



PRIESTLANDS SCHOOL

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Information for Applicants

IT & Business Teacher



Our vision is to offer an education of high quality which ensures our young people become creative, enthusiastic, hard-working learners who control their own success and contribute positively to the communities in which they live.

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Priestlands is an exciting school in which to work and we are proud of its many achievements. We are committed to being a leading comprehensive school that serves the entire community, provides high quality education across the curriculum and has ambitious plans for its continued success and development. In 2015, we were recognised by the Minister for Schools as one of England's top 100 schools for sustained performance at GCSE. Since then we have continued to build on this success with our headline GCSE Progress 8 score consistently placing us among the top schools in Hampshire and the New Forest. This measure indicates how much value a school adds to each student and shows that Priestlands is consistently delivering positive outcomes for students year on year.

However, Priestlands is about far more than exam results as our motto, *Learn more... Do more... Be more...*, implies. Our aim is to develop well rounded young people who have the skills and attributes to be successful in life and make a positive impact in our community.

We are looking for someone with a commitment to education, a capacity for hard work and a passion for continuous improvement. We are also looking for someone who enjoys their work and has a keen sense of humour! If you would like to have an informal chat on the phone about the post, or even visit the school before application, please do contact me.

You can be assured that a warm welcome awaits whoever is appointed. Priestlands is a mutually supportive and friendly staff community, dedicated to the continued professional development of all staff.

I very much hope that, having read the enclosed details, you will wish to apply for the post and become part of the Priestlands team. If so, please complete a Priestlands School application form (available on our website) and send it to me as soon as possible. We are happy to receive applications sent via email to info@priestlands.hants.sch.uk and will consider applications as soon as they are received. The deadline is Wednesday 21st April, but we reserve the right to close the vacancy early so encourage you to submit your application as early as possible.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Main

Headteacher



The Vacancy

IT & Business Teacher (MPR) Required September 2021

We are seeking to appoint an appropriately qualified, dynamic and imaginative teacher of IT & Business with a commitment to education, a capacity for hard work and a passion for continuous improvement. We are also looking for someone who enjoys their work and has a keen sense of humour!

The role is suitable for NQTs as well as more experienced candidates. Candidates able to teach Key Stage 3 Maths may have an advantage.



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This post offers an excellent experience for the successful candidate, who is likely to be someone who:

- is an excellent classroom practitioner, with a track record of securing good student progress at both key stages
- is a good communicator
- is able to enthuse others
- has high expectations of students and colleagues, and will raise standards
- has a coherent vision of IT & Business in the curriculum, and their special contribution to the whole curriculum
- has an understanding of quality in Learning and Teaching
- is seeking further promotion and career enhancement
- is confident, resilient, resourceful and has a sense of humour.



The IT Department

IT facilities at Priestlands have expanded considerably over recent years. There are eight fully equipped IT suites. Each room contains up to thirty two networked PCs, and a networked colour laser printer. All machines have Internet and school Intranet access. Whiteboards and digital projectors are used in most classrooms. At this time the network and operating systems are based on 'Windows' technology apart from the sets of iPads that are used in classrooms.

The school has sets of digital still and movie cameras that are available to departments to borrow for project development within their own subject bases.

WIFI is available throughout the school and supports the use of tablet-based technologies. It also enables technology to be available outside of the classroom and supports communication between fieldwork and classrooms.

Tablet-based technology in the classroom will open up the opportunity of communication with other schools and VOIP will allow students to share experiences and learning at a distance. MS Teams is widely used by many subjects to deliver lessons and set homework for all years.



Computer facilities are also available in other subject areas including Art, Careers, Learning Support Centre, Library, Music, Media Studies, Science, Technology, Vocational Education, and Business Studies.

We now deliver the Cambridge National Diploma in Information Technologies, which is equivalent to a GCSE, in KS4 IT.

Students in Years 7 & 8 receive a single fifty-minute period of IT and Computer Science each week. This lesson is used to teach students to be familiar and confident with IT and programming, and encourage them to be independent users of a wide range of technologies to support work across the curriculum.

In Year 9 students can opt to take IT and/or Computer Science, and receive a double lesson each week.

At Key Stage 4, IT, Computer Science, and Business Studies are all successful and popular options with several classes running.

The Department has two IT network managers who maintain the school and administration networks, as well as supporting staff and students with day to day technical issues.

Priestlands School has its own website (<http://www.priestlands.hants.sch.uk/>). We are moving to a new provider shortly to optimise access via mobile devices so this is currently being updated.

In summary, IT is already a successful curriculum area at Priestlands with the potential to be developed and improved even further within the context of a very good, continuously improving school.



Application Procedure

Please complete the application form on our website at <https://www.priestlands.hants.sch.uk/vacancies/teaching-staff>

Please do not submit additional documentation at this stage

In Section 6 of the application form (which may be presented as an attached letter if you so wish), I would ask you specifically to describe on no more than two sides of A4:

- your experience to date;
- your reasons for applying for the post and your suitability for it;
- your view of the challenges and opportunities which would await you in your first year in post.

Applications should be sent to the Headteacher as soon as possible. They will be considered as they are received and we reserve the right to close the vacancy early.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1.30pm, Wednesday 21st April 2021.

Date for interviews is to be confirmed.



Priestlands School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 and you will be required to declare whether you have any criminal convictions. Priestlands School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.