



Wyvern St Edmund's
Academy

APPLICATION PACK



TEACHER OF SCIENCE

REQUIRED FOR:
1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:
9AM MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Welcome to Wyvern St Edmund's Academy (WSE). As Headteacher, I am immensely proud to lead the school and serve its community of students, staff and parents/carers. WSE is a founding member of the Magna Learning Partnership, situated on the eastern outskirts of Salisbury with beautiful views over the Laverstock Downs to the east and Salisbury Cathedral to the southwest. We are proud of our reputation for high-quality teaching, excellent academic outcomes for our students and strong, effective pastoral care.

In September 2022 we legally opened as Wyvern St Edmund's Academy, enabling us to take full advantage of the benefits associated with inclusive coeducational learning and social development. Wyvern College and St Edmund's School were formally two separate schools, just a few yards apart: Wyvern for boys and St Edmund's for girls. Over the past 15 years the schools have worked closely together, sharing: expertise, staffing resources and mixed GCSE classes.

We have a tremendous team of support staff, teachers and teaching assistants - some of the most talented professionals I have ever worked with - all of whom are proud to work at WSE and passionate about educating, supporting and nurturing our young people. Our collective vision of helping each student to develop into the best version of themselves is at the heart of everything we do and motivates us to provide impactful teaching, comprehensive pastoral care and extensive extra-curricular provision. Moreover, our vision is rooted in Christian beliefs and values whereby we expect our students to use their developing gifts, talents and character to serve others in the local community and beyond (1 Peter 4:10).

Being a vibrant, happy and forward-looking school, WSE is without doubt a great place to teach. Our parents and carers are hugely supportive of the school and we pride ourselves on forming strong and effective partnerships with young people and their families: we work collaboratively throughout any challenges and rejoice in the many successes which come from being part of a wonderful school.

New staff joining the school can be assured of a warm, supportive environment along with excellent professional opportunities for all staff and a strong sense of shared vision and ethos: we help our students to become the best version of themselves in order to serve others. We want all of our students to use their gifts and talents to serve other people well. We are very proud of our caring Christian ethos that runs through every aspect of school life.

We have a close and positive relationship with Salisbury Sixth Form College (S6C) which is a short drive away from WSE. Our partnership with the college means that there are opportunities to work collaboratively with KS5 students and teachers.

I look forward to meeting you so that you can see for yourself just how great Wyvern St Edmund's is.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Henderson
Headteacher

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About this Role

Thank you for your interest in applying for this post. This is an exciting opportunity to join a happy and successful school with excellent achievement and delightful students.

We require an outstanding teacher to join the Science department.

This would be an ideal opportunity for an Early Careers Teacher to join our school which offers excellent support and career progression for teachers at the beginning of their career.

For teachers, at all levels of expertise and at all points in their career development, professional development at WSE is always ongoing. We live the Teaching and Learning mantra of Expert teaching; Reflective practice, through a variety of development opportunities.

You will join an enthusiastic, forward thinking and supportive team in an innovative environment.

This position is:

- Permanent;
- 1.0 FTE;
- Required from 1st September 2024;
- Salary: Competitive salary, Recruitment/Relocation allowances available for an outstanding candidate;
- Closing date for applications: 9am Monday 15th April 2024.

We are hoping for someone energetic, passionate and fun to work with. We are a creative and forward-thinking team who pride ourselves on developing positive relationships with students; we believe that being approachable and caring is what helps us safeguard students and drive progress.

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Why work at WSE?

We are committed to a staff culture where people feel well-supported, professionally engaged, challenged and valued. In turn, this culture enables our students to become the best versions of themselves because they are nurtured and inspired by a committed, happy staff team. We are very proud of the progress that students make here at WSE. We are committed to a process of constant school improvement so that our students are afforded every opportunity.

Staff wellbeing is at the heart of our vision and all staff, as our most important resource, are to be valued, supported and encouraged to develop personally and professionally within a vibrant, empathetic and caring community.

There are some additional perks that we are able to offer such as private healthcare, reduced corporate gym membership, free car-parking and the Wiltshire Rewards cashback programme, which staff really appreciate. Staff also benefit from our commitment to professional development and, in working as part of a multi-academy trust with four secondary schools, groups of subject leaders and teachers are able to meet regularly to share ideas, schemes of work and to moderate together.

Visit our website and see what our staff say
about [working at WSE](#)



Ofsted

The February 2018 Ofsted inspection recognised our 'relentless drive to raise standards' and praised the 'clarity of vision' and 'inspiring' ideas that we have.

In January 2020, Ofsted also observed that 'the move to combine Wyvern College with St Edmund's School has widened the curriculum available to students. An effectively planned curriculum means that students are learning well and students feel well cared for and know that there is always someone to whom they can go if they have a problem.'

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The Science Department

Science Mission Statement

Through engaging teaching and a relevant, challenging curriculum, our mission is to inspire and foster students' curiosity in Science and the world around them. We strive to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to make informed decisions and become confident, successful, educated individuals who contribute positively to our planet.

Our department is experienced, enthusiastic and dedicated. It is made up of seven full-time and three part-time teachers. We all work closely together, sharing ideas, resources and expertise in a supportive and co-operative manner. Our aim, supported by SLT, is to inspire students so that they love their Science lessons and absolutely see the benefit of the subject.

Our high expectations of students and ourselves ensure that we are always striving for the very best outcomes for students and trying to discover those who have a special talent for Science.

Key Stage 3

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is challenging, enriching and enjoyable and covers all aspects of the National Curriculum. We have just written a new scheme of work across Key Stage 3. Each module has 10 lessons, which is made up of six taught lessons, a DIRT (responding to written feedback) lesson, test lesson and two lessons where we carry out investigation work to stretch and challenge our students and build on the content covered.

