



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1929

Lay Chaplain

The John Fisher School, Purley (South London)

Term Time Only | Full Time

Salary: NJC Scale Grade 5 (Points 9–15)

£32,184 - £35,107 FTE (Pro rata £28,643 – £31,245)

Start Date: September 2026

The John Fisher School is seeking to appoint a committed and inspiring **Lay Chaplain** to lead and develop the spiritual life of our school community.

This is a distinctive and rewarding role at the heart of a successful Catholic boys' school, offering the opportunity to work closely with pupils, staff, clergy and the wider community in fostering a vibrant culture of faith, reflection and service.

At John Fisher, chaplaincy is central to our mission. We are looking for someone who can bear witness to the Gospel in daily school life, support young people in their faith journey, and help shape a culture rooted in prayer, service and moral purpose.

The successful candidate will:

- Be a **committed and practising Catholic**
- Have a strong understanding of **Catholic education and liturgical life**
- Be able to engage and inspire young people from a wide range of backgrounds
- Demonstrate warmth, presence and strong interpersonal skills
- Be highly organised and able to lead and develop chaplaincy provision

Key aspects of the role include:

- Leading and developing the prayer and liturgical life of the school
- Supporting pupils in their spiritual and personal development
- Organising retreats, liturgies and charitable initiatives
- Working closely with RE staff, senior leaders and local clergy
- Acting as a visible and approachable presence within the school community

We offer:

- A supportive and values-driven Catholic community

- Positive, well-engaged pupils
- The opportunity to shape and develop chaplaincy provision
- Strong links with the Diocese and local parishes
- A role with genuine impact on young people's lives

The John Fisher School has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, strong pastoral care, and a rich co-curricular life.

Closing date: 29 April 2026

Interviews: TBC

The John Fisher School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

April 2026