

BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

The Mathematics Faculty

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Dear Colleagues

Thank you very much for your interest in this post, and we hope that the information provided encourages you to make a formal application. We can offer you the rare opportunity of working in a small, rural, vibrant school community, situated in a delightful part of Dorset close to the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage site.

We are seeking a committed and inspiring teacher to join our supportive and successful Mathematics team. We are at an exciting point in the development of our curriculum and are working closely together to innovate our department.

The Mathematics team consists of four full-time members of staff, including Barbara Coleman, the Head of Mathematics, and two part-time teachers. The department has 5 teaching rooms and each member of staff has their own laptop with a projector in every room. The department is well resourced, and as a school we are always looking for new and innovative ways of delivering learning.

At Key Stage 3 all classes follow our ambitious scheme of work which Ofsted recognised as clear and well-sequenced, with good continuity from KS2, and embedded through a well-developed spiral curriculum. Classes are taught in ability groups with a variety of resources across Years 7–9, including MyMaths.

The curriculum is enriched by a range of educational visits, as well as regular speakers and clubs. At Key Stage 4, we have five teaching groups in Years 10 and 11, following the AQA GCSE.

As part of KS4 Mathematics offer we deliver a Level 2 GCSE in Further Maths to the top students. We also have a Study Support programme for those students who require further teaching and practice, including entry into the Functional Skills (Maths) qualification.

We have a Joint Sixth Form with the nearby Sir John Colfox Academy in Bridport, with staff from both campuses sharing teaching and working closely together on the planning and delivery of Sixth Form courses. Students travel between the two school sites as required, but staff teach only at their base school. We currently offer GCSE re-sits, Core Mathematics, A Level Mathematics and Further Maths, so the ability to teach these is desirable in our appointee.

This year, our team improvement focus is to develop the work on Responsive Teaching to include the best practice from Rosenshine's principles of instruction, and to integrate this with the EEF's Five-A-Day model, so that early feedback accelerates student understanding and progress. 'Feedback' includes using our criteria ladders, working with example answers, reading other students' work, self-assessment, using checklists, colour-coding work, green pen time, and any other tasks that help students to improve and make progress. We are enjoying exploring and developing our Teaching and Learning and working together to improve.

All teaching staff are also form tutors who play an important role in the wider life of the school.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection (September 2023) reflected the aims and ethos that we promote and inspectors said:

"Beaminster School is a community that pupils, parents, staff and governors are proud to be a part of... Adults know pupils well as individuals. As a result, pupils get the help and support they need."

We hope the details supplied will give you all the information you need, but if you have any further questions, or would like to come and visit the school, please contact the Head's PA, Mrs Nicola Chalkley: NChalkley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk or 01308 862633.