



Mater Ecclesiae

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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CEO's Welcome

Dear Prospective Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the **Headteacher** vacancy at **St Mary & St Andrew's Catholic Primary School**, which we are delighted to welcome into the Trust on 1st April 2025. It gives me great pleasure and excitement to welcome you to our growing, dynamic family of Catholic schools.

Mater Ecclesiae is one of three Catholic multi academy trusts created by the Diocese of Lancaster to play an important part in shaping Catholic education across the Diocese. The Trust currently consists of nine primary schools and one secondary school. In line with the Bishop's vision for schools across the Diocese of Lancaster and following a hugely successful first year, we are due to grow to 17 schools this calendar year, when we will be delighted to welcome seven more primary schools into the Trust, including St Mary & St Andrew's. When fully-formed, the Trust will consist of 20 primary schools and 3 secondary schools covering the Preston and rural Preston area.

This is a fabulous opportunity for a talented leader to join us and work with a fantastic group of committed professionals who believe passionately in the power of Catholic education and working to improve the life chances of our children and young people.

Our Offer

The governors of St Mary & St Andrew's are looking to recruit an inspirational Headteacher who is confident, caring and ambitious. Someone who is dedicated to gospel values and the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church.

In return, we can offer the right candidate the chance to be creative and innovative, and to make a real difference to children's lives. As a headteacher within Mater Ecclesiae, your transition will be supported through:

A Trust Headteacher Mentor	Our Trust Headteacher Network	Full Financial Management Support	Full access to NPQs and The National College
HR and safeguarding support through LCC	Diocese and Trust estates management	Trust IT support and infrastructure	School Improvement Partner support

We hope this candidate pack answers all of your initial questions, but if you would like to know more about Mater Ecclesiae, please do not hesitate to contact us via contact@mecmat.org or visit <https://mater-ecclesiae-trust.co.uk/>.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Duffy
Chief Executive Officer