September 2021

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Mathematics at The Piggott School. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site has 1553 students and 175 staff.

The mathematics department has a history of very strong examination results over a period of many years at all Key Stages. In 2019 they achieved ALPS 2 for GCSE Mathematics, ALPS 2 for A level Mathematics and ALPS 2 for A Level Further Mathematics. In 2020 the equivalent outcomes were ALPS 2, ALPS 2 and ALPS 3. Likewise, in 2021, the outcomes were ALPS 2, ALPS 3 and ALPS 2 respectively.

The maths teaching team consists of 7 full time and 7 part time specialist maths teachers with a range of experience from recently qualified to those who have been teaching for many years.

In addition to teaching staff, we have two numeracy coaches who work predominantly on a one-to-one basis with lower prior attainers in KS3 and also a further two LSAs attached to the department.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, classes are timetabled in half year blocks. At regular intervals the students are tested and any necessary movement between sets takes place. At the end of Year 9, students are assessed and placed by ability in sets across the whole year group for Years 10 and 11. At A level we have four or five mathematics classes in each year group as well as a Further Maths class. At Key Stage 4 we offer an options course combining Level 2 Further Mathematics and GCSE Statistics. At Key Stage 5 we have recently launched a course in Core Mathematics.

The department is located on the first floor of a modern building where there are dedicated maths teaching rooms, a breakout area, kitchen and maths office. On the ground floor there is a full suite of computers which classes can use.

All mathematics teaching staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons, with good practice being shared amongst all to support continuous improvement in teaching and learning. The departmental team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping the department move forward over the coming years.

Our mission is to be a school which inspires and encourages the highest achievement for each and every child. I believe that our school provides the correct balance and blend of academic challenge, personal care and enrichment which fosters the holistic development of each and every student.

The quality of teaching and learning at our school enables us to achieve our aim to help every student to develop into the very best they can be: to be independent in their thinking, to value lifelong learning, to be open to new ideas, to encourage respect and tolerance.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our students are a delight to teach, with OfSTED grading us outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare and SIAMS grading our school as outstanding.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Preston, my PA, (prestonc@piggottschool.org) if you have any questions about the application or appointment process or any questions for me. You are also very welcome to contact Sue Forrest, Head of Mathematics (s.forrest@piggottschool.org).

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

D J Gray

Headteacher

Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day.