



# Kesgrave High School

More Than Just a School

## Recruitment Pack:

Teacher of Social Science; Psychology, RE or Sociology (MPS/UPS)

### Employment Status

Full time/ Part Time

### Employment Location

Kesgrave High School, Suffolk

### Application Closing Date

9am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Interview week commencing

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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# ABOUT KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you for taking an interest in our school.

We are proud of staff and students at Kesgrave High School and we expect them to take a pride in all that they do. We have a strong pastoral system, high academic standards and clear and fair behaviour expectations. Our experience tells us that children thrive in an environment that sets firm boundaries, is consistent in its expectations and which builds relationships that set the tone for learning.

We provide an environment in which our students feel safe and are encouraged to grow, often challenging their own expectations. Our positive, inclusive approach ensures that students make the most of their talents and potential. We are lucky to have a school environment which befits these expectations, investing in their futures through the latest technology and facilities.

We encourage students to take responsibility, to be curious and to have a thirst for knowledge. Students learn from each other, as well as from their experienced and skilled teachers, in a supportive learning environment, where everyone is valued.



Relationships within and beyond the classroom are positive and help us to secure the best possible outcomes for our young people. Teachers, associate staff, parents and carers all work together to help our young people to progress.

As a high-performing school and a founding partner of EAST SCITT, staff as well as students, continuously reflect on what they do and consider how to improve. Evidence-informed practice is at the heart of our classroom improvement. As part of East Anglian Schools Trust we work with like-minded schools who invest in staff development.

This is an exciting time to join our school, I look forward to welcoming you to our school in person and in sharing our pride in all we do.

Miss Upton Headteacher





## TEACHER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Kesgrave High School is looking for a Social Sciences teacher to join us from September 2024. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to a talented and committed team of subject specialists. We are looking for an excellent teacher who can contribute to the teaching of one or more Social Science subjects, including; RE, Sociology, Psychology, Law, Philosophy or Government and Politics.

### The Facilities

The departments are particularly well resourced. There are dedicated teaching rooms in grouped subject clusters including in the Sixth Form building, which has networked computer facilities to enable innovative teaching. There is also a wide range of resources for GCSE, BTEC and A level teaching including up-to-date textbooks, journals and software to help with the successful delivery of the courses.

### The Team

The Psychology, RE and Sociology departments are a dynamic part of the school and the successful candidate should be able to work as part of a team and contribute energy, enthusiasm and new ideas. All three departments have a great sense of team spirit and work collaboratively to ensure our students achieve the highest possible standards. The departments are also supported by a dedicated curriculum support assistant.

### Results 2023

#### KS4:

Sociology: 9 to 7 - 19%, 9 to 4 - 67%, 9 to 1 - 99%

Psychology: 9 to 7 - 26%, 9 to 4 - 51%, 9 to 1 - 92%

RE: 9 to 7 - 75%, 9 to 4 - 100%, 9 to 1 - 100%



# JOB INFORMATION

## REPORTS TO:

*Head of Sociology, Head of Ethics and Philosophy  
or the Head of Psychology*

## JOB LOCATION:

*Kesgrave High School, Main Road, Kesgrave*



# JOB INFORMATION

## Results 2023

### KS5:

Government and Politics: A\* to A - 13%, A\* to C - 67%, A\* to E - 100%

Law: (first results 2024)

Sociology: A\* to A - 28%, A\* to C - 81%, A\* to E 97 %

Psychology A Level: A\* to A - 44%, A\* to C - 83%, A\* to E - 100%

Applied Psychology BTEC: D\* to D - 36%, D\* to M - 73%, D\* to P - 100%

Philosophy: A\* to C - 50%, A\* to E - 100%

Criminology: A\* to A - 43%, A\* to C - 86%, A\* to E - 100%

## The Structure

### Key Stage 4

There are over 30 options subjects offered at Kesgrave for students to choose from at KS4. Students have an entirely open choice of subjects for three of their four options and the Social Science GCSE options have proved very popular within the school. Usually over half of each year group will opt to study at least one Social Science course from the choice of Sociology, RE and Psychology.

Many students will select two or more. Projected numbers for these courses in September putting Year 10 and 11 at approximately 160 in each year group, across seven teaching groups per cohort.

