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## **Teacher of Religious Education and PSHE**

Thank you for your interest in this post. Below is a brief description of the department. Further details about our school, including our most recent Ofsted report, the school Prospectus, and the "School Background" document, can be seen under "School Information" on our website (www.kennetschool.co.uk).

To apply please complete and submit the school application form. Your application may, if preferred, be emailed to <a href="mailto:office@kennetschool.co.uk">office@kennetschool.co.uk</a>. You are reminded that the closing date is noon, 10 October 2017 and you are encouraged to send in your application as early as possible. Please ensure we have appropriate daytime telephone numbers so that we can contact you speedily.

Kennet School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please complete the attached form.

I look forward to receiving your application and can assure you that the successful candidate will be joining a school which brings both great challenges and rewards to teachers on the staff. Our progress in recent years has been remarkable, but we intend to set ever higher standards and to lead our pupils by example.

Yours sincerely

P G DICK Headmaster

## Department of RS and PSHE Kennet School

The RS & PSHE department has four specialist RS teachers. The department is well resourced with all rooms having interactive whiteboards. The department has a bank of laptops that are used regularly in lessons to access varied resources and facilitate students' independence in their enquiry based lessons.

In Years 7 and 8, pupils have discrete curriculum time for both RS and PSHE. Pupils commence studying for the GCSE curriculum in Year 9.

At KS4 RS is studied by the majority of pupils to full course GCSE, with a small cohort following a separate curriculum to support their literacy skills. The majority of pupils (approx. 260) take the EDUQAS Full course in Philosophy and Ethics, Christianity and Judaism. Results for this mixed ability group have remained consistently high; in 2017 they were 66% A\* - C.

Philosophy is a successful option in the Sixth Form. We follow the AQA syllabus, focusing on the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. The Year 12 course leads to one examination, testing students on Epistemology and Moral Philosophy. In Year 13 there is a further examination on Metaphysics of God and Metaphysics of the Mind. Students enjoy a vast range of learning opportunities, including the chance to attend conferences in London and visiting guest speakers. A Level results are consistently good with 100% pass rate (67% of students gained A\*-C in 2017).

The department expects and achieves high standards in terms of effort and attainment from all pupils regardless of their ability. It strives constantly to make valuable contributions to the ethos and quality of education offered by Kennet School and it looks forward to the challenges of the future. Pupils have a very positive attitude to both RS and PSHE lessons, appreciating the opportunities to explore new ideas, voice their opinion and value that of others .

Miss E Forsey Head of RE & PSHE October 2017