Arden is a truly exceptional school at the heart of the community and the peak of academic excellence. Situated just minutes of Junction 5 of the M42 and only 3 miles from the town of Solihull, visitors are astounded by our confident and articulate pupils. The warmth and trust between teachers and students is exemplary as is the constant drive to achieve maximum personal and academic potential. As part of a Multi Academy Trust there is the opportunity for exceptional training and the sharing of knowledge and ideas.

**Teacher of Geography**

Full time, fixed term for one year

Salary - MPR/UPRS

Start date – 1st September 2021

In every way the Geography Department mirrors the aims and beliefs of the school. All staff work hard, supported by a committed management team, to provide a safe and encouraging environment for learning. Arden pupils love to acquire new knowledge and skills; our teachers relish the opportunity to deliver engaging, challenging lessons to committed pupils.

We are looking to appoint an outstanding teacher of Geography, initially fixed term for one year, to cover maternity leave.

The success of our staff development and opportunities for progression in areas across our Trust leads us with an opportunity to appoint an outstanding teacher of Geography. The successful candidate will have excellent subject knowledge and be able to motivate students through inspirational teaching. This is an excellent opportunity for a talented teacher to join a thriving school and work with students who are keen to learn. The opportunity for personal development and progression is enormous. An active commitment to staff development through a strong and consistent focus and dialogue around teaching & learning pedagogy makes this an ideal position for candidates committed to being the best practitioner they can be. Applications are welcomed from NQTs and experienced practitioners. Outstanding support is provided for NQTs through our very supportive and structured NQT programme.

The Geography department currently has five full time members of staff with a wealth of experience.

The school has a proven record of success at GCSE and A Level.  In summer 2019, 86% of pupils gained grades 9-4 in five or more subjects with over 87% of students also gaining a grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics (67% gaining grade 5 or above). The average progress 8 score is 0.46 and the attainment 8 score is 58.6.  Almost 40% of GCSE the grades awarded were grade 7 and an incredible 7% were grade 9.  At A Level over 97 % of the 2018-19 cohort achieved A\*-E with over 25% of the grades at A\*A. The Average Points Score per pupil is 34.7, giving an average grade per candidate of a C+. Our results for our 2019-20 cohort are in line with the data of the 2019 cohort. Our students continue to perform very well academically. Our job is to ensure that the results we achieve continue to improve year on year.

**Children of staff who are permanently employed at Arden Academy are eligible for a ‘staff’ priority for main school and Sixth Form admissions (please see Admissions on our school website for full details).**

Opportunities don’t arise very often to teach at a school like Arden and we are delighted to be offering the chance for someone to join the department.

In return we can offer you:

* A positive and innovative learning culture supported by students, staff, parents and governors
* Enthusiastic students who enjoy learning and engage positively in all aspects of school life
* As a Teaching School, access to high quality continuing professional development and the opportunity for personal growth and development
* A collaborative and supportive attitude amongst staff which promotes a sense of teamwork and unity
* A Senior Leadership team who is committed to promoting the best environment and outcomes for staff and students
* Your own personal laptop
* Teacher Pension and a Cycle to Work scheme

Further details are available to download from either the TES website or our school website – <http://www.arden.solihull.sch.uk/vacancies/> Application forms should be completed in full and attached to a letter of application. CVs will not be accepted. Please address all correspondence to Mr D Warwood, Associate Headteacher.

*Arden Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.*

**Closing Date: Wednesday 24th February (12 noon)**

**Date of Interviews: Friday 5th March 2021**