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust.

Standards at the school are very high and students achieve exceptionally well. In last year's GCSE examinations 47% of all grades were 7-9, 92% 4-9 and our overall Progress 8 was +0.96. At A' level 32% of grades were A*-A and 68% A*-B."

The school has 1400 students and is situated on two sites approximately one mile apart, near to the centre of Chertsey. The main school is situated at Guildford Road and our Sixth Form College has 467 students on its own site at Highfield Road.

A great deal of emphasis is placed on the co-curricular life at Salesian and outside the formal curriculum there are numerous opportunities for students to take part in a wide range of activities - drama, sport, music, exchanges, away days, Duke of Edinburgh, retreats and trips.

We work hard to ensure that staff and students are well looked after but we also set exceedingly high expectations of everyone at the school and underperformance is always challenged. When you get the balance right between challenge and support you get great teaching, when you have great teaching, the school becomes heavily oversubscribed and when this is the case parents believe in what you are trying to do and support you in doing it.

Salesian was designated as a Teaching School in September 2014 (since becoming a Teaching School Hub) in recognition of our track record of success in training teachers and supporting schools in difficulty. The Teaching School Hub offers a range of exciting opportunities for staff to engage in professional development and school-to-school support activities. Since 2015 we have been accrediting our own trainee teachers as part of the Teach South East SCITT partnership.

Candidates are welcome to contact the school to find out more information about specific departments or pay us a visit. We take recruitment very seriously and want to do all we can to find the best staff for our students.

I believe Salesian is a fantastic place to work and I am excited about the prospect of appointing a colleague with whom we can work closely in order to drive the school forward. I am hoping that you will be that person.

God bless,

Paul Gower | Headteacher

To commence: 1st September 2025

**Salary: £23,576 – pro-rated over 39 weeks/36 hours a week
£20,460**

Closing date: 28th April 2025 but applications will be reviewed on receipt

Salesian School is seeking to appoint an exceptional individual to work in the Maths Department on either a placement year or somebody who is looking for a career change into teaching. If you are energetic, enthusiastic and would like to make a difference to children then we'd be delighted to hear from you. We are always happy to meet potential applicants prior to interview; please don't hesitate to contact us (pcarr@salesian.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like any further information or to visit the school.

The Mathematics Department at Salesian

We are a dedicated and passionate team who take great pride in working hard to ensure that every student reaches their full potential and genuinely enjoys their Maths lessons. Our large team comprises colleagues with diverse experience, ranging from interns, trainee teachers, and Early Career Teachers (ECTs) to those who have been part of the department for over 25 years. The positive energy and enthusiastic approach of our staff foster a fantastic team environment—you'll truly enjoy being part of a group that supports each other like family.

We are exceptionally proud of our students' achievements and remain committed to continuous improvement year on year. In 2024, our Year 11 students accomplished outstanding results, with 93% attaining grades 9-4 and 44% achieving grades 9-7 at GCSE, including an impressive 20 grade 9s. Their overall Progress 8 score was +0.76. Maths is also one of the most popular subjects at our Sixth Form, with over 170 students currently studying across Years 12 and 13. In 2024, 76% of our A-Level students achieved grades A*-C, with 32% securing grades A*-A, and many went on to study Mathematics related degrees at university.

Our department plays a leading role within the North-East Hants and Surrey MathsHub and contributes to the development of undergraduate interns and School-Centred Initial Teacher Trainees (SCITTs) annually. Additionally, we are deeply engaged in the co-curricular life of the school, running clubs each evening and organising an annual Year 7 residential Maths trip. Opportunities such as the UKMT

and MathsFeast are just two examples of the many enriching activities we offer our students. With the College continuing to grow, there are exciting opportunities also at Key Stage 5.

The mathematics internship is ideal for anyone undertaking a placement year as part of their university course, a recent graduate, or someone considering a career change into teaching. This internship immerses you fully into the Maths department at Salesian and the broader school community. The role is highly flexible and often evolves throughout the academic year, with responsibilities tailored to your experience and aspirations. Three former interns are now teaching within the department, highlighting how well this internship prepares you for a future teaching career, should you choose to pursue one.

We would be delighted to hear from you—whether you'd like further details, have questions, or wish to visit and experience our community prior to applying. We are truly excited about welcoming a new member to our team!

Alice Peterkin-Dunne

Head of Mathematics

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Job Profile: Mathematics Intern **Responsible to: Head of Maths**

Person Specification

- Currently studying for or have successfully completed a degree, ideally in Mathematics or a related subject.
- A commitment to upholding the Catholic ethos of the school and promoting the educational principles of St John Bosco.
- A passion for engaging, inspiring, challenging, and supporting students in Mathematics, fostering their academic growth and enthusiasm.
- A genuine enjoyment of working with young people and supporting their learning journeys.
- A dedication to promoting inclusion and ensuring that every student feels valued and supported.
- Exceptional communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively in a team setting.

- Enthusiasm for embracing and contributing to the vibrant co-curricular life of the school, including extracurricular activities and events.
- A positive attitude and a great sense of humour!

Responsibilities

As a Mathematics Intern, your initial responsibilities would include the following, with opportunities for the role to be adapted and expanded based on your experience and development:

- Provide tailored support to students during Maths lessons, offering both challenges to extend their learning and scaffolding to aid understanding.
- Plan and deliver engaging lessons to individual students and small groups, ensuring personalised attention and targeted support.
- Lead intervention groups aimed at preparing students for examinations and improving their confidence with challenging topics.
- Assist Key Stage Leads in creating effective revision resources, assessments, and lesson plans.
- Collaborate with Mathematics teachers to prepare materials and resources for class activities and student use.
- Design and maintain visually appealing display materials for the department, creating a welcoming and inspiring classroom environment.
- Take charge of organising and managing department resources.
- Actively contribute to the co-curricular life of the school, by assisting or leading clubs, supporting school trips, and proposing innovative ideas for student engagement.

*Salesian School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
Enhanced CRB checks will be sought prior to appointment*