**Candidate Information**

A vacancy has arisen due to the expansion of the school and to enhance staffing requirements in this curriculum area. We are looking for an innovative teacher with a student-centred approach who will contribute to the department’s ongoing curriculum development throughout Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

**About Bitterne Park School**

Bitterne Park School is a large and expanding secondary school (NOR 2032) in Southampton. It is a vibrant and progressive school, continuing its journey towards providing an outstanding education for all of our students.

Our school ethos is built firmly on our values of Respect, Achievement, Community, Enjoyment and Relationships. Our aim is to develop open-minded, flexible, resilient individuals, with the skills and attributes to be successful in tomorrow’s society.

We are fortunate to have exceptional, forward-thinking staff who continually develop their practice and empower our students to be the source of their own success.

**The Science Department**

The Science department is a large and successful department consisting of 13 full time teachers, 1 part-time teacher and 4 technicians. It has an excellent record in professional development, supporting trainees and developing teachers at all levels. Staff work collaboratively and are supportive of each other and the students. Lessons are delivered mainly in laboratories, with the department also having the use of dedicated ICT facilities to support student learning.

At Key Stage 3, pupils follow a curriculum developed in-house which introduces key scientific concepts and skills that pupils then apply in a range of different contexts. Pupil understanding of “Working Scientifically” is also monitored through assessment.

At Key Stage 4, students either follow AQA Combined Science to achieve 2 GCSEs or study for separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSEs. The separate science pathway is offered as an “option” subject for GCSE and as such has more timetable time than the combined science route.

Science GCSEs results are good, with 76% achieving a grade 4 or above in Combined Science and 100% achieving GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics at Grade 4 or above, of which 7+ grades in Biology were 65%, Chemistry 65% and Physics 70%.

The Bitterne Park School Sixth Form offers OCR A-levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and participation in these courses is growing every year. The results at A-level rank in the top 25% nationally for progress.

The department is committed to raising standards in teaching, learning and attainment. In 2017, Ofsted recognised Science as a strength of the school and the department contributed significantly to the school’s “Good” rating. The department works closely with the teaching and learning team, who play a key role in supporting developments within teaching and learning across the school.

ECTs are welcome to apply and we can provide a comprehensive ECT induction package.