



Abbey Gate College

Art Teacher (maternity cover - full time)

Required from: 13th December 2021

Job Description and Person Specification

Introduction from the Head

Our wonderful Senior School and Sixth Form are enviably located in the historic Saughton Grange buildings, with stunning views across beautiful countryside towards the Welsh mountains and the Cheshire sandstone ridge; and our dedicated Infants and Junior School is just down the road in the charming and picturesque village of Aldford.

Our College is a unique, inspiring, and memorable place to learn and grow, where our caring and committed teaching and support staff will do all that they can to help our pupils to be the best that they can be.

We are a safe and friendly school community, where we look out for each other and where we work with each child's individual interests, passions, and strengths; while also encouraging them to try new things, take risks, and be creative.

Our aim is to lead and coach our pupils during these critical, formative years, so that they may leave us at the end of Sixth Form having achieved the best that they can academically; and with a clear sense of who they are as a person and how they can go on to make a positive difference to our world in the uncertain future ahead - with courage and with compassion.

Thank you for taking the time find out more about us. If you feel that you could bring the right balance of care, commitment, expertise, and enthusiasm to this role, we would welcome your application.

Craig Jenkinson, MA (Oxon), PGCE, MInstLM

The Post

We are seeking a passionate and inspiring teacher of Art, to join our College and cover maternity leave. The successful candidate will become part of an experienced, mutually supportive and dedicated Art team, and will teach across Key Stages 2, 3, 4 & Sixth Form in the senior school.

Our department comprises of two Art teachers plus a full-time Art technician. We are located in three large, airy classrooms, which look out over tranquil farmland and into the distant hills. The rooms are equipped with large interactive boards plus a very well-stocked materials and equipment store. We have a potter's wheel, kiln, sewing machines, printing presses, cameras, plus a computer suite. The Art Department is situated in the Arts & Media block, and benefits from strong links with the Design Technology, Music and Drama departments.

Curriculum

Art is taught in mixed sets throughout; therefore, the ability to differentiate is essential. Set sizes are usually between fifteen and twenty-two. We follow the AQA GCSE and A-Level specifications.

In Years 7, 8 & 9, Art pupils have two 50-minute lessons a week and three lessons in Year 10 & 11. There are five Year 12 (AS) and six Year 13 (A2) lessons per week.

The successful candidate will be responsible for delivering the schemes of work in line with the College's policies and will assess, track, and monitor pupils at regular intervals.

Key Qualities and Person Specification

The successful candidate will:

- Have a degree, or equivalent, in Art or an art-related subject
- Have a PGCE or equivalent in a relevant subject
- Have experience teaching Art in a school, ideally including AQA GCSE and A level
- Teach Art to students from Year 5 to Year 13, according to timetable
- Fulfil all pastoral, welfare, and supervisory duties effectively and willingly
- Have a genuine passion for education and a deep understanding of curriculum developments in their subject area, alongside a good grasp of best practices
- Role-model a mindset of continuous development and improvement, to meet and exceed expectations, for themselves and for their pupils
- Be comfortable with relevant use of digital technologies in the workplace
- Have high levels of self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and the ability to be effective as an individual, as well as within a team

These will be assessed through the application and interview process.

Terms and Conditions of Employment

The salary and benefits for this position are competitive and will depend upon the qualifications and relevant experience of the successful candidate.

Child Protection

Abbey Gate College is committed, as a priority, to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Whilst criminal convictions are not necessarily a bar to appointment, this safety consideration will be central to all decisions regarding the employment of staff, approval of volunteers, and standards of external contractors.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to treating all employees with dignity and respect, regardless of race, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, age, sexual orientation, sex, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, and disability. We, therefore, welcome applications from all members of the community.

Process for Applications

Deadline: 1st October 2021

Interviews: TBC

Please apply by completing our Abbey Gate College application form along with a covering letter addressed to the Head, Mr Craig Jenkinson, explaining your interest and suitability for the role, and returning it to hr@abbeygatecollege.co.uk

The interview process will include; meetings with staff and school leadership, teaching an Art lesson, a tour of the College and, if applicable, an additional task. Specific details will be shared with shortlisted candidates in advance.

References for shortlisted candidates **will be taken** prior to interview; please inform your referees.

Please visit our website at www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk for more information about the College.