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Collingwood College Recruitment Information

Teacher of Science



Dear Applicant,

Our vision for Collingwood is to be the College of first choice for all our parents and we are currently on a journey to move from Ofsted Good to Outstanding!

Collingwood College is committed to developing responsible, aspirational, independent, happy and well-rounded young people with the self-belief to reach their goals.

Our students are the focus of everything we do. We have found that by listening to students' views and offering them the opportunity to work with each other, staff and governors, they are an integral part of our relentless drive for improvement.

Collingwood College offers all students an inclusive, flexible and stimulating educational experience. With a strong emphasis on personal development and a very wide range of leadership opportunities and extra-curricular activities, we are able to offer challenges that motivate and appeal to all individuals.

Our academic performance is consistently high and in recent years students have achieved excellent results at pre and post 16 level. In 2020, the percentage of students who gained 5+ good passes at GCSE was 81% and in the sixth form 59% of qualifications were at A*-B (or equivalent). This continued level of success is down to the hard work of our students and their teachers.

We believe that our staff are the foundation upon which the success of the College depends and recognise that our employees are the most important asset of the college.

Collingwood welcomes and encourages applications from Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs). We have an outstanding induction programme for NQTs and we were recently awarded 'exceeding expectations' for provision and support provided to NQTs by our Appropriate body, Hampshire County Council.

We empower our employees to utilise their talents and skills to make a positive and significant contribution to the quality of teaching, learning and personal development that the College provides for its students.

We look forward to receiving your application for this post.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eden Tanner', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Eden Tanner
Principal

Introduction

Collingwood College is Surrey Heath's first high-performing Academy. Collingwood is one of Surrey's largest and most successful secondary schools for students aged 11-19. We have more than 1700 students, including a Sixth Form of well over 250 and 250 teaching and support staff, all of whom are dedicated to ensuring that all our students fulfil their potential and enjoy to the full their secondary education.

As a comprehensive school specialising in Technology and Applied Learning, we welcome students of all abilities. The College offers an outstanding range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities, which few other schools can match. The website provides you with an insight into the many benefits and advantages that a Collingwood education offers.

Technology specialism means that at Collingwood every subject area uses technology to enhance student learning within their curriculum and particularly the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Our wide range of alternative qualifications reflects our second specialism in Applied Learning.



The College's very successful OFSTED inspection in January 2017 confirmed it to be a good school with outstanding leadership and management. Collingwood's breadth of curriculum and the quality of the Sixth Form received particular praise. Academic performance at GCSE and A Level is impressive. Our relentless focus on English and Maths ensures results at GCSE are consistently high. Able students are stretched with, on average, 20% of the cohort achieving 5 or more 7-9 grades each year.

The diverse talents of our students supported by committed and highly experienced staff are key factors in the success of the College. All Collingwood students are offered a wide range of personal development and leadership opportunities within their curriculum. The contribution of extra-curricular activities such as the College's Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the PiXL Edge Leadership programme, the wide-ranging educational visits programme, which includes visits to our partner school in Shanghai, ski trips to Europe and the USA, student visits to France and Spain and annual international expeditions are significant.

We have a thriving Sixth Form based in a purpose-built teaching centre. The majority of our students progress into our Sixth Form and from there into higher education. We offer extensive academic and vocational programmes of study.

Working with us at Collingwood

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Collingwood College is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Collingwood College employs around 130 teaching staff which are supported by colleagues within the following areas: Administration, Laboratory, Art and Technology Technicians, Learning Support Assistants and our Site Team.

The College's commitment to our staff confirms:

- We believe that our employees are the foundation upon which the success of the College depends;
- We recognise that our employees are the most important asset of the College and we ensure that their talents and skills are well managed, nourished and developed;
- We believe that every employee should be empowered to make a positive and significant contribution to the quality of teaching, learning and personal development that the College provides for its students.

Further, at Collingwood College we take our **Staff well-being** very seriously. Our staff are our biggest asset and we therefore want to take steps to ensure that staff are looked after and that **workload** is manageable.

We have taken the following measures to look after staff well-being:

- All staff have access to a 24-hour helpline from Health Assured
- We have an electronic absence management system which allows us to monitor and support staff with their attendance at work.
- Introduced 3 well-being weeks in the College calendar whereby there are no staff meetings and instead a range of activities such as Mindfulness, Yoga and Power Walking are available to staff.
- We have used our INSET time in a creative way to allow for greater flexibility with term dates.
- We hold a dedicated Staff Development Group meeting who meet half termly and organise social events
- We run regular staff theatre trips
- We hold staff competitions such as Bake Off and Sewing Bee
- Staff are served a Christmas lunch and a Summer BBQ at the end of terms 1 and 3.

