



TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY (part-time, two-term appointment)

Founded in 1860, OLA is Oxfordshire's only independent, Catholic, co-educational day school. In addition to Chemistry, candidates will also be able to offer lower school Physics as a second subject. The post is 0.475 of a full time teaching timetable, including two non-contact periods. There are 13 periods of Chemistry (Years 8-11) and four of Physics (Years 8 and 9), taught across four days. The appointment will run from January 1st to July 7th 2017.

The Science staff form a committed and well-motivated team who aim to keep abreast of changes and developments in their subjects. They comprise nine teaching staff and three laboratory technicians. The Department is housed in eight spacious and well-equipped laboratories, most of which are grouped around a central Preparation Room. Apart from the ICT equipment in the laboratories themselves, the school has two ICT suites available for class teaching and individual project or research work.

Science is a compulsory subject to GCSE. In Year 7, pupils study Science in mixed-ability form groups and the curriculum includes topics from all branches of Science. From Year 8, pupils are grouped into ability sets. Biology, Physics and Chemistry are each taught for two periods per week by subject specialists and this pattern continues in Year 9, at which point the teaching of the GCSE specification begins. Currently, the top ability set works towards the Triple Award (AQA) and the others study for the Dual Award. At Sixth Form level Science has been a popular option for many years and large numbers of students go on to study each of the three Sciences. Many OLA students continue the subject at degree level.

OTHER ASPECTS OF THE POST

All teachers are expected to share in supervision duties, attend all relevant parents' evenings, staff/departmental meetings, open days and similar events. They should be willing to take an active part in the pastoral and extra-curricular life of the school.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The post falls between the scales of 1 to 10 on the OLA full-time salary range (shown below), and is dependent upon the successful candidate's experience:

Level	F/T Salary
1	£23,622
2	£25,547
3	£27,296
4	£29,061

5	£30,826
6	£32,575
7	£34,340
8	£36,089
9	£37,837
10	£38,737

In addition, we offer free school meals during term time, free on-site parking, an excellent pension scheme, support from senior colleagues, use of school facilities and a peaceful location just outside Oxford and within a few minutes walking distance of the market town of Abingdon.

INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Applicants are asked to submit a completed, signed application form and letter of application no later than midnight, Sunday 4 December 2016. Interviews will take place later that week or the beginning of the next.

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