

The Blue School

'The best we can achieve'



Teacher of Religion and Philosophy

**Maternity cover - Full time from
September 2021**

Job Description



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Full time, fixed term position from 1st September 2021.

To cover maternity leave, expected to last the full academic year.

A wonderful opportunity exists for an innovative Teacher of Religion & Philosophy in our remarkable school. 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. We are looking to appoint a teacher with the ability to teach Religion and Philosophy at KS3 and KS4, although it may be possible to offer A level teaching for a suitably qualified candidate. The ability to teach across KS3 humanities would be an advantage.

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

At present there are two full-time and two part-time specialist teachers in the department and one non-specialist. We also enjoy the support of a Curriculum Assistant who is shared with the MFL department.

At Key Stage 3, The Blue School programme of study covers a range of different religions, world views, values and traditions, allowing students to explore their own beliefs and questions of meaning. During Year 9 students are given some taster modules of the Key Stage 4 GCSE course.

All teaching at Key Stage 3 is currently in mixed ability groups.

The successful candidate may be required to teach a small number of lessons in History and/or Geography (KS3).

The department is accommodated within our Barkham building with four specialist classrooms and an office.

The subject is consistently popular and thriving at KS4 and KS5 where results have been consistently good.

For further information about the department's courses please see the KS4 and KS5 sections of the school website.

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Main responsibilities of the post:

- To motivate and support students.
- To develop and maintain a positive working relationship with students.
- To develop and maintain a positive working relationship with other members of the departmental team.
- To promote our positive view of philosophy and religion within the school community.
- To plan, prepare and deliver lessons, which meet the requirement of the National Curriculum.
- To attend and contribute to departmental meetings.
- To take an equal part in developing departmental resources, schemes of work and short, medium and long term plans.
- To monitor the progress of students in your individual classes as directed by the departmental assessment policy.
- To complete administrative duties relating to students (e.g. progress reviews/reporting).
- To work as a tutor.
- To undertake all other duties associated with being a teacher at The Blue School.