### Key Stage 5

Since the opening of the Sixth Form in September 2001, the Social Science departments have recruited strongly and both the range of courses offered and the student numbers continue to grow. In September 2024 in Year 13 there will be eight Social Sciences classes; three Psychology, two Sociology, one Politics, two Law. Year 12 recruited numbers to run the same numbers of classes again, so there will be the same 8 but additionally a further two classes of Criminology AS

The successful candidate should be able to teach one of RE, Sociology, Psychology, Law, Criminology Philosophy or Government and Politics across Years 10-13 with an option to support the other subjects offered in the department. They should also be prepared to support and develop the awareness of the subjects and the extra-curricular activities for the department.

The position is suitable for an experienced teacher or an ECT. Should an ECT be successful, the school offers a comprehensive Induction Programme and on-going support for CPD.





## OUR CULTURE AND ETHOS

**Kesgrave High School is proud to be ‘more than just a school’. Our ethos is at the heart of everything we do: ‘Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Your Best’.**

- **We have an ethos of purposeful learning** with a sense of adventure and challenge, where students and staff are empowered to experiment and develop exciting learning opportunities.
- **Our practice and development is rooted in evidence-based research.**
- **Class sizes are kept as low as possible.** On average a KS4 class has 22 students and at KS5 12 students.
- Our **three-period day** means that staff and students have a break after every lesson to ensure smooth transitions between lessons and a **calm purposeful learning environment**.
- All departments have access to a **designated curriculum administrator** who help drive improvements and reduce workload for teaching staff enabling them to focus on their core activities.
- **Team Rooms** for all departments help build **supportive collaborative relationships** and facilitate **shared planning time**.
- The majority of **meetings** are dedicated to Teaching & Learning.
- **Departmental development** is focussed on clear and manageable priorities rooting our work in the cornerstones of the best classroom practice.
- Lesson observations are for the purpose of **teacher development** and sharing of best practice. We discuss how to get better.
- There is no prescribed template for lesson planning. Our **Teaching and Learning Principles** focus on Subject Knowledge, Challenge, Modelling, Review & Retrieval, Questioning, Feedback and Oracy.





## OUR CULTURE AND ETHOS

- A commitment to provide a truly exceptional extra-curricular programme, which includes over 50 clubs per week and a dedicated Activities Week in the summer term for all KS3 students.

- The majority of clubs and activities take place after school, benefiting from the staggered end of our school day, finishing at 3.30pm.

- We work closely with other schools in EAST. There are a number of collaborative teams across the four schools and a growing number of professional development opportunities. Whilst all distinct, we benefit from our connectivity to each other.

- We have ensured, despite financial pressures, that teaching staff will have a maximum of 83% contact ratio.

- Our behaviour policy is based on our three core values of 'Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Your Best'. We invest heavily to ensure disruption-free learning in all classrooms, this includes centralised, same day detentions which are run and managed by senior staff.







## DEVELOPING PROFESSIONALS WITH INTEGRITY AND AUTONOMY

- Each department has their own administrative support.
- A commitment to keep administration and meeting time to a minimum. Non-TLR holders will not be required to attend more than one after school meeting per week. All meetings have a published finish time and will end promptly.
- We have a rational approach to data. Teachers are not be expected to produce centralised data on individual students more than three times per year.
- No formal time-consuming report comments are needed within the normal report cycle.
- A evidenced-informed approach to marking ensures staff are not expected to mark every piece of work. Feedback can include verbal and whole class feedback when relevant. Key assessed pieces of work are marked in more depth reflecting the varying demands and contexts within the subject.
- Staff only complete one 20 minute duty per week.
- Cover is minimal. If staff have to cover a lesson this is never more than half a lesson. It is very rare for staff to have more than four half lessons of cover per year.





# YOUR WELL-BEING

- Kesgrave is a very over-subscribed school. [Staff children are prioritised](#) for school places at Kesgrave even if you do not live within catchment.
- Staff have [24 hour access to our Employee Assistance Programme](#) including free counselling, financial and pensions advice, legal advice, home and well-being support.
- All staff have [complementary access to excellent gym facilities](#) and there is a programme of after-school recreational activities. Staff discounts are available with many local businesses.
- Complimentary access to flu vaccinations every year.
- Access to salary sacrifice scheme (for existing members) for additional support in childcare costs.

