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## Holy Cross Catholic Multi-Academy Company

September 2023

Dear Candidate

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Holy Cross Catholic MAC, we would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Music at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary Academy within our Multi Academy Company. The school is one of the seven Catholic schools (2 secondary and 5 Primary) that are part of the Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company (HCCMAC) which opened on 1 September 2019.

This letter is intended to help you complete the application form. Please read it carefully before the completion of your application form. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school.

The application form is your opportunity to provide all the information we will require to help us understand how you meet the requirements of the post advertised. Similarly, it plays an important part in the selection process allowing us to short-list candidates for interview and helping as a basis for the interview itself. To ensure fairness to all applicants, short-listing decisions are based solely on the information you supply on your application form. Even if we already know you as a current or previous employee, it is important that you complete the form in full.

All vacancies are accompanied by a job description and a person specification setting out the main duties and responsibilities of the post in the job description, and the knowledge, skills and experience we are looking for in the person specification.

**Please read this information carefully as you will not be short-listed for interview unless you meet the essential criteria described in the Person Specification.**

Depending on the number and quality of applications, it may not be possible to shortlist for interview all candidates who meet the Essential Criteria. *However, we guarantee to interview all disabled applicants who meet the Essential Criteria.*

We are unable to accept CVs so please do not attach your CV, references, or copies of educational certificates to your form. If there is insufficient room on the form in a particular section, you can simply attach an extra page and mark it clearly with your name and the job title, indicating the number of the relevant question.

The 'Relevant skills & experience' section of the form is your opportunity to tell us specifically why you wish to apply and what makes you a suitable applicant. You should



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include anything you feel would be useful in support of your application telling us as much as possible about yourself in relation to all the items listed in the job description.

Please remember that those involved in the selection process cannot make assumptions about you. - **tell us everything relevant to your application and complete all the sections on the form.**

The closing date for receipt of applications is via email to [suzanne.harris@cncs.school](mailto:suzanne.harris@cncs.school) by 9.00am on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

### DATA PROTECTION

Information provided by you as part of your application will be used in the recruitment process. Any data about you will be held securely with access restricted to those involved in dealing with your application and in the recruitment process. Once this process is completed the data relating to unsuccessful applicants will be stored for a maximum of 6 months and then destroyed. If you are the successful candidate, your application form will be retained and form the basis of your personnel record. By signing and submitting your completed application form you are giving your consent to your data being stored and processed for the purposes of the recruitment process, equal opportunities monitoring and your personnel record if you are the successful candidate. Romero Academy reserve the right to check the validity and accuracy of your application if successful.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Information provided by you on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form will be used to monitor our equal opportunities policy and practices. This part of the form will be detached from the main body of the application form and will not form any part of the selection process.

### WORK PERMITS

Under the Asylum and Immigration Act, we are required to check that anyone taking up employment with us has the legal right to work in the UK. Shortlisted applicants will be



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asked to provide us with documentary evidence to support their entitlement to work in the UK prior to any offer of employment being made.

**DBS CHECKS**

In line with our safeguarding and child protection policy, all employees and volunteers working in specific roles at the Academy will be subject to satisfactory clearance being obtained from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The check will be undertaken as part of the appointment process with the successful candidates. If you are invited to interview, you will be asked to bring this information with you.

**PLEASE NOTE** We will take up references for all shortlisted candidates prior to interview and reserve the right to validate all information entered on the application form. Please ensure that any person who is asked to act as a Referee knows this information and is available to give a reference during this time.

We expect all our staff and employees to be in sympathy with our Catholic values and help us to achieve the vision that we have set ourselves to work towards.

Yours faithfully

**Ms E O'Connor  
Headteacher  
Cardinal Newman Catholic School**

**Motto**

*Achieving Together in Faith.*

**Mission**



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## Holy Cross Catholic Multi-Academy Company

Our school communities are united as the family of God to provide an outstanding Catholic education for all our pupils. With Christ at the centre of all we do, we will inspire every child to be the best person they can be by developing their God given gifts and talents.

