

The Blue School

‘Together, we’ll succeed’



Job Description

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We are looking to appoint a positive, dynamic, enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher to join our successful maths team and to help build on that success. Candidates will be committed to using creative and engaging teaching and learning to instil a passion for maths in their students. We welcome applications from experienced teachers as well as those new to the profession.

As a Research School, we work with the evidence to continually develop the best practice and we are looking for a committed professional to join us on that ambitious educational journey.

In return we offer:

- A school committed to the values of respect, empathy and politeness. The school has served the community of Wells and the surrounding area for nearly 400 years. We believe that by working together, we'll succeed.
- An 11-18 school with a thriving Sixth Form. We are a truly comprehensive school which focuses on meeting the needs of all students.
- A commitment to your continued professional development. All teaching staff are members of a coaching group where they share best practice and work collaboratively to refine their pedagogy.
- Access to the latest evidence-based practice. As a Research School, we help teachers get 'closer to the evidence' through communication, training and support for innovation.
- A supportive team of teachers, support staff and governors who take great pride in their work and celebrate one another's success.
- The chance to work alongside our amazing, positive and inspirational students who love learning and deserve the very best in teaching and learning opportunities.

Main features of the department

There are ten full-time members of the department and four part-time colleagues. In addition, there is a maths intervention tutor who provides additional support for students in small groups. The department also has a Curriculum Assistant to support all colleagues in the delivery of the curriculum.

The department is located in a suite of nine rooms in the school's Kennion Block. In September 2022, Y7 students will be taught in bespoke teaching groups. Y8-11 will be placed in three bands based on the pace of learning they are able to manage and whether they are likely to take a higher or foundation paper at GCSE.

GCSE students follow the EdExcel linear syllabus. Work is based around a variety of resources according to student needs.

Examination results are consistently high. During the last three years at least 78% of all students entered gained a GCSE grade 4 or above.

Extensive student interviews suggest that the vast majority recognise the importance of maths and want to succeed in this area.

A level maths in the Sixth Form is very popular with at least two groups in each year and a further maths group.

More than 80% of A Level maths students in the last four years have attained a grade A* - B; more than 95% of further maths students in the last four years achieved A*-B. Alps data confirms student progress is at least excellent in both subjects.

Main responsibilities of the post

The following should not be viewed as an exhaustive job description, but as an indication of some of the important elements of the role:

- to convey to students your enthusiasm and passion for the subject of maths;
- to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with other members of the departmental team;
- to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with students;
- to plan, prepare and deliver lessons, which meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and GCSE Specifications;
- to contribute to the use of ICT within maths lessons;
- to monitor and report the progress of students in your individual classes as directed by the departmental and school assessment policy;
- to attend and contribute to departmental meetings;
- to contribute to developing departmental resources and short, medium and long term plans;
- to be a tutor;
- to undertake all other duties associated with being a teacher at The Blue School.

