



Uckfield Community College

Recruitment Information Booklet

**Curriculum Leader:
Mathematics
Leadership Scale Point L8-12**

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Dear Candidate

We are delighted you are interested in applying for a role at Uckfield Community College and thank you for taking the time discover more about life at our school.

The staff here, both teaching and non-teaching, are excellent. They are utterly professional and deeply caring people who have a strong moral purpose to make a difference to young people. Students in lessons are ready and eager to work. It is no surprise that results are so good. Both personally and professionally, I am very proud of the work they do. While we are a 'students first' college and students are what we are here for, our greatest asset is our dedicated staff who strive and frequently go beyond the 'call of duty' to develop and maintain the very special environment that is Uckfield Community College.

I feel sure that you will identify Uckfield Community College as an energetic and successful place in which to work. If, after reading about us, you decide to apply for the post, then we look forward to receiving your application form. Applications will be processed in line with the dates provided and I will write to successful and unsuccessful candidates as soon as possible to inform them of their progress.

There is further information about the College, including Prospectus and an electronic version of the briefing booklet and application form available on our website: www.uckfield.college. If there are specific parts of the application you would like to clarify, or if there is particular information you require, then please telephone me at the College. I can be contacted via my PA, Toni Fletcher, on 01825 764844, extension 1101.

In conclusion, I make no excuses for sounding so very proud of the enthusiasm, hard work and support of staff, students, parents and governors. UCTC is very much a team and I believe, fundamentally, a very happy and successful one.

I look forward to meeting short-listed candidates at interview.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Hennebry
Principal



About our College

In our most recent Ofsted report the Inspection team were full of praise for our great team of staff:

- "Teachers make better use of assessment information to plan work that meets the needs of all pupils."
- "Teachers make good use of technology available."
- "Teachers have worked collaboratively... to increase the level of challenge for pupils."
- "Teachers... ensure a consistent approach to feedback."
- "Pastoral leaders now have a more rigorous approach in place which ensures greater consistency across all year groups."
- "Pupils feel that their teachers listen to them in lessons and that they are well challenged."
- "Students said that the extra-curricular provision has expanded."



The Lead Inspector also wrote some wonderful comments about our students:

- "Pupils are typically very well behaved."
- "Pupils are friendly, polite and there is a harmonious atmosphere in the school."
- "Pupils say that homework tasks extend their current learning and provide additional challenge."
- "Pupils appreciate the guidance their teachers give them and they say that they know very specifically how to improve their skills and knowledge."

What runs through the letter are Ofsted's findings that our College is a Good school and is improving. What is also clear is that the positive relationships between teachers, parents and students, with students at the heart of everything we do, is such an important part of these improvements.



Our Vision and Ethos

In feedback to the Lead Inspector during our recent Ofsted Inspection, one parent summed up the ethos of the school as **"Encouraging the young people to love learning, be interested in the world around them, take care of it and take care of one another."**



Our Staff

We are exceptionally proud of our staff here at UCTC, both teaching and non-teaching. They are an amazing team who work together collegiately to support each other and help each and every one of us to be the very best we can.



Curriculum Leader: Mathematics (Leadership Pay Spine)

Hours	Full Time
Commencement	September 2018
Contract	Permanent
Salary Scale	L8 to L12 (<i>currently £46,799 to £51,639</i>)

The Application Process

We hope that after reading the information in this booklet you will be keen to apply to join our dedicated team of staff. If you would like to be considered for this role, please complete and return an East Sussex County Council Application Form, which is available electronically from our website. We will also be pleased to forward a hard copy of the application form to you if you prefer.

Please ensure that you submit your application before the closing date for this post of Monday 29th January at 10.00 a.m. Unfortunately applications received after this time cannot be considered. If you are short-listed for the post we will contact you as soon as possible to invite you to interview.

If you would like to discuss the post further, or arrange to visit the College prior to making your application, please do not hesitate to contact our Personnel Assistant, Caroline Selden, on 01825 764844 extension 1232 or email hr@uckfield.college.

The Interview Process

We look forward to welcoming short-listed candidates on the interview day, when they will have the opportunity to find out much more about the College throughout the interview process. On the day you can expect the format to include:

- Welcome from the team
- Meetings with key members of the team
- Lesson Observation
- Tour of the College
- Safeguarding Interview
- Presentation on leading outstanding Teaching and Learning
- Panel Interview

East Sussex County Council is an authority committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will need to undertake a DBS enhanced clearance for this authority.

Job Description

Job Title: Curriculum Leader: Mathematics
Responsible To: Deputy Principal

Main Purpose of the Job

- To be accountable for a discrete Curriculum area and to support, hold accountable, develop and lead a team of people focusing on this area in order to raise standards of student attainment and achievement.
- To carry out the professional duties of a teacher as circumstances may require and in accordance with the College's policies under the direction of the Principal.
- To play a full part in the life of the College and its community, to support its mission and ethos of realising potential and to be a role model for staff and students.

