



Maidstone Grammar School *for Girls*



Teacher of Science

Full-time Permanent, MPS/UPS, Required from September 2024

Applications from prospective NQTs and experienced teachers are welcome



The Post

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We are seeking an enthusiastic, dynamic and innovative colleague to join a team of committed professionals within our Science Department to teach either Physics, Chemistry or Biology across all key stages. The ability to teach GCSE and A level in at least one of the Sciences is essential. The post would be equally suitable for an experienced teacher or for an NQT. A passion for the subject and the desire to inspire others are essential. We have planned a suite of five new laboratories, in addition to our laboratories in our main building, in our new three storey extension which reflects the popular nature of Science within the school.



The Team & Our Facilities

The school has an excellent reputation for Science resulting in many students continuing to study Biology, Chemistry or Physics at A level in the school's large sixth form. In Year 7 and 8, lessons are timetabled as 'Science' resulting in a more holistic view of the topics covered. From Year 9 onwards, the Sciences are taught separately allowing excellent and in depth preparation for external examinations. At GCSE students take either Triple Science or Combined Science. A levels are offered in all the Sciences and are highly successful both in terms of results and as preparation for university. Practical work forms a key part of Science lessons; we want students to discover things themselves and the best way to do this is through investigations.

The Science Department consists of 10 colleagues; Head of Science, Heads of Biology, Chemistry and Physics along with specialist teaching staff, and the department is supported by 4 Science Technicians.



Job Description

Core Purpose

The Core Purpose of a Classroom Teacher is to teach effectively (providing pace, challenge and differentiation), according to the individual needs of the student.

The post holder will:

- Report to the Head of Department/Teacher in Charge or Faculty.
- Carry out the professional duties as set out in the current Teachers Pay and Conditions document.
- Participate in the required training to gain QTS

Teaching and Learning

- Prepare and deliver lessons as required by School policy and process
- Monitor and assess all students in line with School and subject policy
- Differentiate work to allow accessibility and challenge for all students
- Participate in School Self-Evaluation
- Implement and support ALL school policies in line with the STPCD
- Monitor Health & Safety issues within their own teaching base, and report defects
- Provide work for classes during short term absence

People and Relationships

- Participate in appropriate meetings and liaise with colleagues over issues such as Learning Support
- Support, proactively, the ethos and distinctive features the school

Assessment

- Assess and record students' performance in the delegated classes in line with School policy and process. This should include regular testing and practical assessments, end of year examinations (as appropriate) and other methods.
- Monitor the performance of students
- Assist the Head of Department/Teacher in Charge/ Faculty in ensuring that whole school assessments are in place by the published deadlines and that moderation procedures are completed

Safeguarding

- Adhere to the requirements as set out in the current version of KCSIE
- Attend/Complete all MGGS training in relation to safeguarding
- Report all safeguarding concerns in a timely manner as specified by the school
- Ensure there is a culture of safeguarding within all areas of the role
- Be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people

Form Tutor Role

In addition, Classroom Teachers act as Form Tutors.

Core Purpose

The Core Purpose of a Form Tutor is to lead and support students in their group to maximise their total development: academic, physical, social, moral and spiritual. Guidance about fulfilment of this duty will be given by the Head of Study.

The post holder will:

- Report to the Head of Study/Assistant Head of Sixth Form

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Person Specification

A list of qualities required always looks daunting. However, we would like to reassure you that we are realistic, and more interested in you as a whole person rather than in a tick-list of your attributes. It is not expected that you will have had the opportunity to develop each of the skills to the same level. Please use the statement in support of your application as an opportunity to tell us about your strengths, or the elements of your work of which you are most proud, and the ways in which you could make a contribution to this school.