### **Aims:**

**H**igh aspirations for all

**O**utstanding education - To create an ethos of collective responsibility, through which we will promote achievement and improve pupil performance

**L**iving out Gospel values and celebrating the Catholic ethos in all our schools with reconciliation and peacefulness at the heart of all we do

**Y**oung people – who are resilient and make a positive contribution to their diverse and changing communities

**C**ommunity - strengthening and nurturing the Catholic life of our schools

**R**ealising talent by developing pupils, staff, academy representatives and Directors for the benefit of the Holy Cross community

**O**ptimising our resources to realise best-value by sharing assets and using economies of scale

**S**tandards - To maintain the highest quality of Catholic education by ensuring accountability at all levels

**S**ervice to God by serving others in our school and local communities and national and international communities in need.



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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title:** Teacher of Music

**Salary/Grade:** MPS/UPS

**Hours:** Full time

Post Title	Subject Teacher
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.</li> <li>To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher/Form Tutor</li> <li>To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.</li> <li>To contribute to raising standards of student attainment.</li> <li>To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.</li> </ul>
Reporting to:	Head of Department
Responsible for:	Teacher of Music and as a Form Tutor, teaching the designated pastoral programme.
Disclosure level	Enhanced

**Main (Core) Duties**

Operational/Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in the Department.</li> <li>To contribute to the Curriculum Area and department's improvement plan and its implementation.</li> <li>To plan and prepare lessons.</li> <li>To contribute to the whole school's planning activities.</li> </ul>
Curriculum Provision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist the Head of Department, to ensure that the curriculum area provides a range of teaching which complements the school's strategic objectives.</li> </ul>





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Curriculum Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of students, examining and awarding bodies and the school's Mission and Strategic Objectives.</li> </ul>
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To take part in the school's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.</li> <li>To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.</li> <li>To engage actively in the Performance Management Review process.</li> <li>To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support.</li> <li>To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.</li> </ul>
Quality Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To help to implement school quality assurance procedures and to adhere to those.</li> <li>To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the Subject curriculum area in line with agreed school procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.</li> <li>To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.</li> <li>To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work.</li> <li>To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.</li> </ul>

Management Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant, accurate and up-to-date information for registers, etc.</li> <li>To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.</li> <li>To track student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.</li> </ul>
Communications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate effectively with the parents of students, as appropriate.</li> <li>Where appropriate, to communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the school.</li> <li>To follow agreed policies for communications in the school.</li> </ul>
Marketing and Liaison:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Review days and liaison events with partner schools.</li> <li>To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies.</li> </ul>



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<p>Management of Resources:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.</li> <li>• To assist the Head of Department to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.</li> <li>• To co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the school, department and the students.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>Pastoral Systems:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be a Form Tutor to an assigned group of students.</li> <li>• To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the Form Tutor Group as a whole.</li> <li>• To liaise with a Pastoral Leader to ensure the implementation of the school's Pastoral System.</li> <li>• To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.</li> <li>• To evaluate and monitor the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.</li> <li>• To contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and progress files and other reports.</li> <li>• To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.</li> <li>• To communicate as appropriate with the parents of students and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff.</li> <li>• To contribute to PSHE, citizenship and enterprise according to school policy.</li> <li>• To apply the behaviour management systems so that effective learning can take place.</li> </ul>
<p>Teaching:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To teach students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the student in school and elsewhere.</li> <li>• To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.</li> <li>• To provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.</li> <li>• To ensure that ICT, Literacy, Numeracy and school subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of students.</li> <li>• To undertake a designated programme of teaching.</li> <li>• To ensure a high-quality learning experience for students, which meets internal and external quality standards.</li> <li>• To prepare and update subject materials.</li> </ul>



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- To use a variety of delivery methods which will stimulate learning, appropriate to student needs and demands of the syllabus.
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the school's procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.
- To undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, departmental and school procedures.
- To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
- To ensure the learning environment is of a high standard and classroom display is conducive to learning. Display should be updated half termly in accordance with the school's Display Policy.

### Other Specific Duties

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.
- To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship.
- To promote actively the school's policies.
- To continue personal development as agreed.
- To comply with the school's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCB not mentioned in the above.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

To undertake such other duties that may be requested by the Headteacher.

### Ethos and Culture

To provide leadership in promoting an ethos and culture within the department that is in line with achieving the aims of the school.

To facilitate, within the whole school, behaviours that support and contribute towards developing the values of the school.



