

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE JOB DESCRIPTION

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

Line Managers job title:	Head of Geography
Salary:	MPS/UPS
Tenure:	Permanent
Contract type:	52 weeks
% of FTE	Full-time or part-time

THE POST

Wymondham College is a member of the Sapientia Education Trust (SET). SET is an expanding multi-academy trust with 13 primary and 9 secondary schools.

We are looking for a hard-working and enthusiastic person with high standards and the ability to communicate and interact effectively with others as part of our school as a **Teacher of Geography**.

The successful candidate will teach our impassioned Geography students across Year 7 to Year 11, with the possibility of A Level teaching for a suitable candidate. Geography is a popular choice at GCSE (AQA 8035) and A-Level (Edexcel 9GEO) and one of the highest performing subjects at both Key Stages. We are seeking candidates committed to working collaboratively as we continue to develop our curriculum offer and be actively involved in the development and future expansion of our geographical fieldwork opportunities - locally, nationally and internationally.

The first six months of employment shall be a probationary period, and employment may be terminated by the Trust during this period at any time on one week's prior written notice. The Trust may, at its absolute discretion, extend this period up to a further six months. During this probationary period, performance and suitability for continued employment will be monitored.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The professional competencies expected of a Teacher of Geography are:

- Be an Outstanding Teacher (or have the potential to be) with evidence of impact on pupil outcomes with a proven track record of total commitment to helping every pupil achieve their very best and make progress.

- Have excellent understanding of what constitutes excellence in teaching and learning.
- Have a keen understanding of data and be able to analyse patterns in performance over time.
- Be a positive role model for pupils and staff on a day-to-day basis.
- Collaborate effectively with staff, parents/carers and students.
- The ability to communicate clearly and tactfully using appropriate methods and an awareness of the impact of your own communication on others.
- Able to maintain positive relationships with all and able to work as an effective and flexible part of a team; willing to change methods of work and routines to benefit the team.
- Be able to multi-task and work under pressure.
- Be flexible and resilient in managing and executing their daily responsibilities.
- Able to demonstrate strong planning and organisational skills.
- Willingness to accept responsibility for your own actions.
- The ability to prioritise effectively, meet deadlines and accept challenges.

The qualifications and experience required of a Teacher of Geography are:

- Have qualified teacher status.

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General Responsibilities

The **Teacher of Geography** is responsible to the Principal, through their Head of Department, for teaching classes in the College using their skill, experience, and best endeavors and in accordance with Teachers' Standards. They will abide by the Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers at Wymondham College. A contribution to the wider life of the College is an expectation of all staff, for example by supporting the extracurricular activities within their teaching department.

The successful candidate will be employed as a teacher under the standard conditions of service for teachers at Wymondham College. This includes the requirement to work on some Saturday mornings. Additional holiday entitlement compensates for Saturday morning work and the annual requirement for directed time is 1265 hours in line with the STPCD.

Specific Responsibilities

A non-exhaustive list of specific responsibilities for the role is below and you will be required to undertake other duties and responsibilities as may reasonably be required.

Planning

- Maintain high expectations of pupil behaviour, demonstrating a high level of discipline through positive and productive relationships and well-focused teaching.

- Assist in the development of schemes of work, teaching resources, marking policies and teaching strategies alongside other teachers and the subject lead.
- Assist in the development of the subject curriculum, ensuring the continued relevance to the needs of pupils.
- Identify clear teaching objectives, content, and lesson structures, and plan sequences of lessons appropriate to the subject content and the pupils being taught.
- Set appropriate and demanding expectations for pupils' learning, setting clear targets for pupils' learning based on prior attainment.
- Identify pupils who have additional educational needs and adapt lesson planning to cater for these needs.
- Incorporate the use of resources into lesson plans, ensuring that equipment is in good working order and suitable for teaching use, and that resources are used effectively.

Teaching

- Implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for the specified subject area, building on pupils' prior knowledge.
- Deliver lessons appropriate to pupils' different abilities and educational needs, ensuring that they are all able to progress to their potential.
- Provide and contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.
- Mark and monitor pupils' class and homework regularly, providing constructive oral and written feedback.
- Use assessments of pupils' progress to inform future teaching.
- Prepare informative and constructive written reports for parents which identify how each pupil is performing, and how they can improve within the classroom.
- Share and support the school's duty to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

Managing pupils

- Adhere to the processes outlined in the school's Behaviour Policy, ensuring that any poor levels of behaviour are dealt with appropriately.
- Through effective teaching, ensure that pupils are challenged and that best use is made of teaching time to promote good levels of behaviour.
- Employ a range of teaching methods to keep pupils engaged, e.g. through effective questioning, clear presentation and use of resources.

The post-holder will be required to comply with the Trust Code of Conduct. The post holder will have access to and be responsible for confidential information and documentation. They must ensure confidential or sensitive material is handled appropriately and accurately.

The post holder shall participate in the Trust's programme of Performance Management and Continuing Professional Development.

A willingness to undertake boarding duties is a requirement in the first year. Additional Boarding Emoluments are paid to staff undertaking boarding duties. Non-Resident Boarding Tutors (NRBTs) are paid an hourly rate starting at £19.73 per hour (depending on service and experience) for duties as part of a team supervising a boarding house in the evening.

REMUNERATION

- MPS minimum – UPS maximum

The post-holder will be auto enrolled to join the Teachers' pension scheme.

DRESS CODE

The post-holder will be expected to wear appropriate business attire. All staff will be supplied with appropriate Staff ID. This must be worn at all times to ensure that students, staff and visitors are able to identify employees.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECKS

Sapientia Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All staff must be prepared to undergo several vetting checks to confirm their suitability to work with children and young people. The Trust reserves the right to withdraw offers of employment where checks or references are deemed to be unsatisfactory.