	Characteristics
Qualifications	• Graduate • Good honours degree • Good secondary school qualifications • Qualified teacher status
Personal qualities	• Passion for Physics and an ability to share this with others • Capacity for hard work and high expectations of self and students • An ability to relate well to colleagues and students • Ability to work well as part of a team and contribute to department resources • Ability to initiate ideas, set targets and meet own and other people's deadlines • Generosity of spirit
Knowledge and skills	• Strong teaching skills • Strong communication skills • Ability to identify and address underachievement in the subject, including of the most able • Excellent ICT skills • Ability to address the needs of individuals • Good organisational skills • Ability to offer another Science discipline
Experience and training	• Experience of teaching the subject at secondary school level (as a teacher or PGCE student) • Experience of teaching both GCSE and A level Physics • Willingness to take part in professional development • Some experience of teaching able students at secondary school level, either as a qualified or as a student teacher

The Application Process

Application forms and full details can be found on our Vacancies page on our website:

<https://www.mggs.org/joining-us/join-our-team/vacancies/> and should be sent to mstarns@mggs.org.

Teaching and Support Staff references will be requested prior to interview.

Important Dates

*Closing date for applications: 8am on 19th February 2024

Interview date: 22nd February 2024

*Applications are welcomed immediately. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date and Maidstone Grammar School for Girls reserves the right to withdraw the position if an early appointment is made.

Our School and all its personnel are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. All posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service. For more information please see our [Safeguarding Policy](#).

How to Apply

Applicants should complete the application form and email it along with a covering letter addressed to the Headteacher, Miss Deborah Stanley via mstarns@mggs.org. Applicants are strongly encouraged to also complete our [Equal Opportunities & Recruitment Monitoring Form](#). If you require any additional information please contact Ms Starns, PA to the Headteacher via email: mstarns@mggs.org.

Please note that pre-interview visits are not available, however, full information including a virtual tour can be found on our website <https://www.mggs.org/>

General Information

Please refer carefully to the information you have been provided for this post. Please ensure you complete **ALL** sections of the application form.

Your application will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please see our GDPR and Data Protection Policy, Equality Policy, Child Protection Policy on our website <https://www.mggs.org/key-information/policies-public-notice/>

MGGS is committed to ensure that we develop a safe culture and that all steps are taken to recruit staff and volunteers who are safe to work with our learners and staff. MGGS will follow relevant guidance in [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) (Part Three, 'Safer Recruitment') and from The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). It is an offence to apply for a role if the applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. Please see the [Guidance on Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the Exceptions Order 1975](#).

About Us

Welcome to our forward-thinking community with a tradition of excellence

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, or 'MGGS', as it is more often known, has a strong community spirit which is underpinned by our belief that the happiness of all our students is key to enabling them to succeed. We have been providing an academic education for girls (and boys in the Sixth Form) from the town of Maidstone and its surrounding area for over 135 years.

MGGS is a very special place. Our students love learning; they are talented, compassionate and inquiring young people who have a deep sense of belonging and commitment to their school.

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls was rated as Outstanding in the last Ofsted inspection which was carried out in March 2023.

"The ambition for pupils at Maidstone Girls Grammar School (MGGS) is limitless. Pupils, from Years 7 to 13, aspire to be the very best they can be. They value the dedicated support from staff as they determinedly pursue different career ambitions."

"Excellence sits at the very heart of the school's meticulous curriculum. Staff use their detailed subject expertise to diligently identify the most important knowledge pupils need to learn. Pupils keenly master different skills, whether this be solving complex problems in mathematics or using their creativity in English, art, and design and technology."

Our academic curriculum at MGGS provides students with outstanding examination results year on year. *“I love being part of the MGGS community. From day one I felt welcomed into something special. There are so many opportunities for me to try new things and take part in activities that I enjoy. I really feel that my happiness is as important to the school as my academic success.”* Year 7 Student

MGGS is a Leading Light school, using G Suite for Education, and we have been acknowledged by Google UK as one of the most advanced schools for its integrated use to promote student learning. MGGS is a Regional Computer Hub, awarded by the Department for Education in recognition of the expertise the school has evidenced in Computing Education and will take a lead in training teachers across the south east in the delivery of Computing. Other notable awards include the British Council’s prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work in bringing the world into the classroom. Furthermore, we have been successfully reassessed and have maintained our Quality in Careers Standard, the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG).