Job Dimensions

- **Students:** accountable for the oversight of learning of all students.
- **Staff:** accountable for the direct line management of a significant number of colleagues. This will include subject leaders, teaching staff and other relevant personnel within the department.
- **Resources:** accountable for the teaching and learning budget allocated to this curriculum area; the physical learning environment.

Key Accountabilities

Strategic Direction and Development: Lead, develop and implement learning policies, plans, targets and practices to ensure contribution to whole College improvement.

- Develop and implement policies and practices which reflect the College's commitment to high achievement and effective teaching and learning.
- Develop and implement policies and practices which reflect the College's commitment to the five outcomes for children within the Every Child Matters agenda.
- Lead developments across the curriculum area which identify clear targets, timescales and success criteria i.e. the Curriculum Area Development Plan.
- To monitor and evaluate progress against the Curriculum Area Development Plan including the quality of teaching and learning.
- To lead the development of syllabus choice and schemes of learning, taking account of College and National trends.
- To ensure the maintenance and availability of accurate and up to date information about the Curriculum area.
- To analyse departmental and college data to ensure that student performance targets are in line with whole College targets.
- To create a positive atmosphere for learning for all students across the Curriculum area including the management of behaviour.
- To contribute to the development of College policy.
- To act as a champion for your Curriculum area and contribute to whole College issues.
- To implement College policies and procedures e.g. Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, SEN, Literacy, Numeracy and ICT across the curriculum area.
- To ensure provision for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students across the subject area in lessons and other activities.

Leading and Managing Staff: provide the necessary support, challenge, intervention and information to sustain motivation and secure improvement in teaching and learning.

- To develop and sustain a shared vision and common purpose and to secure commitment from your team.
- To be a positive role model for your team.
- To develop team-working strategies.
- To oversee the co-ordination of INSET provision that meets the training needs of the team.
- To use coaching and mentoring strategies as appropriate to develop team members.
- Line Management of a team to include Performance Management.
- Where relevant to provide advice on threshold, upper pay spine and other professional development opportunities.
- To be aware of the welfare and wellbeing of staff in the Curriculum Area

Teaching and Learning: secure and sustain effective teaching, evaluate the quality of teaching and standards of students' achievements and set targets for improvement to ensure high standards across all key stages and external assessments.

- Pedagogy and methodology - to draw upon best practice in teaching and learning and share across the team e.g. learning styles and thinking skills.
- To develop the use of lesson observations to improve practice i.e. part of College self-evaluation and review and internal procedures.
- To ensure marking and assessment across the Curriculum area is in line with College policies (including AFL policy) and meet exam board criteria.
- Reporting on student progress.
- Educational enhancement (*booster classes, trips and visits*).
- To establish and develop the process of target setting across the Curriculum area in line with curriculum practice and work towards their achievement.
- Co-ordinate praise, rewards and good news/publicity about student participation and achievement monitor student progress and implement intervention strategies.

Deployment of Resources: identify and monitor appropriate resources to ensure that they are used efficiently, effectively and safely.

- To manage the teaching and learning budget of the Curriculum area to ensure Best Value for Money.
- To ensure that the Curriculum area's teaching commitments are effectively and efficiently timetabled and roomed.
- To deploy resources to maximise student learning.
- To oversee the use of accommodation and resources to create a positive learning environment.
- To co-ordinate the organisation and maintenance of equipment and stock.
- To implement College policies, procedures and risk assessments with regard to Health and Safety e.g. COSHH.
- To oversee the effective, efficient deployment of student teachers to ensure curriculum and pastoral continuity.
- To make appropriate arrangements for classes when staff are absent, ensuring appropriate cover within the Curriculum area with the cover supervisor/relevant staff.
- To be responsible for the efficient and effective deployment of the Curriculum area's technician/support staff.
- To participate in the selection of staff new to the College and/or to teaching and to ensure effective induction.
- To set up review procedures to support staff promoted to new posts within the Curriculum area.

Communication

- Communicate and consult with parents and Governors where appropriate.
- To contribute to the corporate life of the college and represent the Curriculum area through effective participation in meetings e.g. Curriculum Leaders; Leadership Team and Key Stage discussions.
- To liaise with external agencies as appropriate.
- To chair meetings.
- To take responsibility for Curriculum area in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents Evenings, and events with other schools.
- To represent the wider Curriculum area as and when required.

Curriculum Development

- To lead on and evaluate Curriculum development and provision (syllabuses/schemes of work) across the subject area in order to ensure appropriate challenge and success for every student.
- To keep up to date with National developments in the curriculum area and teaching practice and methodology.
- To actively monitor and respond to Curriculum development and initiatives at National, Regional and local levels.

Quality Assurance

- To ensure the effective implementation of High Reliability protocols across the Curriculum area.
- To evaluate the practice within the department and reporting and evaluate on examination performance in line with the College self-evaluation process.
- Developing the use of Student Voice across the Curriculum area.

