



Christ Church Cathedral School

French Teacher – Job Specification

Christ Church Cathedral School is a school in the very heart of Oxford, a stone's throw from Christ Church and the Cathedral itself. The meadows, in which our stunning sports pitches are to be found, are only yards away. The successful candidate will have a natural sympathy for a historic choir school in such a setting. Just as importantly, though, the candidate will have an instinctive understanding of the importance of providing an education appropriate for the pupils of today and for the shaping of boys fully equipped to succeed in the country's leading secondary schools.

The school is small and so the successful candidate will be able to have a significant influence on the life of the place and its pupils.

The person who gains the job will:

- Be accountable to the Academic Deputy.
- Teach French to Years 5 - 8 aiming at 13+ CE and scholarship examinations
- Plan and deliver stimulating lessons within a well balanced curriculum that conforms to the French Department planning.
- Undertake a commitment to raising standards and levels of achievement of all pupils
- Work co-operatively with other team members in the department on planning, organising the curriculum and departmental events.
- Refer to all the programmes of study and schemes of work that are in place and assist in their development as appropriate.
- Plan individual lessons appropriate to the needs, interests, experience and existing knowledge of the pupils in the classes taught.
- Mark and assess pupils' work effectively and record accurately their development, progress and attainment.
- Support and promote the teaching of French throughout the School.
- Supervise any teaching assistant, recognising training needs, monitoring training and developing teamwork.
- Build and maintain co-operative relationships with parents and, as necessary, communicate with them on pupils' learning and progress. This includes parents' meetings and writing reports.
- Maintain an attractive and stimulating classroom environment.
- Contribute enthusiastically to the extra – curricular life of the school

We are looking for someone with all or most of the following characteristics:

- To possess an appropriate Degree and almost certainly a Teaching Qualification
- Experienced in teaching French to both KS2/KS3 (especially KS3).
- An inspirational specialist French teacher with good classroom management skills.
- Effective in planning and evaluating to ensure appropriate progression in pupils' learning.
- Ability to relate to and communicate effectively with children, parents and staff.
- To have a vocational desire to make a difference to the lives of young people, both academically and pastorally, and to develop in them the best of human qualities.
- Enthusiastic and self-motivated, with good organisational skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Possess resilience under pressure and a good sense of humour.
- Experienced in teaching French to CE and scholarship level to senior independent schools at 13+
- Evidence of further professional development.

A sense of humour is a necessity because it will ensure that the candidate is able to maintain a sense of perspective and be an engaging, positive member of the school community.

Ultimately, the successful candidate will believe passionately in the importance of education and consider their role to be both a vocation and a privilege.

Single accommodation may be available