**There are tremendous opportunities for career development at Kesgrave High School. We work closely with other schools locally and nationally.**

[Professional development and bespoke CPD](#) package for every member of staff including external and internal courses.

[Training is scheduled](#) across the whole year, so staff know what is happening and can select opportunities that are [most relevant](#) to them.

Every member of staff has the opportunity to be involved in an [action research group](#) – sharing effective practice across the school.

We welcome applications from colleagues who would like part-time or job-shares. [Flexibility](#) keeps good teachers in the school.

All our recruitment processes are [open and transparent](#).

We develop leadership positions and undertake shadow-staffing and succession opportunities to [encourage and invest in our staff to gain promoted posts](#) within our school and elsewhere. Opportunities will be offered to staff to undertake developmental roles / work [across our academies in the East Anglian Schools Trust](#) if they choose to.

Performance Management is [developmental and constructive](#).





## Who are EAST?

East was established on 1 September 2019. At its inception, three secondary academies were formally partnered together: Bungay, Farlingaye and Kesgrave High Schools. In 2020, we applied to establish a Free Special School in Bungay, for children with interaction and communication needs. Demonstrating our commitment to local, inclusive education, we are proud to announce that castle EAST school is open. EAST SCITT, our 'School Centered Initial Teacher Training' is an accredited Provider offering secondary (11-16) and primary (5-11) school-based initial teacher training awarding Qualified Teacher Status QTS. We see this as the most effective way to find and develop future teachers to work in this vibrant country. We are delighted with the popularity and quality of EAST SCITT!

We are very confident that EAST will create a stronger future for our schools and continue to improve outcomes for our students. It is through a commitment to working together that we will continue to collectively and individually achieve great things, providing a first-class educational experience for our students and an excellent working environment for staff.

## Our Vision: Where everyone can achieve

We measure our **success** through a combination of **performance**, **growth** and **happiness**, as individuals and collectively.

Our **cornerstones** are the foundation of our vision; they underpin all that we do and shape the way that we work with everyone in our trust and our extended educational community; from parents & carers to partners, suppliers and local government.



### #1 Learning

We will continually strive to deliver the best possible experience for quality learning and personal development for everyone at EAST through our curriculum, engaging teaching, the resources & support we have available and the quality of the physical environment in which we work.

### #2 Inclusivity

We believe a great quality education, opportunities for personal development and participation should be available to everyone regardless of their personal circumstances. That's why our schools today already cater for many specialist needs and our trust is committed to developing the teachers of the future.

### #3 Opportunity

We exist to enable everyone in our schools to realize their true potential through an academical professional experience within our schools that achieves the outcomes they seek. We do not believe there is a one-size-fits-all for success and achievement always do our best to support the aims and ambition of the individual.

### #4 Community

We are a significant contributor to our local communities, we understand the role we play and will always seek to enable everyone at EAST to be considered, active, positive citizens of the world around them. Our sense of community begins in our schools and we nurture a respectful, supportive culture.

# ABOUT KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL IN KESGRAVE, SUFFOLK

Kesgrave High School is proud to be more than just a school. From the schools inception in 1931 with 180 students under the Headmaster Captain Harrison, the school has always tried to ensure the whole child is educated, not to be merely an exam factory. Now we have over 1850 students on roll and it could not be a more exciting time to be a student here. We are proud to serve the local community, are regularly oversubscribed (we normally have over 600 applications for 308 places) and we have over 900 students and staff cycle to school each day!

At Kesgrave we trust our pupils. As a result the responsibility and behaviour of students is excellent. 'Leaders advocate a culture of high expectations which pupils strive to meet. There is a culture of high aspirations for all'. (OFSTED 2023)

## Sixth Form

We have a large and thriving 6<sup>th</sup> Form of over 320 students, offering a wide variety of A Level and vocational subjects. Students achieve outstanding A Level and BTEC results and around 70% go on to pursue university courses each year.

## Our Location

We are based on the Eastern side of Ipswich in Suffolk, with excellent road connections with London only being one hour away by train.

