

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES at St George's College, Weybridge**

### **The Post**

The opportunity has become available for an experienced teacher or NQT to join our Religious Studies department in September. Ideally, prospective candidates will be practising Catholics.

### **The Department**

Religious Studies is a core curriculum subject which is taught throughout years 7 – 13. The department seeks to support and promote the Roman Catholic ethos of the College through an academically rigorous and engaging curriculum. As teachers we seek to provoke challenging questions about the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, right and wrong, the nature of reality and the being of God. The schemes of work offered by the department develop students' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, as well as other major religions and alternative world views.

Additionally, we seek to provide opportunities for spiritual growth through deep questioning and experiential teaching. We are mindful of the diversity within our student body and the department aims to provide an environment which enables each individual to discern his or her own unique vocation and to develop their own adult understanding of their faith.

In short, our aim is to produce religiously literate young adults who are able to express clearly what they and others believe so that they are prepared for the adult world. This will enable them to develop respect and sensitivity to others, particularly those with different faiths and beliefs and therefore, to combat prejudice and negative discrimination. The department works closely with the College Chaplaincy and pursues outreach opportunities such as work with all Year 13 students in local primary schools.

### **Teaching Staff and Departmental Facilities**

The department is well equipped with four dedicated teaching rooms and an office adjacent to the College's Chapel. In September there will be five full-time and one part-time member of staff, including the new Religious Studies teacher.

### **Curriculum**

RS is taught throughout Years 7 to 11 and all the students take the subject at GCSE in Year 11, at present using AQA Specification B which includes a 50% study of Catholicism and the Judaism and themes annexes. At A level we deliver the OCR 'A' level and there are currently 18 students studying the subject across the sixth form.

We deliver an unexamined Religious Studies programme to years 12 and 13 and this includes one lesson a week in Lower Sixth and two lessons a week in Upper Sixth.

## ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) To be a Tutor to an assigned Tutor Group and to carry out related duties in accordance with the general job description of Group Tutor including implementing the PSHE programme
- b) To carry out supervisory duties in accordance with the DH Staff's Supervision Rota. This amounts to the equivalent of 1.5 Term's worth of duties, spread throughout the 3 x Terms. Duties are scheduled to avoid clashes with other areas of responsibility.
- c) To make a significant contribution to non-departmental extra-curricular activities, in addition to the above. Core contribution is defined as the equivalent of 1 x Term's Saturday Sport; this can be met in a variety of ways, including 1 x evening of contribution across 3 Terms, depending on the nature of the activity. Co-curricular contributions which exceed this can be eligible for additional remuneration, but this will need to be negotiated with the Head of Co-Curricular and DH Staff, once in post.
- d) The school has a House system and all staff are members of a House and expected to support its activities.
- e) All staff are expected to supervise EPQ students if required, as all students in the Sixth Form undertake this qualification.

## CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The salary will be dependent upon experience and qualifications. The College participates in the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme. The College adheres to the current statutory requirements for retirement procedures

## APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

A completed Application Form, CV and a brief covering letter, together with the details of two referees should be forwarded to:

The Headmistress; St George's College Weybridge, Weybridge Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2QS or by email to: [headmistress@stgeorgesweybridge.com](mailto:headmistress@stgeorgesweybridge.com).

**The deadline for applications is 12:00 noon on Thursday 15 March. Successful candidates will be invited for interview on Wednesday 21 March.**

St George's employs personnel who are best qualified for the post without any discrimination in favour of race, colour, gender or national origin. All staff must be able to support the Mission Statement of the school.