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Dear Prospective Colleague,

Thank you for your enquiry about the post in the Science Faculty. Please find enclosed some further details about the faculty and its staff and resources.

The science faculty is made up of 10 purpose built laboratories all of which have interactive white boards fitted. There are also 2 large and well stocked preparation rooms and a communal science office. We are fortunate in having 3 skilled and hardworking science technicians who work closely alongside our science teachers to ensure that a wide range of high quality practical activities and demonstrations are available to all students.

At KS3 science classes are all taught in mixed attainment tutor groups. One science teacher is responsible for each KS3 class and teaches a variety of modules which cover all three science specialisms with a particular focus on 'Working Scientifically'.

At KS4 we follow the OCR Gateway Science syllabus and classes are arranged into foundation and higher tiers although there is considerable flexibility in moving students between groups where necessary. Triple science is also a popular option and is currently studied by approximately 20% of students.

The pattern of achievement at KS4 is good, with GCSE results continuing to improve. In summer 2017 68% of students achieves grades of A*-C in double award and 100% of triple science students achieved A*-C in all three disciplines.

All three A-level disciplines are popular at Queens Park and results match national averages. The faculty has a strong tradition of monitoring and mentoring students. Good provisions are made for G+T students who are often involved in extracurricular projects and visits. Revision classes are regular and well attended particularly in the run up to module examinations.

The science department is a friendly and supportive team and all new comers to the faculty are warmly welcomed and well supported. We have a strong record in supporting NQTs and this post would be equally suitable for an NQT or a more experienced teacher.

If you are interested in this post you can find the application form and details on the website.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Greenhalgh
Head of Science

