



AMERSHAM SCHOOL
A BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE

Live, Learn and Succeed Together

Recruitment Pack

Teacher of Science





WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Amersham School, a school described as “Happy, inclusive and aspirational” by Ofsted, that holds student and staff wellbeing and progress at our core. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide each and every one of our students with a first class educational experience, which enables them to flourish and succeed in all areas of life, both academically and personally. Students are central to our philosophy of individual success and aspiration, and everyone works together to support their self-confidence, positive attitudes and enterprise skills.

As employers, we are committed to your personal development. We offer a supportive and innovative environment to work within and opportunities for Professional Development that will allow you to enhance your skilful practice. The school is immersed in shared good practice and is saturated by an internal programme of CPD which is further extended by externally lead courses.

Our Science Department is well resourced and includes two exceptional technicians and a collegiate team of Science teachers who share a dedicated working space.

Required from September, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and dedicated **Teacher of Science**, to join this successful and dynamic department, who will share in the school’s vision for success and actively play their part as we continue to secure outstanding results for our students. We require teachers with passion, skill, commitment and enthusiasm for the vocation of teaching. In return, we will be committed to your personal development. Candidates will need to be, or aspire to be, outstanding practitioners with a relentless optimism, to deliver the best of education to our students, whilst endeavouring to always be the best that they can be as professional teachers.

To apply, please download the school’s application form from our school website:
www.amershamschool.org.uk/vacancies

Completed form and a covering letter should be addressed to the Headteacher, Sharon Jarrett and sent to: employment@amershamschool.org

The school is committed to stringent safe recruitment procedures and the successful candidates will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check.

AT A GLANCE



Teacher of Science



Start Date

Tuesday 3 September 2024



Salary

Main Scale/UPS



Closing Date

Friday 21st June 2024



Interview Date

On application



Application Form

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AMERSHAM SCHOOL

Dear Applicant

I am delighted you are considering applying for a position at Amersham School. We strive to create a supportive and structured learning environment in which individuals are challenged to realise their full potential, and encouraged to be ambitious for their futures. We believe it is of the utmost importance for students to become self confident, positive and enquiring learners and this vision underpins everything we do.

Our students are encouraged to become well rounded and broad-minded individuals and we support this through a diverse range of extra-curricular activities. As a Business and Enterprise specialist school, we focus on the development of skills which inspire and motivate our students to become successful and confident adults.

Amersham School looks forward to an exciting and promising future. Our students achieve good examination results at both GCSE and A Level. We are consistently one of the top performing Upper Schools in the County, making sure that our students have the personal qualifications and qualities to access Post-16 education and training. We are incredibly proud of our students and welcome the opportunity to work with and learn from those who share our dedication to innovation, improvement and success.

Please visit our school website where you will find a wealth of information about our vision and our mission statement 'Live, Learn and Succeed Together' where our values of mutual respect, honesty and integrity, responsibility and ownership, equality and co-operation alongside the establishment of a sense of community underpin our school environment.

I do hope that you will make an application to join Team Amersham. Our staff turnover is very low due to staff reporting that they feel valued and that they are supported, invested in, and encouraged to achieve high professional standards.

Yours sincerely

Sharon E Jarrett
Headteacher



THE ROLE

Job Title: Teacher of Science

Report to: Head of Science

Responsibilities

- Report on the progress and assessment of all students
- Teach engaging lessons
- Enable students to achieve the highest standards at an individual level whilst monitoring and assessing the progress of all

General Professional Duties

To carry out the professional duties of a teacher as circumstances may require, under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher.

Particular Duties

To perform in accordance with any directions which may reasonably be given by the Headteacher or line manager from time to time, and may be reasonably assigned to him or her.

Professional Duties

The following duties shall be deemed to be included in the professional duties which a teacher may be required to perform:

Teaching with regard to the curriculum for the school:

- Planning and preparing lessons
- Teaching according to their educational needs, the students assigned to him or her
- Setting and marking work to be carried out by the students in school and elsewhere
- Assessing, recording and reporting on the development and progress of students

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Specification	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
PGCE or working towards	X	
Graduate or equivalent	X	
Experience		
Experience teaching Biology at KS3 and KS4	X	
Experience teaching Biology at KS5		X
Use of a range of ICT packages, i.e. Microsoft Office (Excel), to a competent level	X	
Working within a team	X	
Working in a school environment	X	
Experience of working to very tight deadlines	X	
Proficient in assessment procedures	X	
Experience of working as an internal verifier		X
Skills		
High attention to detail and a high level of accuracy	X	
Excellent interpersonal, communications (oral and written) skills	X	
Ability to work under pressure	X	
Strong organisational skills	X	
Evidence of a personal commitment to professional development and the updating of job-related skills	X	



