



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH

The Role of the Lay Minister in a Secondary School

The Lay Chaplain will work with the school Chaplain, the Head Teacher, the Head of Religious Education and the Chaplaincy Team in the school. All chaplaincy activities you will be involved in will be planned and agreed in advance with the School Chaplain at regular chaplaincy planning meetings. *These activities might include:*

- Planning and leading school assemblies, prayer services and retreats.
- Supporting the faith journey of students and staff.
- Being responsible for the upkeep of the school Oratory.
- Working with external agencies to support the faith journey of young people.
- Addressing Religious Education classes.
- Supporting the school community in times of bereavement.
- On occasions, being present when the students are on breaks – ministry of presence.

For this role

Essential Criteria

- You must be a practising Catholic living in full communion with the Church.
- Experience of working with young people in an educational, parish or youth setting.
- Good communication and team working skills.

Additional Criteria

- Experience of leading prayer services.
- A teaching or youth worker qualification.
- A knowledge of the Catholic school system and the characteristics of the Charter for Catholic Schools.
- Knowledge of the Religious Education curriculum.

All Lay Ministers will require to get a PVG Certificate.

How to apply

Please speak to your parish priest for information.