

The Blue Coat School

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Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Physics at The Blue Coat School (http://www.blue-coat.org).

From humble beginnings, we have become one of the biggest, and most successful schools in the country. The school has a national reputation for high-quality teaching and learning, pastoral care, consistently high examinations results, and outstanding progress. Our most recent Ofsted Inspection, in 2022, judge the school to be outstanding in every category. We are a National Teaching School Hub and have recently been announced as one of the very first National Modern Foreign Language Lead School Hubs - just one of 19 across the Country.

Blue Coat is dedicated to serving young people, to enable them to become everything they can be and everything they are meant to be. We are a Church of England school that welcomes other Christian denominations, and of other faiths, and none. Our Anglican beliefs, values and worship are the core of our life together in school.

We are looking to appoint an exceptional teacher to join our Science Department and physics team. We want to appoint someone who is passionate and enthusiastic about science but who also has a genuine love of physics that they want to share with our young people. Many of our students go onto study physics at A Level and at university, and we want to appoint someone who will inspire the next generation of physicists.

Science is a popular and valued subject at Blue Coat. The successful candidate will be joining a large, knowledgeable, experienced, and professional department and in this environment, they will be able to grow and develop as a professional as they are supported to teach across Key Stage 3, 4 and 5. As well as joining our large science department, they will also be joining our team of 5 physics specialists, which provides the platform for thoughtful, intelligent, inquisitive and professional dialogue around what makes exceptional physics teaching.

Our curriculum is underpinned by a consistent pedagogy that understands how pupils learn and make progress in science. As well as consistent approaches to pedagogy, lessons are also very practical as this is how young people learn, have fun and most importantly, develop a passion for science. Importance.







The successful candidate will teach physics at Key Stage 4 and 5 and may be asked to teach general science at Key Stage 3. Experience of teaching Key Stage 5 previously would be beneficial but is not essential. The successful candidate will be provided with any relevant support and professional development to enable them to pick up Key Stage 5 teaching responsibilities when they are ready to do so.

Our aim is that all our pupils become good human beings - good friends, neighbours, citizens - people we are proud to know. Their social and emotional development, their self-respect and their ability to self-manage are just as important as their cognitive development. Pupils who are happy and secure in their school learn well and become successful people. High-quality pastoral care is at the core of the school.

In brief we are looking for:

- A teacher committed to ambition, excellence and community who will work with staff across
 the school to drive the growth and development of The Blue Coat School as an outstanding
 provider for our young people.
- An inspiring informed educationalist with a clear understanding of what makes exceptional teaching in physics.
- Someone who will do their utmost to ensure that all of our pupils' leave with a love and passion for science and physics that they will take with them into their adult lives.
- Someone who will inspire pupils and the staff they work with and build strong relationships with our parents, carers and community partners.

This is an exciting and challenging role. It is a post for a dedicated, energetic and creative professional. The demands will be varied, interesting and developmental. The person specification sets out the key experience, commitment and essential professional skills and qualities that we are looking for.

Full details about the post and application form are available from: https://careers.cranmereducationtrust.com/vacancies

If you would like to discuss the position further, please contact Clare Ainsworth, PA to Headteacher (secretary@blue-coat.org) to arrange a call with a member of the science leadership team.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Higgins Headteacher