We are widely recognised for our broad and balanced curriculum (all students study two languages at Key Stage 3), and our tradition of academic excellence, together with the many enriching extra-curricular activities we provide for students. We believe that our Curriculum and Sixth Form Extra enrichment programmes are vital to building self-confidence, resilience, and leadership skills in all of our students. We nurture individuality and scholarship to ensure that our young people will go on to take leading roles in society and become happy and fulfilled adults.

Our Results

GCSE and A Level Exam Results 2023

We are very proud of our students; not only are their academic standards high, but they also develop as confident articulate individuals ready to take full advantage of opportunities as they arise.

We are pleased to report our summer results for 2023 that re-enforce Ofsted’s quote, “The ambition for pupils at Maidstone Girls Grammar School (MGGS) is limitless.”

Summer 2023 has seen our Year 11 and 13 students achieve some fantastic results, which is a result of their hard work and resilience especially over the last two years. Students have demonstrated their commitment to their education. I am so pleased for each and every student's personal achievement and delighted with the overall achievement of the year groups.

We see a continued trend of results, enabling students to pursue their individual goals. For Year 11 we are very proud of all of their individual achievements and look forward to the next stage of their education at MGGS Sixth Form. For Year 13 they go on to pursue a wide range of pathways, including university study, apprenticeships and employment.



The Benefits of Working at MGGS

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls is located on a 16 acre site surrounded by attractive open grassed areas and woodland. We are within easy walking distance from the centre of Maidstone and served by two nearby mainline rail links and convenient access to the M20 and M2 motorways.

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls is a very successful selective girls' school of 1,220 students with a mixed sixth form of approximately 340. The post offers the opportunity to work with intellectually able young people in a supportive and friendly environment. Staff benefits include strong support for professional development.

At MGGS, there is something for everyone. We offer a comprehensive and competitive range of benefits, to suit all circumstances.

- A great work-life balance - We offer a variety of working patterns, such as part-time, job-share, term-time hours, and career breaks to get a work-life balance that's right for you.
- Personal Development
 - Tailored personal development plans - We are committed to developing you as an individual. You will have a unique Personal Development Plan tailored to you, which focuses on developing your skills.
 - CPD days and a range of workshops delivered through twilight
 - Performance development opportunities
 - Relevant external CPD training courses
 - Easy-to-access training - We have a range of training opportunities to suit your learning style, including face-to-face and eLearning courses as well as professional qualifications
 - Other great opportunities - There are also coaching and mentoring and volunteering opportunities.
- Support
 - A thorough induction - You'll get a comprehensive induction to MGGS when you join us
 - Statutory sick pay
 - Support Line - a free confidential service that offers up to 7 counselling sessions a year
 - An inclusive and supportive work environment that enables everyone to do their job to the best of their ability. We also make workplace adjustments where necessary for health reasons.
- Free Benenden Healthcare (available for permanent staff only with a six month lead in period for full benefits):
 - Benenden Health aims to make private healthcare accessible to all. MGGS pays the costs of this however, it is a taxable benefit. Full information via <https://www.benenden.co.uk/health/healthcare/>
- Kent Adult Education - 10% discount on most Kent Adult Education courses.
- Kent Rewards:
 - Kent Rewards is the home of employee benefits, including staff in MGGS. The range of benefits may surprise you...
 - Shopping Discounts - with so many great local businesses in Kent, through Kent Rewards there are fantastic deals and discounts:
 - Discounts on train tickets, ferries and coaches, savings on holidays and flights
 - Cashback when booking experience days with Groupon, Living Social, Wowcher and many more
 - Saving on your utilities.
- Free On-Site Parking
- Free break-time coffee/tea
- Staff Well-being Committee
- Staff social events and activities

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