Life Link Chaplain

in John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye,
 & the Ross & Archenfield Deanery

Diocese of Hereford

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this role.

This is an exciting new full time post which would suit someone with an infectious Christian faith, enthusiasm and energy. The chaplain will enjoy working with young people in school, church and home/community settings and have a pioneering mindset – able to build relationships and collaborations, see and take creative opportunities, and encourage and enable others to work and grow alongside them. During term time, the chaplain will normally work a core of three days a week in John Kyrle High School, the one secondary school in Ross-on-Wye. The other two days of the week will focus on growing connections between school + church + homelife of young people and their families in the 'Hub' market town of Ross-on-Wye, based at St Mary's Anglican Church, and in two small strategic rural locations in the wider school catchment area /Anglican deanery around Ross-on-Wye. This post is part of a wider 'Life Link' Project to link school + church + homelife/community from primary through secondary school and beyond.

The Church of England's vision for education is to serve the whole of the country, supporting young people in growing up to flourish and 'live life in all its fullness'. As part of this vision, the Diocese of Hereford has appointed chaplains to work in Hereford Academy and Bishop's High School in Hereford. These chaplains both have a special 'Life Link' focus on connecting school + church + homelife. Hereford Sixth Form College, part of the Heart of Mercia Multi Academy Trust with John Kyrle High School, also employs a chaplain. There will be many opportunities for community engagement through collaboration with local schools, organisations, churches ecumenically, and the Diocese of Hereford, which may generate further young people's support and posts in Ross and the surrounding area in the future. The Chaplain will have the exciting opportunity to contribute to these developments.

John Kyrle High School is the one town secondary school and has a mission to serve the young people, families and communities of Ross and the surrounding area. The school wants to see all students have opportunities to find meaning and purpose in life and to grow up with the skills and resources they need to enable them to live fulfilling lives and to contribute positively to the local community and to society. The school has a highly positive ethos of encouragement and team working among staff and students and is looking forward to welcoming a chaplain to join the team.

The Ross Parishes and deanery share John Kyrle High School's mission to serve the young people, families, schools and communities of Ross, and the wider area. We hope through this project and through further existing and potential youth and families' projects to work in growing collaboration with local schools, local Anglican and ecumenical churches, local organisations and agencies. Like John Kyrle High School the Ross Parishes are inclusive.

Do you feel called to be part of this journey? If you would like to speak further please do get in touch:

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