

Whitstone School
inspiring futures



TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in joining us at Whitstone School. This is a very exciting time for an inspirational, ambitious teacher to be joining our school and particularly within the Geography subject area. The post offers space and time for an outstanding individual to teach within the department, contribute to the development of schemes of learning within the subject and also to the wider student experience across the school.

I joined Whitstone School in January 2020 and have thoroughly enjoyed working with our students, staff, parents and trustees to improve standards in all aspects of school life, develop teaching and learning and CPD as key areas of school life and forge new and exciting links with the wider community. It is clear that Whitstone School is a wonderful place to work and I am looking forward to seeing the school develop as our student numbers increase considerably over the coming years. Whitstone School is a fully inclusive, comprehensive school which serves the community of Shepton Mallet and surrounding areas. We are proud of our students and of the environment in which they learn, which challenges, supports and cares for them as we prepare them for the next stage of their education. In April 2022, we received an Ofsted inspection which was glowing about the standard of education, the quality of the CPD provision and the feedback from staff regarding their wellbeing.

At Whitstone School, we are able to offer the successful candidate a wealth of career development opportunities, the chance to join a happy and motivated staff group and free access to our on-site Leisure Centre. I am committed to ensuring that professional development is at the heart of school life and that career development for all staff is highly valued. We have invested heavily in our leaders within school, including a recent Insight Profile assessment and subsequent training programme. All of our leaders are trained coaches and contribute to the development of teaching and learning within school.

To apply, please submit a covering letter of no more than two sides of A4 setting out the skills and experience you would bring to this role and complete the application form. For further details about the school, please visit our website <http://www.whitstoneschool.org/>

Preliminary conversations regarding the role can be arranged by contacting Miss Lara Schofield at lara.schofield@whitstoneschool.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Swallow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Guy Swallow

Headteacher



Welcome to Whitstone School

Whitstone School is a thriving comprehensive school offering young people the opportunity of a bright future. Our staff inspire students with their passion for teaching, their care for all learners and the desire they show to help every child to succeed. Our beautiful school site and investment in learning spaces provides an environment in which students excel.

The Whitstone School community is built upon a shared commitment to supporting our students in their goal to achieve high standards in all that they do. We believe that the education we provide equips our young people to be happy, successful adults and gives them the skills and attributes they need to be fully prepared for life after secondary school. Student conduct in lessons and around the school site is excellent. Our students tell us that this helps them to access learning and to feel safe, respected and valued.

At Whitstone School, we firmly believe that the inspiring experience our students receive in the classroom is instrumental in their learning and academic development. We are truly proud of our highly trained teachers and we place great emphasis on their continual development to ensure that the lessons our students receive are at the cutting edge of educational research and thinking. Our highly motivated and skilled staff focus relentlessly on the experience our young people receive in the classroom. We are proud of this focus on learning and see the benefit in the continued academic success of our students.

Our school community is very aware of the importance of a secure, happy and caring school environment in allow young people to succeed. Whitstone School has established an excellent reputation throughout Somerset as an inclusive and caring school; being large enough to offer an innovative and inspiring curriculum to all students, whilst of a scale that ensures all students are well-known and their needs clearly understood. Our House system, complete with student leaders, inter-House competitions and House charities, develops both a sense of belonging and encourages peer support and guidance. The Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre, owned by our school, provides a clear connection with our wider community and also offers our students excellent sports facilities.



JOB DESCRIPTION: SUBJECT TEACHER

Job Title: Subject Teacher Geography

Salary Scale: Main Scale / UPS

Job Purpose:

To teach Geography and be responsible for students' learning and progress.

To work as part of a team that promotes the teaching and learning of Geography.

Responsibilities – The post holder will be responsible for:

- the effective delivery of a subject specific scheme of work to groups of students across the age and ability range
- the planning and preparation of appropriate lessons
- the marking and assessment of students' work
- the use of a range of teaching and learning approaches
- the inspiration and motivation of young people through your teaching
- the progress and performance of students in your teaching groups
- the keeping of appropriate records of students' work
- attendance at parents' evenings, subject meetings and other meetings as appropriate
- participation in your own performance management by your immediate line manager
- the effective guidance and support of an aspire group
- following safeguarding procedures and being aware that the safety and well-being of students is the responsibility of all members of the school community

Application Form

To access an application form, please visit our website at <http://www.whitstoneschool.org/>.