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### **Equality and Diversity**

Work within and promote compliance with the School's Equality Duty Information and Objectives Document.

### **Training and Development**

To attend relevant training and development courses as required and identified during performance appraisals. The performance and development needs of the Subject Teacher will be reviewed at least once a year by the line manager.

### **Safeguarding**

Cardinal Newman is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

This job description will be reviewed annually and may be subject to amendment or modification at any time after consultation with the post holder. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks, but sets out the main expectations of the School in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.

Elements of this job description and changes to it may be negotiated at the request of either the Headteacher or the incumbent of the post.

Cardinal Newman is a non-smoking site.

**Reviewed April 2023**



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### Person Specification – Teacher of Music

Area	Description	Criteria will be measured by:
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Degree or equivalent (in Music or related discipline)</li> <li>Qualified teacher</li> </ul>	Application Form and Qualification Checks Application Form
<b>Catholic Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for the Catholic ethos of the school</li> </ul>	References & Interview
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A passion for the teaching of Music</li> <li>Concern for the achievement and welfare of young people</li> <li>Good time management, organisational and administrative skills</li> <li>A positive attitude to change and a “can do” mentality</li> <li>The ability to work as part of a team</li> <li>The willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities as an extension of work within the department</li> </ul>	References & Interview References & Interview References & Interview References & Interview References & Interview References & Interview
<b>Professional Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability to deliver high quality lessons and some evidence of success as a classroom practitioner</li> <li>Knowledge of the Music curriculum in Key Four and Five</li> <li>Excellent communication skills – both oral and written</li> <li>The ability to inspire and enthuse young people</li> <li>The ability to use data to inform planning and to monitor progress</li> <li>Knowledge of a variety of software packages and other ICT tools to support teaching and learning.</li> </ul>	References & Interview References & Interview Application Form, References & Interview References & Interview References & Interview Application Form, References & Interview
<b>Special Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. A Criminal Record Disclosure will be required prior to appointment.</li> <li>The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.</li> </ul>	DBS Checks & References

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## Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary Academy



At Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary Academy, we recognise the uniqueness of each child and the need to build upon the firm family Catholic values established in the home and in our partner primary schools. Our mission as a Catholic school is to be an active Christian community of love and service where all feel they belong and are valued. We believe strongly that each child has a right to excellence and to be actively encouraged to be the person God wants them to be.

Working together, we enable our students to recognise and to have confidence in their own abilities. It is important to us to raise the aspirations of each of our students and provide them with the love and support to grow as the very special person that they are. We focus on rounded development: spiritually, morally, socially, physically and academically. Every member of our school community is valued and their sense of belonging is paramount. Whilst great emphasis is placed on each student's academic achievement, we also foster traditional values. Your child's sense of belonging at school contributes to our sense of community in a happy supportive atmosphere. Hard working, caring and sympathetic staff work in partnership with parents to ensure that your child's secondary school career is enjoyable and successful.

Our outstanding Catholic school has a long standing record of high quality education and academic excellence. Student achievement is a continued strength at both key stage 4 and key stage 5. All progress and attainment measures significantly exceed the national averages. Each member of our school community is highly valued.

We are guided daily through our own expectations, known as the Ullathorne Way. This calls us to be:

- Compassionate
- Faith filled and Prophetic
- Attentive
- Eloquent
- Curious and Wise
- Grateful



Only by extolling these virtues can we show the love of Christ in our daily actions and grow to be our true self.



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## Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary Academy



Our school is named after one of England's foremost Catholics, the Blessed John Henry Newman and we are very proud to be associated with his love of learning and his strong commitment to providing the best pastoral support for those in his care.

Our mission statement "Knowledge through the light of faith" is at the heart of all we do and we endeavour to make known to every student that they are made for greatness because they are a child of God and are uniquely created and loved by God.

Every student is called to live out the gospel values by loving God, others and themselves and by being prepared to always do their best and be the best person they can be.



We insist on the highest standards of behaviour, uniform, attitude to learning and respect for one another and the environment. By providing a traditional, yet broad and balanced curriculum for all our students regardless of ability and background, we are able to recognise and develop individual talents and interests including academic, creative and sporting provision that is appropriate for every child from our special needs students to our Oxbridge applicants. We also have a varied extra-curricular activities

programme that includes a wide variety of clubs as well as day and residential visits to enhance each student's learning experience.

