



# King's Hall School

TAUNTON

## **Head of Science / Teacher of Science Job Description**

### **About King's Hall School**

King's Hall School is co-educational, offering day and boarding places to boys and girls from the ages of two to thirteen. There are about 320 children in the school, 100 of whom are in the Pre-Prep.

The school is built around Pyrland Hall, an impressive Georgian country house on the edge of the Quantock Hills. The 50 acre estate (including 15 acres of playing fields) is entirely surrounded by National Trust farmland but is also within a mile of Taunton, the county town of Somerset. Bristol and Exeter are within easy reach while London is a 1 hour 40 min train journey or three hours via the motorway.

The Pre-Prep's Early Years Foundation Stage consists of a Nursery, which takes children after they have reached their second birthday, and two Reception classes. There are then normally two classes in each of Years 1 and 2.

The Prep department, Years 3-8, has two or three classes in each year group. There is continuity of educational provision between Years 1 and 8.

The school is a member of the Woodard Corporation, a group of fifty schools educating boys and girls in the Christian tradition in most parts of the country. It has very close links with King's College, Taunton which is on a separate site about three miles away and most pupils transfer there at the age of 13+.

There is an excellent record of academic, musical, artistic, dramatic and sporting achievements throughout the school. There is a programme of continual development: in the last twelve years this has included a new sports hall, a performing arts centre used for concerts and drama productions, new changing areas, computer centres for both the Pre-Prep and Prep, refurbishing the pool and surrounds and a new full size Astro turf pitch. The Pre-Prep has also recently undergone an extensive refurbishment and our new Science Faculty was completed in September 2017 as part of our 2020 Vision.

## **The Role**

We are looking for a Head of Science or Science Teacher who is an outstanding Scientist. The following specifics are largely for a HEAD OF SCIENCE and so it follows that the management requirements of this role will not apply to a teacher of science. The aspects only relevant to a Head of Science are marked with an \* asterisk.

We seek someone who is prepared to lead by example and manage best practice by all members of the department. As Head of Science, s/he will ultimately be responsible for leading, managing and developing the Science curriculum.

We are looking for someone who will inspire children to love Science.

### **Responsible to:**

The Headmaster

### **Responsibilities:**

- The teaching of Science in the Prep department.
- Implementing and helping to develop a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum in science.
- \* Writing and reviewing schemes of work / syllabuses and maintaining documentation.
- \* Monitoring of planning, teaching and standards within the department.
- \* Management of staff within the department.
- \* Liaising with the Pre-Prep Science coordinator, the Deputy Head (Academic) and the Head of Science at King's College.
- \* Management and development of department resources.
- \* To organise/oversee relevant visits/trips/projects for Science.
- \* Ordering and management of Science department budget.
- Fulfilling the safety obligations of the Science department.
- Adhering to the School Marking Policy, keeping records/pupil profiles and writing reports
- The pastoral care of a tutor group.

All members of staff are required to attend Assembly, Departmental meetings, Parents' evenings, School functions and Staff meetings,

All Prep staff help with the games and hobbies programmes according to their ability and interests and are also included on a weekly duty rota either during the day or in the boarding house.

The person appointed must be able to work closely with other members of the department and establish good relationships with parents.

All members of staff are expected to maintain a high standard of timekeeping and personal presentation.

## Person Specification

### Qualifications

- A degree (Science) and/or teaching certificate from a recognised college/university.
- Qualified Teacher status or proven relevant experience.

### Experience and Knowledge

- Could suit NQT or someone with more teaching experience.
- Outstanding subject knowledge and understanding.
- Strong ICT skills
- Ability to teach a second subject will be an advantage.

### Personal Qualities

- Ability to lead and inspire an enthusiasm for Science.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively and build professional relationships with parents and colleagues.
- Uncompromising but compassionate approach to professional standards.
- Rigorous can-do attitude, positive team player with a sense of humour and patience.
- Able to model the values and expectations of the school
- A high degree of administrative efficiency

## Remuneration

- King's Hall has its own salary scale which is at least equivalent to the national scales.
- Pensionable under the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
- Reduced fees at King's Hall and King's College are available for children of staff.

## How to Apply

To apply, please complete all sections of the application form, including the supporting statement. In this statement, please ensure you set out your interest in this position and how you meet the requirements of the role.

Please apply online or return your completed application form, together with letter of application, to:

Mr Justin Chippendale

Headmaster

King's Hall School

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The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 29th September.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 12th October.

## Safeguarding

King's Hall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to respect this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory reference checks.