We have also taken steps to reduce Teacher workload:

- We regularly review the timetable and have reduced the number of classes that staff teach. In addition, we aim to give staff a classroom base where possible
- We changed our Marking policy to a Feedback policy
- We have reduced the frequency of when detailed written feedback is expected
- Staff will be issued with a **Microsoft Surface Pro** to allow for collaborative planning and **reduced workload**
- Over the last three years we have reduced the instances when assessment data is uploaded which is in line with recent DfE guidelines.
- We have reduced the number of meetings staff are expected to attend as well as completed an analysis of the calendar to ensure that non PPA events are spread out evenly throughout the year.

- We have introduced a Referral Room system to support with in class behaviour management and decrease the amount of administration with setting a detention

If you are looking to further your career within a stimulating, challenging, rewarding and caring environment.

The Role

To support the successful implementation and development of the school's academic and pastoral programme as a member of the Science Department. The role is full time but part time applications will also be considered.. This role is suitable for EQTs who are looking for their first teaching post as well as applicants returning to work after a career break.

A TLR may be available within the department.

We would also be interested in applications from teachers who have an interest to teach both Science and Maths.

The Department

Collingwood College has a flourishing Science Department. The Department endeavours to ensure that students find all areas of science stimulating, enjoyable and highly relevant subject. The Department helps Students to develop confidence in their science ability to meet new challenges and succeed. The Department has high expectations of all students and is focused on helping them achieve their very best, in classwork, homework, school examinations and public examinations. The Department provides pupils with a rich variety of lessons and a broad range of opportunities to extend their learning. The Department continually explores new and interesting ways to teach the subject, in order to engage pupils at every level and ensure all reach their full potential.

The Science Department results are improving year on year, with 77% achieving Grades 9-4 at GCSE last year. The popularity of Science is growing within the school with numbers taking A Level is increasing. In the Sixth Form we offer A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics as well as a level 3 Btec in Applied Science.

A particular strength of the department is the way we identify and challenge our (gifted and talented students. We also work closely with our SEND Department and Pupil Premium Lead to support some of our students, including extra support lessons.

There are currently 14 members of the Science Department, teaching from KS3 to A Level, with a mix of full-time, part-time and staff with additional responsibilities within the school. We are very well supported by a team of 6 excellent and experienced technicians.

Application Process

An application form can be obtained on our website www.collingwoodcollege.com .
Completed application forms should be returned to the HR Department
hr@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

Closing Date: 28 November 2021

Interview Date: Week Commencing 6th December 2021.

Suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date and Collingwood College reserves the right to withdraw the position if an early appointment is made.

Collingwood College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

Interviews

We will look to hold the interviews face to face. Short-listed applicant will be invited into to the school and asked to complete a lesson observation, have a tour of the school and if successful following this process be interviewed by the recruiting manager and the Principal or Vice Principal.

If for any reason the Covid-19 guidance changes or the school takes the decision to minimise external visits to the school then Microsoft Teams interviews will be conducted and this will include responses to a pre-released task, relevant to the role i.e. Planning a Lesson or given a presentation of a subject area followed by an interview

Probationary Periods

All posts are subject are to a probationary period. For teachers this is 2 full terms, for support staff this is 6 months. Collingwood College's Probationary Policy is available upon request.

Remuneration and Benefits

Collingwood College has its own generous pay scale and the financial package offered will be commensurate with the responsibilities of the post and the experience of the person appointed.

All new staff appointments are subject to verification of fitness to work, receipt of two satisfactory references, qualification verification, clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service at Enhanced level as well as other checks relevant to the role.

Access to other benefits including:

- Outstanding facilities, including free on-site parking
- All Collingwood College teachers up to the age of 75 are eligible to belong to the Teacher's Pension Scheme, and will automatically become members unless they opt out. Further information can be found at www.teacherspensions.co.uk Member of the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- 24/7 Employee Assistant programme for staff and their families
- BUPA Cash Plan
- Exclusive savings, discounts and offers through My Staff Shop including Cycle to Work Scheme

- Flexible leave of absence policy

Training and Development

At Collingwood we are committed to providing a well-structured staff development programme to enhance personal and team development. All new staff received the following training:

- Collingwood College Company Induction
- Safeguarding and Prevent Training
- Mandatory and Compliance Training including Fire Awareness and Health and Safety at Work
- Training linked directly to the job role, which may be delivered by other colleagues or external trainers

In addition, staff can have:

- An opportunity to access other training as detailed in the termly training calendar
- An opportunity to access training outside the college linked directly to your role or career aspirations
- Other on-line training relevant to the role.