We are blessed to have an amazing staff who work tirelessly for our students so that they are given every opportunity to fulfil their true potential and we pride ourselves on excellent relationships, where we work together to form a happy, loving and caring community, based on clear boundaries, accepted values and high expectations.

We are very proud of our successes and our GCSE results in 2018 placed us as one of the highest performing secondary schools in both the Diocese and Coventry Local Authority. As we prepare for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our wonderful school in September 1969 we are determined to continue to improve to meet the needs of our students in an ever-changing world and we are confident that we will achieve our vision, which is simple: to become an outstanding catholic school in all we do.

At Cardinal Newman we want for your child exactly what you want as parents – the best and nothing but the best.



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# Christ the King Catholic Primary Academy



Christ the King Catholic Primary Academy provides an excellent, Christ centred education through inspirational teaching and empowerment of all pupils to reach their full potential spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially and morally, in a happy, caring, stimulating environment promoting self-esteem and confidence. Our school offers all-through primary education for 420 pupils, complemented by 52 nursery places.



Our teaching philosophy is centred on an environment of mutual respect where the staff, the pupils and the whole community work together for the common aim of educating to achieve the highest standards of competence and ability and to be responsible and worthy citizens of the world.

The diverse backgrounds represented by our pupils and staff contribute to a rich learning environment where the communication of knowledge is informed by professional expertise and personal experience. A differentiated teaching programme delivers the curriculum at the rate appropriate to the individual child.

We aim to develop and extend every pupil to enable them to achieve their full potential, irrespective of academic ability or social background. Our curriculum encompasses the widest range of concepts, attitudes, skills, responsibilities and cross-curricular issues relevant to a pupil's life in its widest perspective.



The school offers a wide range of sporting and artistic activities to complement the core academic expectations of the National Curriculum.



Our pupils make excellent academic progress, and impressive results are achieved on the sports field and in the arts arena.



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## St Augustine's Catholic Primary Academy



St Augustine's Catholic Primary Academy is located in the heart of Radford in Coventry. We are a happy and vibrant two form of entry school with a Nursery. As a school we aim to work in partnership with parents, guardians, the parish and the Academy family of schools to support our children and families on their journey of Faith. As part of the family of God we work hand in hand.

*'To listen to God's call, to learn from God's word and to share God's love through service.'*



Our extensive grounds include a Forest School site which is used to develop a range of skills with pupils, a Thrive nurture room, a sports Muga and counselling facilities.

Our staff here are committed to working together to support our children to be the best they can be spiritually, morally, academically, mentally and physically. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that will both engage and educate our pupils shaping them into caring future disciples and knowledgeable, responsible citizens.



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## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary Academy



St Elizabeth's is truly a special place, a happy place where staff, parents, governors and children work in harmony together. The school has developed an individual identity since its creation over 100 years ago which combines the best of traditional educational values with a modern vibrant vision.

At St Elizabeth's we pride ourselves on celebrating the cultural diversity of our locality. We are a school community in which all children are welcomed and valued as unique members of God's family, a family of different faiths and backgrounds living, loving and learning together joyfully following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



Central to our philosophy are the values and virtues Christ taught us through the Gospels, these values run through every aspect of school life like a golden thread, intertwined and bound throughout all of our relationships and the experiences we provide for our children. Our reliance on these values ensures the spiritual formation of every member of our school family.

We aim to provide a rich and diverse curriculum that develops our children morally and socially as well as academically. Children leave St Elizabeth's as faithful, aspirational, responsible and resilient young people ready to make positive contributions to the wider communities in which they live.

At St Elizabeth's we take enormous pride in knowing all of our children and families very well. We are fully committed to ensuring that each child is offered the finest start to their education in a stimulating, caring and loving environment, an environment which influences a lifelong love of learning and one in which our children thrive and live life to the full.



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## St John Vianney Catholic Primary Academy



Welcome to St John Vianney where Christ is at the centre of everything we do. We have one school rule which is:

Love one another as I have loved you

We strive to promote the values of our Christian faith throughout our daily life. We provide a religious syllabus, which develops our children's knowledge and understanding of our faith. However, more important to this school are those values, which we try to relate to all the aspects of our life within the faith community of St John Vianney Parish.