Refer to the current 'Conditions of Employment for Teachers other than Head Teachers' from School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document from the DfE.

This post is subject to the current conditions of employment for Class Teachers contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document, the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act, the required standards for Qualified Teacher Status and Class Teachers and other current legislation. This job description should be read in conjunction with 'Clarification notes on the exercise of professional duties for all teachers, other than head teachers' contained at Appendix A.

This job description may be amended at any time following discussion between the Principal and member of staff, to be reviewed annually.

Person Specification: Curriculum Leader of Mathematics

	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Teacher Status • Good Honours Graduate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of relevant further professional development
Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to teach subject to A Level 	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of strategies to have successfully raised student achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership experience
Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding classroom teacher • High quality interpersonal skills • Team player • Flexible • Proactive and able to make decisions • Ambitious, personally and for the College • Positive 'can do' attitude • An educational vision focused on students • Excellent range of communication skills; listening as well as speaking, presenting, writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of strategies to raise student achievement

Departmental Structure and Organisation 2017/2018

Mathematics Department

Staff

Lisia Muller	Curriculum Leader of Mathematics (Acting)
Julian Pope	Assistant Curriculum Leader of Mathematics - KS4 Lead
Victoria Green	Assistant Curriculum Leader of Mathematics - KS3 Lead
Duncan Curtis	Assistant Curriculum Leader of Mathematics - KS5 Lead
Marcus Littlejohns	Teacher of Mathematics and Lead Practitioner Mathematics
Jamie Bowie	Assistant Head (Curriculum Modelling & Data) and Teacher of Mathematics
David Burren	Deputy Principal and Teacher of Mathematics
Andrew Grant	Director of Year and Teacher of Mathematics
Sophie Abbott	Teacher of Mathematics
Sarah Chapman	Teacher of Mathematics
Andrew Gorman	Teacher of Mathematics
Charlie Jones	Teacher of Mathematics
Katie Lawrence	Teacher of Mathematics
Phil Ball	Teacher of Mathematics
Marian Barbu	Teacher of Mathematics
George Sambrook	Trainee Teacher of Mathematics

Accommodation

The Department benefits from 14 classrooms housed in a suite each being equipped with an interactive whiteboard. There is a small office and a small work room which are situated in the Mathematics Corridor.

All full-time colleagues have their own teaching room.

Resources

All teaching rooms have:

- Promethean boards
- Calculators, and other essential everyday mathematical equipment
- A full range of Mathematics equipment is centrally stored including a class set of graphic calculators

Mathematics Provision

Years 7, 8 & 9	Students are taught in sets for three periods per week. Students from Year 7-9 currently follow the new spiral curriculum.
Years 10 and 11	<p>Students in Year 10 and Year 11 will have 4 lessons of Maths per week. The setting is slightly tighter in Years 10 and 11 with 6 sets per side. Edexcel Linear Mathematics is taught at Foundation and Higher levels. Teachers use a variety of shared resources to support learning, and active, rich learning experiences are encouraged.</p> <p>AQA Statistics is taught to students who opt to study the three separate Sciences at GCSE, in a weekly one-hour session.</p> <p>Our most able mathematicians have the opportunity to study Further Maths GCSE instead of Statistics.</p>
Year 12	<p>AQA AS Mathematics is offered with the options of two Pure Mathematics units coupled with either Mechanics or Statistics Mathematics and is taught in five periods with an additional period to support students in any weak areas.</p> <p>AQA AS Further Mathematics with Statistics or Mechanics is also offered and is taught in four periods per week.</p>
Year 13	All the above AS courses are offered at A2 and taught in five periods per week.

Public Examinations

Years 10/11	Edexcel Linear GCSE Mathematics Edexcel Statistics with centre assessed coursework AQA Further Mathematics
Year 12	AQA AS Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Statistics
Year 13	AQA A2 Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Statistics

Additional Information

We have strong links with local primary schools and offer Master Classes for high achievers in the Spring Term, and a Maths Challenge toward the end of Term 5.

Departmental Meetings are scheduled at regular intervals and are used to discuss Curriculum developments, teaching and learning. We also have joint professional learning time as a department once a week after school which is used for a variety of teaching and learning developments including developing the scheme of learning, joint planning, and our Moodle site.

The Application and Appointment Arrangements

We look forward to receiving your application which should be returned to Caroline Selden, Personnel Assistant at UCTC, hr@uckfield.college. Your application should comprise:

- A letter of application, which includes reference to those aspects of your experience, personality, knowledge and skills which will equip you for these roles;
- A fully completed application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Monday 29th January 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Short-listing will take place shortly afterwards and interviews will be held as soon as possible. The selection process will include meetings with key members of the team, a lesson observation, a tour of the College and formal interviews.

If you require any further information please contact Caroline Selden at UCTC on 01825 764844, extension 1232 or email hr@uckfield.college. Alternatively you may contact Toni Fletcher, PA to the Principal, on 01825 764844, extension 1101, or email t.fletcher@uckfield.college.

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