



ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10.10

Inspired by Excellence & Innovation

Headteacher

**Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, a Voluntary Academy
Capenhurst Lane,
Whitby,
Ellesmere Port
CH65 7AQ**

Required for: September 2026
ISR L25 - 32 (Group 6)

Lead with Faith. Inspire Excellence. Shape the Future.

The governors of Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, in partnership with Shrewsbury Diocese and OLHoC Catholic Academy Trust, are seeking to appoint an inspirational, supportive and innovative Headteacher to inspire us in the next phase of our journey.

Rooted firmly in our Catholic identity and guided by Gospel values, we are a community committed to ensuring that every young person flourishes spiritually, academically and personally. As we continue to strengthen outcomes and culture and prepare to move into a significant new build development, we are looking for a leader who will shape the next chapter of our story with clarity, courage and conviction.

Our new school building represents more than improved facilities — it is a visible sign of renewal, ambition and long-term investment in Catholic education in Ellesmere Port.

This is a rare opportunity to lead a Catholic school with strong foundations, a clear moral purpose, and ambitious plans for the future.

About Our School

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is a proud Catholic community where faith is lived daily through worship, service, compassion and high expectations.

We are:

- A welcoming and inclusive Catholic school serving our local community
- Committed to academic excellence and holistic formation
- Embedding a culture of high expectations and mutual respect
- Driven by a strong moral purpose and belief in the dignity of every child
- Entering an exciting phase of development, including a new build which will provide outstanding facilities to support teaching, learning and community engagement

We are seeking a practising Catholic leader who:

- Is deeply committed to Catholic education and able to articulate and model a clear vision rooted in faith
- Has a proven track record of sustained school improvement
- Demonstrates the ability to raise standards, secure strong outcomes and develop a culture of excellence
- Be a role model who inspires and motivates others through their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to raising standards
- Leads with integrity, compassion, resilience and moral purpose
- Can inspire and develop staff at all levels
- Has the strategic capability to lead the school confidently into its new build phase and beyond
- Is an engaging and hardworking individual, able to collaborate with parents, staff, governors, the parish and wider community in providing opportunities for all pupils

What We Offer

- A school at a transformative point in its improvement journey
- The opportunity to lead within a strong Catholic ethos and supportive diocesan family
- A committed and dedicated staff team
- Enthusiastic pupils who are proud of their school
- Investment in first-class facilities through our new build development
- The chance to shape the long-term future of Catholic education in Ellesmere Port
- Good opportunities for continuing professional development
- Excellent support from our Trust and partner schools within it

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Mark Mountcastle, CEO of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust at ceo@olhoc.org.uk or 07389 163361.

For further details and an application pack, please visit the Trust website by [clicking here](#).

Applications must be completed on the CES application form provided and submitted electronically to: Julie.English@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to complete a Disqualification Declaration. The successful applicant's appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and pre-clearance including an enhanced DBS check.

Closing Date: Monday 13th April 2026, 12pm

Recruitment tasks and interviews: Thursday & Friday 23/24th April 2026