



## **TEACHER OF PHYSICS (MATERNITY COVER)**

**CONTRACT TYPE:** TEMPORARY, FULL TIME

**SCALE:** (MPS/UPS)

### **BACKGROUND**

Kirkham Grammar School is a thriving independent school, comprising a Senior, Junior, Infant and Pre-School, with 850 pupils on roll. The Senior School has 600 pupils in an age range of 11 - 18 years. There are close links with the Junior, Infant and Pre-School, situated across the road, which has 250 pupils on roll. The Governing Body and Bursarial Department are common to both schools.

There is a strong tradition of science at KGS which is reflected in the academic successes achieved in recent years in the department and the popularity of Physics at A-level.

### **THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT**

Physics is taught as a separate subject throughout the school. In the first two years each form has two hours of Physics, Chemistry and Biology per fortnight, with an extra hour for each in the third year. At Key Stage 4 every pupil studies Physics as a separate subject and sits the AQA Physics Exams. These may then be combined with Chemistry and Biology results to be certificated as two science GCSEs: Combined Science (Trilogy). However, the higher ability sets (top half of the year) cover the additional content required to certificate as three separate GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. All KGS pupils are expected to achieve at least Grade C, at GCSE.

In the Sixth Form, the AQA A-level syllabus is followed. There are two sets in the L6 and two at U6 level. Physics is a popular option in L6 and most continue to complete the full A Level.

Most Physics lessons are taught in purpose-built laboratories. The school recently opened three newly constructed laboratories which benefit from the very latest teaching facilities. Three Laboratory Technicians are shared between the three sciences.

There are two full-time Physicists in the department. A number of others teach a few periods of Physics each week.

The department is well equipped and ICT is used extensively to aid teaching and learning at all levels.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To teach GCSE and A-level Physics.
- To have clear aims and objectives for all lessons and to ensure effective progress is made by pupils – both academically and in a wider sense.
- To contribute to curricular developments within the department and beyond.
- Work as a Form Tutor and promote high standards of behaviour, effort and attainment.

**REPORTS TO:** Head of Department

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION:**

- Must be educated to degree level.
- Hold the relevant teaching qualification.
- Set high expectations, which inspire, motivate and encourage pupils.
- Promote good progress and outcomes for pupils.
- Demonstrate good curriculum and subject knowledge.
- Plan and teach well-structured lessons.
- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils.
- Make accurate and productive use of assessments.
- Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment.
- Fulfil wider professional responsibilities.

**Salary:** Teachers' Standard National Pay Scale, according to qualifications and experience, plus Kirkham allowance.

**Closing date for applications:** 15 June 2018

**Interview date:** To be advised.

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**Applications:**

By application form and supporting letter/CV  
to:

Mr D H Berry  
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**D H Berry**  
Headmaster

The post is ultimately subject to completion of the school's own application form, two satisfactory references, DBS clearance and verification of qualifications.

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and promoting the welfare of children and young people*

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