

Job Details and Department Information

Teacher of Religion and Philosophy – Permanent 0.66 FTE

DETAILS OF THE POST

This post is available from 15th April 2024. We are looking to appoint an outstanding teacher to teach KS3, GCSE and A Level Religion and Philosophy. Our students are academically able and well-motivated and achieve excellent results.

We are seeking a colleague who enjoys working in a team, can provide a stimulating atmosphere in the classroom and inspire our students to give their best. All teachers are expected to act as form tutors. Enthusiasm, patience and calmness under pressure are vital qualities. Please see the attached Person Specification for further details of our requirements.

THE DEPARTMENT

This post offers excellent prospects for a committed and enthusiastic candidate to work in an exceptional and innovative Religion and Philosophy Department.

Religion and Philosophy is taught by a flourishing department in a school which places high value on the development of thinking and of the individual. As Religion and Philosophy is an exploration of the diverse value systems, both religious and non-religious, in our society, the subject is taught from an objective, non-confessional, standpoint. Students may be of any religious persuasion or of none.

CURRICULUM

Religion and Philosophy is a popular academic subject at GCSE, AS and A2 Level. Years 7 and 8 are taught in form groups with both year groups currently having three 60-minute lessons a fortnight.

In Year 9, 10 and 11 Religion and Philosophy is an option subject, with students receiving three 60-minute lessons per fortnight in Year 9 and four 60-minute lessons a fortnight in Years 10 and 11. Students follow the WJEC Eduqas Route A: 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World, focusing on Christianity and Islam. In 2023, 77.5% of year 11 students secured 9-7 grades, 67.5% achieved grades 9-8.

In addition to GCSE classes, students receive one hour per fortnight of Religious Education in Years 9 and 10. This is a nonexamined course which explores perennial and contemporary religious and philosophical questions with regards to what it means to be fully human.

At A level, students follow the OCR syllabus in Religious Studies (H573) with a focus on Developments in Christian Thought in year 13 and Development in Buddhist Thought in Year 12. All A Level students receive nine 60-minute lessons a fortnight. In 2023, 90% of year 13 students secured A*-B grades.

The department has a long-standing tradition of sending students to read Philosophy and Theology at leading universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

We are looking to appoint an outstanding teacher who can inspire and bring out the best in all our students. Enthusiasm, vision and a passion for the subject, particularly Philosophy of Religion, are all desirable attributes. Please see the attached Person Specification for further details of our requirements.

CLOSING DATE: <u>9.00 am</u> on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Interview date: w/c 8th January 2024