



Holy Family

*Roman Catholic and Church of
England College*



Headteacher - Mrs K Ames, BSc (Hons), NPQH

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Dear Applicant,

I would like to welcome you to Holy Family. I am delighted that you are interested in applying for a position at our College. We have the pleasure of serving both Catholic and Anglican communities within Heywood and Rochdale. We have seen an expansion over the past five years from a small secondary school to one with approx. 750 students.

We are a Christian school and the foundation of all our work is the gospel message. Our Mission Statement really does capture what we stand for and the education we aim to provide for all of our students. Holy Mass, Eucharistic Services and Liturgies are celebrated in school weekly, and there are daily opportunities for collective worship. The local clergy are regular visitors, and we have an active chaplaincy team. We are keen to employ staff committed to supporting and leading within our Christian context. Our most recent Section 48 inspection graded us excellent in all six categories. We are delighted to achieve this outcome, demonstrating the hard work of both students and staff as we live out our mission on a daily basis. (A copy of the report can be viewed on the school website www.hfch.co.uk).

What most excites the Governors, our staff and myself is the journey that we are on. We were really pleased that Ofsted judged us as 'Expected Standard' in all categories in our April inspection this year, and we continue to focus on making Holy Family a better place to be, day by day. We were delighted with our 2026 outcomes which placed us in an extremely strong position across the local authority, enabling our students to be well prepared for the next steps in their educational journey post 16. My vision is to make sure that "teaching" at Holy Family is exceptional, and we increasingly commit our time to looking at researched informed classroom practice and are committed to making every teacher a better teacher. The students of Holy Family are lucky to have some fantastic teachers and support staff, enabling them to be the best they can be.

As with all schools we continually strive to improve our outcomes so that our young people leave us with a wide range of skills and talents, knowing their place in God's world and how they can make a difference to it. I always challenge our students to excel. If we do our job as we should a future Prime Minister or Brain Surgeon is in our midst. We love and value our students and we do all we can so they can become successful, and I am looking for likeminded professionals to join our team who think and act the same.

Our website is full of key information about our school and our policies. I strongly advise you to look carefully through this, as it will give you a flavour of what a close knit and caring community we are. Also take note of the consistently strong GCSE results and I hope you will see that we aspire to and achieve high standards.

We work hard to cherish all our students and this has ensured that they feel valued. We have the highest standards of behaviour, and any visitors to our College always comment on the positive culture and ethos of Holy Family.

The Cover Supervisor is a post that will be integral to the on-going improvement of the College over the next few years. This is a real opportunity for someone with excellent classroom practices to impact on the wider school environment.

I am looking first and foremost for someone who is passionate about improving standards within education and who has the determination to make a significant difference to the lives of our students. I hope to appoint someone with the attitude and desire to succeed, as we have the capacity within our college to support and develop the new Cover Supervisor and to make them exceptional.

If you wish to become part of our family, please return the application form by **11:59pm on Sunday 18th October 2026**. Should you wish to arrange a visit to Holy Family prior to applying please do so. I would be delighted to meet with prospective candidates and show them around our school. Visits can be arranged by contacting recruitment@hfch.co.uk

Once again, thank you for the interest and time you have committed to the application process so far. If you believe you have skills and drive to be exceptional, and are keen to serve the young people of Heywood and Rochdale alongside our talented staff and myself, you could be the missing piece of the puzzle we are looking for.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Ames
Headteacher