



Lay Chaplain at More House School

For: September 2015

The School:

More House School is a Catholic Foundation for boys aged 8-19, with 100 boarders and 350 day pupils. The school Catholic population has, as a percentage a similar profile to the national population.

All Children have some difficulty with learning but all are of average intelligence and take 8/9 GCSEs. There is a flourishing Sixth Form running 20 A Levels. Children come from a wide social background, 40% are funded from the public purse. The religious base is caring/sharing in a Christian context.

There are many opportunities for developing social conscience. The school has linked schools in Tanzania, runs Duke of Edinburgh and World Challenge.

The campus is on a wooded hillside and attractive modern facilities lie above the playing fields. In recent years, the school has built The Simkins Centre for Performing Arts, The Bradbury Music School, The Bradbury Heights Training Centre, and all seven laboratories re-equipped. The School of Engineering opened last academic year and our new Humanities Building and Chapel which opened September 2014.

About this post:

More House School is seeking to appoint a lively and enthusiastic Lay Chaplain. The position can be full or part time depending on the candidate.

The Chaplain will have primary responsibility for the day-to-day Christian life of the school community.

The Chaplain is responsible for devising, developing, promoting and running a wide ranging chaplaincy programme which appeals to the full range of ages (8-19) and degrees of religious interest of the boys, their parents, the staff and wider community of the school.

The roles and responsibilities of the Chaplain include:

1. Praying daily for the needs of the school community
2. Maintaining a high profile presence around the school and at school events
3. Preparation of school liturgies – this includes preparing readers, servers and others involved in the liturgy, and liaising with the Director of Music
4. Developing opportunities for prayer and meditation
5. Promotion of staff faith development
6. Care of the School Chapel and Sacristy
7. Establishing and maintaining a presence on the playgrounds, in the Sixth Form Centre and at school events (including evening events)
8. Devising and running the Chaplaincy programme (with events for each year group)
9. Preparing assembly prayers and reflections
10. Working with the RE Department to support the RE curriculum
11. Taking a special interest in the Catholic Students and organising a weekly service for them.
12. Liaising with parishes about sacramental preparation



Person Specification

1. You will be a baptised and practising Roman Catholic lay man or woman, committed to the spiritual and personal development of children and young people.
2. Above all you will enjoy the company and challenge of children and young people and have an easy and humorous manner which combines openness and engagement with challenge and formality.
3. You will have a degree in theology or religious studies, or other experience or qualification that suits you to the chaplaincy role in the Roman Catholic Church.
4. You will have good social skills, both with young people and also with adults (parents and staff), showing flexibility where needed but also the accountability and a high degree of reliability and formal organisation required in a school context.
5. You will have a good sense of the Church's liturgy and be able to recruit and enthuse boys to take part in school worship.
6. You will be confident in leading large and small, formal and informal, groups of pupils and adults.
7. You will be an articulate speaker with presence and the ability to present, credibly and enthusiastically, the challenges of the gospel.
8. You will have good administrative and organisational skills, including scheduling events, making bookings, arranging itineraries and timetables, obtaining and conserving resources, delegating responsibilities and providing clear briefings and instructions.
9. You will have the freedom and willingness to work flexibly, including in the evenings and weekends, and to arrange your working days to ensure you have entitlement time off but are available for school events and activities as needed.

Hours:

Full or Part time

Salary:

According to experience

To Apply:

If you are interested please apply as soon as possible to the Headmaster's PA Mrs Secker-Barker at:
headmasterspa@morehouseschool.co.uk.

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS clearance and the receipt of satisfactory references. More House School is firmly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.