Teacher of Girls’ PE and Cover Supervisor

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of Girls’ PE teacher / cover supervisor. We are seeking an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher to contribute to the school’s tradition of encouraging and developing keen sportspeople and as well encouraging participation for all.

The Chantry School is based in rural West Worcestershire and is a high achieving, over-subscribed, academy of 760 pupils set to rise to 875 by September 2022 and is rated outstanding by Ofsted. In 2019, 71% of our pupils achieved 5 GCSEs 9-4inc. English and Maths and a P8 score of +0.2.

The success of the school is rooted in a belief that we will continually strive for the very best for each child, both academically and pastorally. Attendance is excellent, as is behaviour which leads to an exceptionally good climate both in and out of lessons. Teachers, support staff and pupils work well together, with a strong sense of community evident. Visitors to the school often comment on the positive atmosphere in lessons and corridors. We benefit from a strong and involved governing body and supportive parents. The school is a very pleasant place to work and to enjoy teaching very well motivated young people. The school has excellent PE facilities comprising of a large, modern sports hall with an indoor climbing wall, fitness studio, a gymnasium, and extensive playing fields.

The department currently consists of 5 male and 4 female staff, some of whom have responsibility outside of the department, including a thriving primary school sports partnership. The department are committed to further developing the curriculum to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum that develops pupils’ skills and passion for sport and builds genuine life-long habits.

Our pupils are keen to learn and respond extremely well to high quality teaching. There are two hours curriculum time per week for Physical Education at both Key Stage 3 and 4 with eight, mixed ability teaching groups at KS3 and eight at KS4. There is also both a GCSE and sports science option which currently attracts in excess of 20 pupils for each group. This grouping structure enables the department to offer a wide range of curricular activity and opportunity. At KS3 the focus is on a traditional PE curriculum, but at KS4 the opportunities to provide greater breadth lead to, for example, pupils taking fitness options, alongside traditional sports.

There is a full programme of sporting fixtures and extra-curricular activity and currently the sports offered are athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, dance, football, gymnastics, hockey, indoor climbing, netball, rounders, rugby and tennis. It is an expectation that the successful candidate will take a full part in extra-curricular PE, and we welcome all new initiatives in this area.

The school invests heavily in CPD and we have a strong team of teaching staff who are committed to developing their teaching still further, and thus ensure that even more students reach their full potential. We believe we can always be better. The Chantry School is an excellent environment for a colleague to further develop their career.

Please refer to the job description and person specification for exact details of our requirements for this post. Essentially, we are seeking a highly committed and talented colleague who is keen to work in a very high achieving school. Our pupils are motivated and well behaved. Staff are highly committed and hard working. There is not currently the need for full time teaching in this role; the successful candidate will also have a role delivering cover supervision across the school so this is an opportunity for full time employment.

If you feel, after examining all the information, you would like to apply we will welcome your application. Visits prior to application are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting my PA, Lesley Webb, at the school. Should this not be the post for you, we wish you well in your future career.

Yours sincerely

Andy Dickenson

Headteacher