



SALUS POPULI

Our Lady's Catholic College

Teacher of History



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The School

Thank you for your enquiry about this position. 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.

It is an exciting time to be joining Our Lady's as our numbers have been growing for the last four years and we are now oversubscribed in Year 7 for the current year and the following year. Our academic success consistently places us in the top 10% nationally for pupil progress at KS4. At KS5 our students are again in the top 3 non-selective schools in Lancashire for facilitating subjects and the average Vocational Level 3 grade is Distinction *.

What Ofsted inspectors said about us:

"Staff at the school continue to be ambitious for all pupils and relentlessly promote the inclusive and caring school values."

"You and other leaders have ensured that the school community remains happy and harmonious."

"Parents are extremely complimentary about the school's work."

"Staff and pupils say that behaviour in lessons and around the site is good and improving."

"A higher proportion than average attain high grades at A levels in traditional academic subjects and many attend Russell Group universities after leaving sixth form."

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.

As a Catholic school we are also inspected by the Diocese of Lancaster and in February 2018 they confirmed we were still an outstanding Catholic School.

What Denomination inspectors said about us:

"A school which is universally inclusive and focuses on developing and celebrating the talents of all who work and learn there."

"Pupils take pride in their school and believe that they are better people for attending here."

"Catholic leadership of Our Lady's Catholic College is outstanding and exemplified by the inspirational and deeply caring guidance of the Headteacher."

"Staff feel very positive about the school. The commitment of staff to all aspects of their work is profound. They are happy, see purpose in their work, and recognise clearly how this fits in with the Catholic mission."

Should you be successful in your application to join us, 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

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History Department

The History department is a well-established and highly motivated team. The dynamic department enjoys an excellent team culture that promotes enthusiasm for teaching and learning in History. The department is open-minded and driven; we are committed to offering high quality professional development and encourage the implementation of new teaching and learning strategies that enable excellent progress for students.

At Our Lady's, staff work together in departments to create shared resources that promote enthusiasm for learning and provide students with the opportunity to progress. The team understand the importance of ensuring that lessons offer challenge and rigour and continue to develop new schemes of work to ensure students are prepared for the new examinations. It is a successful department, which focuses on student outcomes and achieving good results at all three key stages.

The team currently consists of two full time and two part time teachers and lessons take place in individual classrooms all of which are equipped with data projectors and interactive white-boards. In addition, there is a designated Humanities office which is the hub of the department.

GCSE results are good and improving and the department boasts positive pupil progress scores. All students currently follow the Edexcel GCSE specification, focusing on Medicine Through Time, Elizabeth I, The Cold War and Weimar and Nazi Germany. A-Level History has positive take-up rates combined with very good student outcomes. Students follow the OCR syllabus. Each year a number of students go on to study History at degree level.

For further information please contact the Subject Leader of History: d.howarth@olcc.lancs.sch.uk

- Start date is: **June 7th 2021**
- Closing date for applications is: **Friday 23rd April at 12 noon**
- Interviews are scheduled for: **Friday 30th April (TBC)**

We look forward to hearing from you.

David Howarth – **Subject Leader for History**