

St. Margaret Ward Catholic Academy
(part of St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust)

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NOR: 1143 (including 98 in the Sixth Form)



Required for September 2026
Head of Science MPS1 – UPS 3 (£32,916 - £51,048)
(TLR 1C: £12, 390.96)

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy is a happy, popular, oversubscribed 11-18 school with an impressive record of success, acknowledged in our Ofsted inspection in January 2026 (full report on the school/Ofsted website).

We are wholeheartedly committed to ensuring all who work and learn in the school can be the very best versions of themselves that they can be; we believe in fostering a community where all are loved and belong. To help us to live out our mission, we are seeking to appoint an excellent Head of Science who will lead and manage a thriving department of specialist and highly experienced practitioners. The existing department includes a Head of Department who is a recognised SLE, two experienced second in Department and two key stage pastoral leads thereby demonstrating our commitment to professional development within the school. This post arises due to the retirement of the existing Head of Department.

The Department has recently extensively reviewed its curriculum and has high academic standards for all students. Collectively, all staff are ambitious for everyone they teach and have a strong focus upon teaching and learning across all key stages, including the sixth form in which all three strands are taught to A Level standard as part of the Trinity Sixth Form. Also, of note is the thriving STEM work that is carried out across the Department and the enthusiasm shared by the students.

The successful candidate will join a highly ambitious and dynamic department of specialist scientists which currently achieves high standards as a result of exceptional teamwork and dedication. The newly appointed Head of Department will need to demonstrate their own passion and enthusiasm for Science at all key stages as well as demonstrate curriculum leadership aptitude and qualities.

The Academy is 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.

Potential candidates are welcome to visit the school by appointment. Applications should be made via My New Term. Further details can be obtained from the Academy website, by contacting Mrs K McGough on 01782 883037 or via email: kmcgough@smwca.org.uk.

Closing date:
Friday 17th April 2026 (noon)