St John Vianney is a happy and caring school where every child is known and loved. We seek to challenge and support all our children and make them excellent citizens of the future, knowing how important it is to do their best and care for those around them.

We are conscious of the necessity to provide our pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum and constantly review and evaluate the achievements of the school. Our curriculum is exciting and engaging aiming to bring the humanities alive through first-hand experience wherever possible. We aim to provide both high academic and non-academic standards, a good faith basis and involvement in the wider community. Moreover, developing the whole child by enabling them to acquire knowledge, appreciate their creative abilities and master the challenges of physical education and sport.



St John Vianney Catholic Primary Academy strives to achieve its aims through a strong partnership between governors, staff, children, parents and Parish. Most of our governors are parents or past parents and members of our Church community. We believe that this improves the level of co-operation and the sense of shared commitment and responsibility. We believe that we can only achieve the best for your child by close co-operation between home and school. Without the involvement of parents, our task is that much more difficult and less enjoyable. We hope that parents will take a

close interest in what their children are doing in school and will encourage learning and its importance in later life.

It is our view that Primary School years lay the foundations for a lifetime of learning and work hard to cultivate the fundamental partnership between Home and School by welcoming parents to become involved in their child's education.



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## St Thomas More Catholic Primary Academy



St Thomas More's motto is "Learn and Grow as God's Holy People" and this underpins everything we do at the school. We believe that every child should be pushed and supported to achieve their God-given potential and that it is our responsibility to get the best out of all of our students – academically, socially and spiritually. We are a very diverse, multi-ethnic community with a highly inclusive ethos.

Children are happy to come to school here and they thrive on the nurture and support offered. We are situated in a suburban residential area of south Coventry, a 30 minute walk from the city centre, but we draw our children from a much wider catchment area. The school is housed in a modern building which opened in September 2014 and we have very generous grounds which include a large field, allotment, forest school, a pond and a chicken pen.

We are committed to academic excellence and are always keen to innovate, using research-based methods to develop and improve our practices further. We keep our curriculum under constant review so that it is appealing and relevant to our current situation and we place great emphasis on the importance of a consistent approach from Nursery to Year six. Our children's learning experience is very hands-on: an example of this is our maths mastery programme which focuses on underlying mathematical concepts and number sense through the use of manipulatives all the way from Reception to Year 6. We see it as our duty to produce well-mannered, respectful and motivated young people and our behaviour and discipline policies are reflective of this. Children leave St Thomas More with all the qualities they need to make a positive contribution to society. We have excellent relationships with



our local parish and the children make good use of the church. Our vocation to Catholic life is evident across the curriculum and throughout the school. Our families are very supportive of our ethos and work well with school leaders to ensure positive outcomes for all. Many parents comment that St Thomas More is like an extension of the family.

The school received a highly positive Ofsted inspection in January 2018 and we aim to build on this as we continue to improve and push ourselves to be the best we can possibly be.



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## **Why work in Coventry?**



Coventry is an innovative city that boasts two cathedrals, old and new. It combines medieval architecture with vibrant regeneration which is rich in bars, restaurants and culture. Coventry has recently been awarded the City of Culture for 2021. You will find both the Belgrade theatre and the Warwick Arts centre on the doorstep, along with open green spaces such as the War Memorial Park and Coombe Abbey.

The Ricoh Arena hosts both football and rugby, along with music concerts. Road and rail links are exceptional. Birmingham and Leamington Spa are under 15 minutes by train and London just over an hour. Stratford upon Avon, Warwick and Solihull are also nearby. From Coventry it is only one rail stop to Birmingham International Airport and the National Exhibition Centre. In December, Birmingham was named host city for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, and local town, Leamington Spa, was recently named as one of the best places to live in the Midlands in 2017 by the Sunday Times. The city hosts a variety of annual events such as the Coventry Half Marathon, the SkyRide and the Godiva Festival, which is the biggest free family festival in the UK.

Coventry also has two universities, Coventry University which was awarded 'University of the Year for *Student Experience*' by The Times in 2014 and the University of Warwick, which is in the top





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10 on the league tables. Both universities have links with three of the city's biggest employers, Jaguar Land Rover, the NHS Trust and Coventry City Council.