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4 we follow the AQA Trilogy specification. Most students follow the Combined GCSE Science pathway, and the more able students follow the AQA Separate Science pathway.

The Science department is a caring, supportive atmosphere where staff and students are able to be their best. We have built on each others' strengths to become the very successful department that we are today. We are proud of the range of enrichment opportunities we provide: Science club, science week and trips and visits are all part of our annual enrichment programme; we are constantly aiming to find the next generation of Nobel Prize Winners! We also have a lot of fun as a team!

If you want to work in a supportive team, in a school with fantastic staff and wonderful students, then this vacancy is one you should definitely apply for!

We hope to hear from you soon.

Paul Cutts
Head of Science

How to Apply

Please take time to look at the information about WSE through our website. Should you have any specific queries that are not answered by the information we have provided, or wish to visit the school prior to making an application, please contact our Operations and HR Manager, Rachel Ure (rure@wyvernsteds.org; 01722 328565).

Applications should be submitted via the TES Portal including a supporting statement detailing any relevant experience, skills or other information which you think makes you suitable for this particular role. Please try to include information that helps us get to know you as well as your professional skills.

Visit our TES Portal to apply: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/wyvern-st-edmund-s-academy-1262445>

Should you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact Rachel to request this.

Safer Recruitment Checks

Wyvern St Edmund's are relentlessly focussed on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Due to the nature of the position for which you are applying, and to ensure your suitability for this type of work, you will be required to apply for clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service if you are successful in your application. This will take place before your appointment is confirmed. The clearance process will disclose details of formal cautions, reprimands and final warnings, as well as convictions. Having a criminal conviction will not automatically exclude you from employment – this will depend on the nature of the position, and the circumstances and background of the offences committed.

Online searches with regards to information that is publically available online will also be carried out for all shortlisted candidates.

Equality

Wyvern St Edmund's will not discriminate in any area of employment and confirms its commitment to equality of opportunity in all areas. Applicants will be treated in a fair and equal manner and in accordance with the law regardless of gender, marital status, race, religion, colour, age, disability or sexual orientation.

WSE are committed to supporting flexible working and will welcome applications from those that wish to work flexibly.

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Job Description

Job Purpose

To promote student enjoyment and achievement through outstanding teaching that inspires learning.

Responsible to: Head of Science

Teaching and Learning

To manage student learning through effective teaching in accordance with subject schemes of work and policies.

- To embrace whole school initiatives, including Assessment for learning, differentiated learning and the dynamic use of ICT.
- To teach Science at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.
- To give feedback to students in line with the school's policy.
- To set homework regularly in accordance with the school's policy.
- To encourage independent learning and curiosity.
- To promote learner self-esteem and a positive academic self-concept.
- To work effectively as a member of the subject team to improve the quality of teaching and learning.
- To deepen learner knowledge and understanding and to maximize their achievement.
- To use positive behaviour management techniques based on mutual respect and recognising that every child matters.

Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting and Accountability

- To be immediately responsible for learner tracking, recording and reporting.
- To work with the SENDCO where necessary, e.g. to effectively match curriculum materials and approaches to meeting learner needs.
- To assess learners' work and use findings to inform future planning, teaching and subject development.
- To produce informative, helpful and accurate reports to parents.
- To plan lessons and keep an accurate record of learner progress.

Knowledge and Understanding

- To have a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of all the national curriculum and examination courses.
- To keep up-to-date with research and development in pedagogy both within the subject and as a teacher/learner.

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Professional Standards and Development

- You are expected to be a role model to learners through personal presentation and professional conduct.
- To be punctual to lessons and meetings.
- To support school policies.
- To strive for personal and professional development.
- To be involved in extra-curricular activities.
- To liaise effectively with parents and other stakeholders involved with education and welfare.
- To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at the school. Wyvern St. Edmund's are restlessly focussed on safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- To undertake any reasonable task requested by the Head of department.

Pastoral Duties

- Every subject teacher is expected to be a tutor.

ECTs only

- To aim to pass the standards at the end of the induction period to maintain QTS.
- To take full advantage of the school's induction programme.
- To seek advice and guidance.
- To engage in reflective self-analysis of professional practice.
- To play an active part in the everyday life of the school.

This job description will be reviewed annually as part of our Appraisal process and may be subject to amendment or modification at any time after consultation with the post holder. It is not comprehensive but sets out the main expectations of the school.



Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Assessed by
Qualifications	Qualified Teacher Status Good Honours Degree		Application form
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teaching Science in a Secondary Comprehensive school to GCSE levelAn outstanding classroom practitionerSuccessful curriculum delivery		Application form and references
Knowledge and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum for ScienceThe ability to recognise good classroom practiceThe ability to use student data to monitor and improve performanceConfidence in using ICT to support teachingAware of current trends in Science teachingKnowledge of the role of the form tutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How to foster extra-curricular involvementData management and skills	Application form, references and interview
Professional Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ability to inspire, develop and motivate studentsClear and effective communicationAbility to manage practical activitiesAbility to manage young people effectivelyOrganisation and management of resourcesAbility to set targets for students in relation to achievementAbility to form and maintain positive relationships and personal boundaries with young people		Application form, references and interview
Professional & Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A genuine interest in young peopleA commitment to inclusive educationEnergy and driveAbility to work as part of a teamHigh expectations of achievement and behaviourAble to articulate personal values in relation to educationCommitted to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of childrenRespect for students, staff, parents and governorsA good sense of humourA friendly disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A healthy sense of perspectiveWillingness to seek further professional developmentAmbitious to further career	Application form, references and interview