For New Qualified Teachers we have developed a specific training programme to support you through your induction year.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Teacher of Science

All teachers will be expected to meet the appropriate Teacher Standards

REPORTS TO:	Head of Science
QUALIFICATIONS:	Qualified to degree level or professional equivalent Qualified to teach and work in the UK
JOB PURPOSE:	<p>Within the framework laid down by current legislation, the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the Contract of Employment the post holder will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a quality of teaching and learning provision that can be judged to be at least 'good' (according to the Ofsted evaluation framework) and ensures all students make at least good progress; • be accountable for the attainment and progress of all students who are taught by the post holder; • supervise and guide the work of any support staff (including Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) and Higher Level Learning Support Assistants (HLTAs) who are assigned to work with post holder's classes/students; • to provide pastoral support and guidance for all students in the post holder's care, classes or form group;
DIRECT INVOLVEMENT WITH:	Senior staff, teachers of Science, support staff, parents/carers and students
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	Teaching of KS3, KS4 and potentially KS5 Science (Physics preferred)
1.	To set clear learning objectives and plan for and teach students of all abilities within each class
2.	Use data, including prior attainment, to plan lessons and learning materials to establish a purposeful working atmosphere and providing challenging and inspirational learning experiences which motivate and support all students to make at least good progress
3.	To have high aspirations and set challenging targets for all students
4.	To set high expectations for students behaviour, learning, motivation and presentation of work by
5.	To work in collaboration with Learning Support Assistants assigned to any teaching group/student within the group
6.	To promote and develop literacy and numeracy skills throughout teaching and learning activities so that literacy and numeracy do not present barriers to learning
7.	Set work for students absent from school for health or disciplinary reasons

8.	To ensure that teaching room, resources and equipment are maintained in good order with particular regard to Health & Safety and security of property
9.	To ensure that Health and Safety policies and practices are in place and are observed and, where appropriate, that risk assessments are carried out as necessary
10.	To ensure that a stimulating learning environment is maintained in the classroom including provision of a high quality of display
11.	To liaise with the technician to ensure appropriate practical equipment is available to support planned activities

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Assessment Recording and Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To record students' attendance and attainment 2. To mark, assess and return students work in line with College policy, providing constructive oral and written feedback with clear targets and guidance for future improvement 3. To attend Parents' Evenings, Academic Review Days and appropriate individual meetings to keep parents/carers informed as to attainment and the progress of their child towards targets 4. Be familiar with information relating to students who have additional needs and use this to ensure all students are supported appropriately
Pastoral Responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons 2. To participate in the pastoral organisation of the school as a form tutor, if required 3. To be the first point of contact for parents/carers in the assigned tutor group 4. To promote good attendance and punctuality and monitor in accordance with the College's Attendance Policy providing support/intervention for those who find it hard to maintain high standards 5. To deliver 'Thought for the Week' to the form group 6. To attend and contribute to assemblies as required
General Professional Responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To attend meetings as part of the agreed meeting cycle 2. To undertake professional development appropriate to identified need 3. To support and implement all relevant teaching and learning area policies 4. To carry out specific break duties as timetabled

PERSON SPECIFICATION

CATEGORY	ESSENTIAL	DESIREABLE	EVIDENCE
Qualifications and Training	QTS or Recognised equivalent	Good Honours Degree	Application Form Letter of Application
Experience	Teaching experience with the age range and/or subject(s) applying for		Application Form Interview
Skills, Knowledge and Aptitude	<p>Create a stimulating and safe learning environment.</p> <p>Establish and maintain a purposeful working atmosphere.</p> <p>Plan, prepare and deliver the curriculum as relevant to the age and ability group/subject that you teach, other relevant initiatives and the school's own policies.</p> <p>Assess and record the progress of pupils' learning to inform next steps and monitor progress.</p> <p>Demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities and use a variety of strategies and practices to promote the diverse cultural and equality issues in the classroom.</p> <p>Teach using a wide variety of strategies to maximise achievement for all children including those with special educational needs and high achievers and to meet differing learning styles.</p>		<p>Letter of Application</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>Lesson Observation</p>

	<p>Encourage children in developing self-esteem and respect for others.</p> <p>Deploy a wide range of effective behaviour management strategies, successfully.</p> <p>Communicate to a range of audiences (verbal, written, using ICT as appropriate).</p> <p>Use ICT to advance pupils' learning, and use common ICT tools for their own and pupils' benefit.</p>		
Personal Attributes	<p>Demonstrate a commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -equalities -promoting the school's vision and ethos -high quality, stimulating learning environments -relating positively to and showing respect for all members of the school and wider community -ongoing relevant professional self-development -safeguarding and child protection 		<p>Letter of Application</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>Lesson Observation</p> <p>Presentation (if requested)</p>