



Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust

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Vacancy for an Assistant Headteacher

Required for September 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Salary: L2-6 Leadership scale

This is a permanent full-time post, however part-time would be considered for the right candidate. This leadership role will include both class teaching responsibilities and whole school responsibility for wider curriculum enrichment.

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School is a highly respected two-form entry Catholic school providing a good education for all our pupils. The opportunity has arisen to appoint an enthusiastic, committed, excellent classroom teacher, combined with Assistant Head Leadership responsibilities, who is sympathetic and supportive to the aims and ethos of our Catholic School. The successful candidate will be expected to make a full contribution to the life of the school following the Catholic ethos. Since April 2022, we have been part of the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, a family of 39 schools, made up of 5 secondary schools and 34 primary schools from across Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland, in the north of the Diocese.

As the Assistant Head, you will work alongside the Headteacher to provide vision, direction and leadership in order to ensure that the school builds upon our strengths and remains a thriving learning community. You would initially have responsibility for growing the ambition of the wider creative curriculum and enrichment.

Our new Assistant Headteacher will:

- Be committed to deliver high quality teaching and raise achievement in a school with an exciting future.
- Have the knowledge and commitment to support the Catholic Christian ethos of the school.
- Be an excellent manager with exceptional organisational, interpersonal and communication skills.
- Be an accomplished Leader and role model to other aspiring Leaders and those taking their first steps into Leadership and be able to demonstrate a proven track record of driving whole school improvement.
- Have high expectations for all staff and pupils demonstrating the ability to inspire and motivate others.

- Be passionate about the arts, expanding pupil's horizon's though developing cultural experiences and be able to articulate ways to capture pupil's imagination through a wide variety of learning styles and experiences.

In return we can offer:

- An Outstanding Catholic School (March 2023)
- A fully inclusive learning environment with talented, confident and happy children
- A passionate and dedicated team of staff committed to achieving outstanding outcomes for all pupils across the whole curriculum
- A supportive, loyal and committed Leadership Team and Governing Body with a clear vision as recognised by Ofsted in April 2024
- A commitment to your continued professional development

In our recent Outstanding RE inspection inspectors recognised the following:

- Pupils are thoughtful, knowledgeable and religiously literate; the quality of their responses is exceptional.
- Scripture is at the heart of the school and influences the policies, procedures, and actions of the community.
- Leaders are visionary and embed policies and procedures effectively.
- Teachers are equipped with excellent subject knowledge and are given time to collaboratively plan meaningful and effective lessons.
- Collective worship is central to school life; it enriches pupils and staff.

BBCET, the local governing committee and the Diocese are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and vulnerable adults and the Head Teacher must ensure that the highest priority is given to following the guidance and regulations to safeguard them. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Check for Regulated Activity from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date for applications:

The closing date for applications is Monday 13th May 2024 at 10am. Successfully shortlisted candidates will be contacted individually to inform them of their date(s) and time(s) for interview and lesson observation as part of the selection process.

Application packs can be downloaded from the school website at <https://www.stjohnvianneynewcastle.org/web> or sent out electronically by request office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org. Completed applications and associated documents, accompanied by a covering letter, should be returned to school electronically clearly marked for the attention of the Headteacher, Mrs A. D. Thorpe office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org

All applicants are warmly encouraged to visit the school to meet the headteacher and have a walk around the school. Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs McDine via email or by telephone to book an appointment with the Headteacher.