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Science Department Description

This is an exciting time to join Netherhall School, rated "Good" in all categories in the Ofsted inspection of February 2018.

'Staff and pupils say, without question, the Headteacher has been an inspiration, giving them belief that all can achieve. Throughout his tenure, the Headteacher has demonstrated passion, integrity and highly skilled leadership. This school has been transformed in a remarkably short period of time.' Ofsted, February 2018.

The key values within the Netherhall School science department are energy, enthusiasm and passion to deliver excellent subject knowledge. The department, like the school, is collegiate in nature, and we have a diverse range of science experience in each subject area to support everyone from the new-comer to the experienced teacher.

'Pupils are enthusiastic about learning and teachers are enthusiastic about teaching.' Ofsted, February 2018.

The science department has a high profile within the school, and as such, you'll be given generous curriculum time to thoroughly cover the syllabus at all levels. Lesson preparation time is also generous, so that lessons are vibrant and practical-based. The science department is well-resourced and has two full-time science technicians to support members of the team. All of our labs are newly refurbished, and all full-time staff have their own teaching room / laboratory, which provides a stable environment for both students and teachers.

'Pupils love coming to school.' Ofsted, February 2018.

For GCSE, we follow the AQA triple award (separate science) and trilogy (combined science award); in A level physics we use Edexcel, whilst chemistry and biology use OCR. Due to the popularity of our science courses at post-16 we have also introduced the Pearson BTEC applied science course. We use the excellent OUP Kerboodle scheme of work for both KS3 and KS4 to support your own lesson planning, homework tasks and intervention.

'Pupils have considerable respect for their teachers because they believe their teachers are doing a great job!' Ofsted, February 2018.

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The science team provide after-school STEM opportunities and compete in the Olympiad science competitions at both GCSE and A level. In addition to this, staff are actively encouraged to get involved in extracurricular and enrichment activities, such as the hugely popular Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Go-ride Bike Club, X-Country Club and Alpe D'Huez Ski Trip to name just some of the brilliant opportunities.

'Relationships throughout the school are excellent.' Ofsted, February 2018.

'Netherhall School students are extremely well-behaved and perfectly suited to lab work as they are practical and positive in nature. The students genuinely love to come to school, are proud of their school and have great relationships with their teachers.' Ofsted, February 2018.

'There is great mutual respect between adults and pupils.' Ofsted, February 2018.

If you would like to be part of the next exciting phase of Netherhall School's improvement, transforming young people's lives through the power of education, then please apply.