

Head of Business Studies & IT/Computer Science

This appointment is a new post for Baysgarth School. Business Studies has been led by two Assistant Head Teachers and IT/Computer Science is in its infancy, with one specialist growing the subjects under the supervision of an experienced Head of Department. We want to draw these together under the one umbrella with a dynamic and ambitious leader who has a clear vision and plan for the continued growth and success of these subjects in our school.

Business

Business Studies is the most successful option subject at Baysgarth School, both in terms of numbers and outcomes. Roughly 70% of students choose Business as an option and there are 14 option classes of Business in the school. Outcomes for Business are outstanding every year, with a Progress 8 figure of +2.0 or higher, achieved consistently.

The team consists of two full time Business specialists, (who are both Assistant Head Teachers) and several other teachers who deliver the subject but who are non-specialists. We want to bring in another subject specialist to ensure the consistent quality of delivery across the team and to provide that leadership and management that has been difficult to achieve consistently by members of the senior leadership team who have a huge portfolio of other responsibilities.

Therefore, this post would suit a leader who wants to develop their skills surrounded by some of the most effective practitioners in the country, both in terms of their teaching and their leadership. It is an ideal opportunity for someone new to leadership to hone their skills in a supportive and experienced environment.

All Business lessons are taught in specialist IT classrooms and the course is fully resourced with students working through Google Classroom. We follow the Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Enterprise, which allows students to compare local businesses and then plan, pitch and run their own business idea. The department runs several trips as part of its curriculum offer, including trips to two local businesses, as well as to Meadowhall and Alton Towers.

IT/Computer Science

After introducing Computer Science to the school's curriculum last year, the department is in its infancy and currently consists of one Teacher, currently line-managed by the Associate Leader for ICT and Blended Learning. At KS3, the curriculum follows the NCCE schemes of work which covers e-safety, media and communication skills, IT skills and Computer Science. Already, this subject is proving to be very popular amongst students and this year sees the first KS4 BTEC IT group. Over the next two years, we plan to develop the department further to offer GCSE Computer Science to students from 2023. This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious teacher to help create courses and continue to develop and raise the profile of Computer Science across the whole school.