



TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY (MATERNITY COVER CONTRACT) *Job Description*

Start Date:	1st January 2025
Contract:	Temporary - maternity cover
Hours:	Full-time preferably, although part-time with range of 0.6 to 1.0 may be considered
Salary:	Prince Henry's Main/Upper Pay Scale for teachers £30,149 to £47,034 per annum fte (pay award pending)

The Post

Due to the forthcoming maternity leave of our Head of Department, we are looking to appoint a newly-qualified or experienced teacher who will be able to teach Psychology to A Level. Although we would ideally like to appoint a teacher on a full-time basis, part-time may be available within a range of 0.6 to full-time.

The successful candidate will be committed to the highest standards of academic achievement and behaviour and will genuinely enjoy working with teenagers of all abilities. They will have a clear understanding of how to achieve and maintain high standards and will already have a record as an excellent classroom teacher or, for applicants still in training, the potential to become outstanding.

We believe that this post offers an excellent opportunity for job satisfaction and for personal and professional development and we welcome applications from suitably qualified Early Career Teachers or those with teaching experience. The school has been oversubscribed for several years and it is a feature of our intake that the very great majority of our students wish to do well and wish to work hard, with the school, to achieve this.

Psychology has been one of our most popular A Level subjects for many years, delivering consistently excellent results and with many students choosing to pursue the subject at degree level.

Prince Henry's offers a full programme of STEM and other extra-curricular activities made possible by the outstanding commitment of members of staff. The successful candidate will be most welcome to contribute to the school's general programme of extra-curricular activities. The appointee will also be a Form Tutor and be part of a year team.

The Curriculum

Students follow the AQA A-Level course, with the curriculum being broken down as follows:

Year 12

- Students start by looking at the main Approaches in Psychology; each has its own way of explaining human behaviour and we will examine the similarities and differences between them.
- They will then use the theories from the main approaches to study Psychopathology; focusing on conditions such as phobias, OCD and depression.
- The approaches use a range of Research Methods to study human behaviour; students will learn about these different methods and carry out their own research with participants.

- In Attachment, students will learn about how early childhood experiences can have a profound impact on later behaviour.
- They will understand what causes people to conform and obey in the topic of Social Influence.
- During the topic of Memory, students will learn about why we forget as well as factors that influence the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.
- In Biopsychology, students will learn about how our brains recover after damage as well as how our sleep-wake cycle works

Year 13

- Within the topic of Issues and Debates, students will look at the relative importance of nature and nurture and whether we are free to choose our behaviour.
- They will also look at the application of psychological theories to help us understand and treat conditions in the topics of Addiction and Schizophrenia.
- Students will then study the topic of Gender where they will learn about the different explanations of gender, as well as the impact of atypical sex chromosome patterns and the causes of gender dysphoria

The Department

The Psychology teaching team currently comprises:

Mrs Tanisa Lancaster (Head of Department)

Mrs Lara Weller (also Teacher of PE, Deputy Head of Year & Activities Co-ordinator)

Mrs Ellie McNally (Head of Sociology and Health & Social Care, currently on maternity leave)

Accommodation

The Psychology Department is located within our Sixth Form Centre, which has recently undergone a complete refurbishment and expansion, and now offers an excellent environment for teaching and learning.

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