Other Activities

- Promoting the general progress and well-being of individual students, and of any class or group of students assigned to him or her
- Providing guidance and advice to students on educational and social matters and on their further education and future careers, including information about sources of more expert advice on specific questions, and making relevant reports and record
- Making records and reports on the personal and social needs of the students
- Communicating and consulting with persons or bodies outside the school
- Participating in arranged meetings for any purposes described above

Assessments and Reports

- Providing or contributing to oral and written assessments, reports and providing references relating to individual students and groups of students
- Accurately record formal assessments on the school's administration system within agreed deadlines

Performance Management

- Participate in arrangements made in accordance with performance management regulations

Review, Induction, Further training and Development

- Review from time to time his or her methods of teaching and programmes of work and contribute to the development of the department
- Participate in arrangements for further training and professional development as a teacher in the case of a teacher serving an Induction period, participating in arrangements for supervision and training

Educational Methods

- Advising and co-operating with the Headteacher and other teachers on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials, teaching programmes, schemes of work, methods of teaching, assessment and pastoral arrangements

Discipline, Health and Safety

- Maintain good order and discipline among the students and safeguard their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in school activities elsewhere



Staff Meetings

- Participating in meetings at the school which relate to the curriculum for the school, or the administration or organisation of the school, including pastoral arrangements

Cover

- No teacher shall be required to provide cover unless it is required as a result of unforeseen circumstances the exceptions to this are where the teacher is employed wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing such cover. If the timetable includes cover as part of their directed hours, then cover is required.

Examinations

- Participating in arrangements for preparing students for internal and public examinations and in assessing students for the purpose of such examinations recording and reporting such assessments participating in arrangements for students' supervision during such examinations ensuring that procedures for controlled assessments are fully met and in line with the policy

Administration

- Attending assemblies and/or mentoring small groups of students registering the attendance of students and supervising students, whether these duties are to be performed before, during or after school sessions

Working Time

- A teacher employed full-time, shall be available for work for 195 days in any school year, of which 190 days shall be days on which he may be required to teach students in addition to carrying out other duties
- The 195 days shall be specified by the employer or if directed to do so, the Headteacher
- A teacher shall be available for 1265 hours in any school year, those hours allocated reasonably throughout those days in the school year on which he is required to work
- Time spent travelling to and from school shall not count against the 1265 hours a teacher shall not be required to undertake midday supervision, and shall be allowed a break of reasonable length between school sessions
- A teacher shall, in addition to the requirements, work additional hours as may be needed to enable him or her to discharge effectively, his or her professional duties, including in particular, the marking of students' work, the writing of reports and the preparation of lessons, teaching materials and teaching programmes
- The amount of time required for the above, beyond the 1265 hours referred to, shall not be defined by the employer or Headteacher, but shall depend upon the work needed to discharge the teacher's duties



WE OFFER



A friendly and supportive environment



Excellent and ongoing opportunities for professional development



Access to onsite fitness suite with weights



A range of staff social events



An environment focused on wellbeing



We subscribe to the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) available 24/7 including financial and legal support, counselling and coaching

WHY US?

Our Mission Statement 'Live, Learn and Succeed Together' lies at the heart of our school. It is from this foundation that we build our team; Team Amersham. By valuing and supporting each other we are all able to experience personal success and happiness.

We are a happy school - this does not happen by accident but through intent. Our desire to provide an excellent education is partnered with nurturing, fun, camaraderie and opportunity. It is our desire that each of our students look forward to what the school day will bring. Our staff have been handpicked for their professionalism and their ability to be positive and cheerful!

The Local Area

Our school is situated in Amersham in the heart of leafy Buckinghamshire, home to the Chilterns and nestled amongst beautiful countryside. The Old Market Town of Amersham is simply glorious and shrouded in history with cobbled streets, an enclosed garden, 700 year old buildings with excellent eateries and the River Misbourne running parallel to the town.

Amersham-on-the-Hill is a bustling area with a new purpose built leisure centre, high street names, including Marks and Spencer, Waitrose and individual outlets making up an eclectic High Street. Amersham Underground Station comes under Zone 9 of the network and the Metropolitan Line provides easy access to London Marylebone in just 32 minutes.

Buckinghamshire is regularly cited as one of the best places to live in the UK. The surrounding areas include beautiful greenbelt locations with the county bordering the Shires of Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Greater London. Buckinghamshire offers many lovely places to live and visit including Waddesdon Manor, Cliveden, Stowe and Hughenden plus picturesque woodlands and wildflower meadows.



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Agencies - Amersham School's terms and conditions are that should you put a candidate forward after the first publication of a vacancy, the School will be liable for an introductory fee of no more than 10% of salary with reducing clawback over the first term, regardless of your terms and conditions.

Amersham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and to uphold the school's policy in respect of child protection matters.
