

# TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

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## The Post

We are looking for an inspiring, committed mathematician to join our vibrant department. The Blue Coat Mathematics department offers an ambitious teacher a unique range of opportunities. The department is at the forefront of creative and innovative maths teaching and is involved in a number of national pilots and research projects on the future of maths teaching. The department trains aspiring maths teachers through the School Direct programme, through our SCITT, Manchester Nexus. Mathematics and Further Mathematics are thriving at A-level, with multiple groups in both years 12 and 13. The successful applicant will be able to teach across the full age and ability range, and will have every opportunity for rapid professional development in a supportive and exciting environment.

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## The Department

The Mathematics department is currently made up of fifteen full time teachers and one part-time teacher. Together with the head of department, the management structure includes a 2 i/c and two joint 3 i/c post holders. In addition, there are two Assistant Headteachers: one is the director of KS4 and one is responsible for Teaching and Learning. This vibrant department gives all teachers the opportunity and support to take a lead in areas of interest contributing to their own professional development.

Maths is a successful department characterised by strong team work and excellent working relationships. Everyone contributes to the work of the department by developing resources and materials. Continuing professional development is integral. Maths RQTs (recently qualified teachers) are invited to pursue the TAM course (Teaching Advanced Mathematics) which is run by MEI and hosted by MMU. Other professional development opportunities include involvement in our STEP program (Sixth Term Examination Paper) for students in year 13 preparing for Oxbridge and other Russell group universities. Our staff have the opportunity to train aspiring maths teachers through our SCITT. We can guarantee that the successful applicant, irrespective of their experience, will be offered every opportunity to extend their professional development throughout all the key stages at Blue Coat.

The maths department is located in a new, purpose built, suite of classrooms. Teachers have their own classrooms and there is a maths department workroom. All classrooms have a digital projector and an interactive whiteboard. Maths runs a wide range of extra-curricular activities for all students. We enter many competitions and challenges, both locally and nationally. National competitions include the UKMT challenges (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust based at Leeds University). We also offer support to all our students at lunchtime through our homework club for years 7 through to 11 and for our sixth form students through our study support classes.

Maths is a lively, forward-looking department of dedicated professionals who seek to inspire and enthuse students to enjoy mathematics, both in class and beyond, whilst encouraging and contributing to their cultural and personal development.

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