

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy
Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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NOR: 1143 (including 98 in Sixth Form)



Lay Chaplain

37 hours per week (term time, plus 2 weeks)

Required as soon as possible

Level 5 – SCP 7-12

Salary: £24,252 to £26,857

“Anyone called to be a parent, pastor or guide to young people must have the farsightedness to appreciate the little flame that continues to burn, the fragile reed that is shaken but not broken (cf. Is 42:3). The ability to discern pathways where others only see walls, to recognise potential where others see only peril. Each young person’s heart should thus be considered “holy ground”, a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must “take off our shoes” in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery.” Christus Vivit 67

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy is a very popular, oversubscribed and thriving school serving the Catholic community of the North of Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire. The Academy wishes to appoint a dynamic practising Catholic who will have an outstanding ability to support and develop the Academy’s liturgical and wider Catholic life. The role of the Lay Chaplain is an integral position and lies at the very heart of the school and its very special and distinctive Lasallian charism.

The successful candidate will be of an excellent quality and be able to place their faith at the forefront of everything they do, helping to guide and develop the spiritual life of the school and everyone within our community; where our young people enter to learn and leave to serve.

The academy enjoys the active support of the newly formed St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT and the Archdiocese of Birmingham. As such, the successful candidate will enjoy access to a wide range of professional development.

The Academy are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people and expects all of its employees to share this commitment. This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Amendment Order 1986 and, as such, it will be necessary for a Submission for Disclosure to be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service to check for any previous convictions. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to an online/social media check in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2023.

Potential candidates are welcome to visit the school by appointment. Further details can be obtained by contacting Mrs K McGough (Academy Manager) on 01782 883000 or kmcgough@smwca.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 13th February 2026 (noon)

