
TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

Contract Type:	Full time, maternity cover (in the first instance)
Required for:	Jan/Feb 2023
Closing Date for applications:	10:00am, Monday 12th Dec 2022
Interview date:	w/b 12th Dec 2022

This is an outstanding opportunity to join one of Oxfordshire's most successful schools. Wallingford School is a successful, oversubscribed, 8 form entry, mixed comprehensive Academy of over 1250 students aged 11-19, who come from Wallingford and its surrounding villages. We have an excellent reputation, enjoying strong support from parents and students, and a good and growing working relationship with the local community.

We are among the most successful schools in the country for progress in English and Maths. In 2022, 83% of our students achieved at least a grade 4 in English and Maths at GCSE, almost 40% of all grades achieved were at Grade 7 or above and 9% of all entries gained a Grade 9. At KS5, our A Level students are consistently in the top 25% nationally for Value Added progress. In our most recent results, 73% of all entries gained A*- B grades and 43% of all entries gained A*- A, including 15% at A*.

These results are great but our school is about much more than just exams. We are an inclusive school which – as the only secondary school in the town – is determined to serve its local community well. Comprehensive school values are important to us. Students of all abilities thrive at Wallingford and we pride ourselves on giving students a chance who may not have had one at other schools.

Staff – both teaching and associate – are happy at Wallingford. Professional development is important to us and our programme is varied but also bespoke to support individual needs and priorities. Our annual two-day Teaching and Learning Conference is probably the highlight of this programme. Student attitudes and behaviour are excellent and are frequently commented upon by visitors as being so. It is an excellent place to work and we are committed to staff wellbeing and a healthy work-life balance for all our colleagues.

THE GEOGRAPHY TEAM

Geography is part of the Humanities Curriculum Team at Wallingford School alongside History, Religious Studies, Philosophy and Media Studies. We are a large team with a wide variety of experiences and skills in all subjects and we regularly meet to share ideas related to teaching and learning across the department.

Geography is a very popular subject at Wallingford. An exciting and varied curriculum at KS3 leads to significant uptake at GCSE with over 100 students choosing Geography each year- around half of

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whom continue their studies to A-level. Geography is taught by a highly committed and enthusiastic team.

KS3

Geography is taught in 2 lessons per week in mixed ability tutor groups throughout KS3. Students complete a wide variety of units with an equal mixture of both human and physical in each year. In Y9 we focus on the evaluation skills necessary for success at GCSE.

GCSE

We follow the AQA specification at GCSE. Students are taught in mixed ability option groups and have 3 lessons (1 double and 1 single) each week.

A-Level

We follow the AQA specification at A-level. Students are taught 5 lessons per week with those lessons split between 2 staff who are specialists in physical and human Geography respectively. KS5 teaching will be available for a well-qualified candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA – Geography

Essential:

The successful candidate will:

- Hold Qualified Teacher Status
- Have an Enhanced DBS Certificate
- Have the ability and quality to teach Geography across the age and ability range
- Have the willingness to teach other Humanities subjects if necessary
- Be a good, enthusiastic team member
- Be a reflective practitioner, who has the potential to develop his/her own career further
- Have the ability to communicate effectively with staff, parents and students

Desirable:

The successful candidate will:

- Have enthusiasm for Geography
- Believe that students are capable of high standards, and expects them to achieve
- Have the capacity to develop our pupils both in Humanities subjects and beyond
- Enjoy working as part of a team and sharing expertise
- Be keen to contribute to the development of the department
- Have competent ICT skills

GENERAL DUTIES

At The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust we pride ourselves on providing a safe and happy environment where young people can flourish and we want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part within it. This job description should be read in conjunction with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the provisions of that document

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will apply to the post holder. The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

You will be expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as outlined in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document currently in operation, or any subsequent legislation. The performance of all the duties and responsibilities shown below will be under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, or other Senior Manager if appropriate, who will be mindful of his/her duty to ensure that the employee has a reasonable workload and sufficient support to carry out the duties of the post.

The successful candidate will be expected to be a form tutor and help with the delivery of the school's PSHE programme. In addition to support from within the Humanities team, newly appointed staff are able to benefit from the induction support programme.

This post is for maternity cover in the first instance but there is the possibility of the post becoming permanent. Part time applications may be considered.

You will find many opportunities at Wallingford Schools Academy Trust and we look forward to receiving your application.

TEACHERS PENSION DETAILS

The link for teaching staff to the Teachers' Pension website is:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/>

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust employs teaching staff working at Wallingford Schools Academy on the conditions of service contained in the General Terms and Conditions of Employment for Teaching Staff which can be found at

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/teachers-conditions-employment>

Please see our privacy notice:

<http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/documents/category/24-privacy-notice>

TO APPLY

Please complete the attached application form and email to recruit@wallingfordschool.com

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