



Job Application Pack

HEAD OF HUMANITIES

£22,917 to £38,633 MPS/UPS with TLR2b

Full Time, Permanent

Closing Date: 5pm on Friday 20 April 2018



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Humanities at The Suthers School.

This is a really exciting opportunity for an ambitious, dynamic and well-qualified teacher of History or Geography to have a real impact on the educational experiences of the young people of Newark and the surrounding areas. You will join us at the earliest stages of the school's development and will therefore have a unique opportunity to contribute to our vision.

This role will also bring a unique potential for career progression and there will be opportunity to take on additional leadership responsibilities at The Suthers School for a suitably qualified candidate.

I am very proud to be building a team of staff committed to securing the very best outcomes for young people, no matter what their starting point. I firmly believe that through a relentless focus on meeting the needs of the individual and in embedding the principles of 'work hard, be kind', Suthers staff really will make a difference.

With a Year 7 cohort of 90 students initially but with a PAN of 120 within the next two years, The Suthers School will grow year on year until it reaches capacity in 2023. In light of this the role of Head of Humanities will evolve and the TLR allocated to the role will be subject to increase as the level of accountability changes.

We may be starting small but that does not mean our ambitions should not be great. Young people deserve an education that excites and enthuses, one which prepares them for a future as global citizens who are able to think for themselves. The Suthers School is a place where character education is ranked alongside academic preparation and where students thrive in an environment which inspires ambition, compassion and a love of learning.

If you share this ambition, have the capacity to teach across the full range of Humanities subjects, including Philosophy and Ethics and are looking for an opportunity to have a real impact on the lives of young people, I would be delighted to hear from you. Details of how to apply and further information about the role are included in this pack but if you do have any questions about this role or would like an opportunity to discuss it in more detail, please contact our School Manager, Mrs Jo Braithwaite jbraithwaite@suthersschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr Andrew Pettit
Head of School



Application Details

Thank you for your interest in the Head of Humanities vacancy at The Suthers School. Further details of this post, the school and the Trust are included in this pack and can be found on our website www.suthersschool.co.uk

How to Apply

The online application form for this role is located on the current vacancies page of The Suthers School website and on the Nova Education Trust website <http://www.novaeducationtrust.net>. Wherever possible, please provide email addresses for your referees.

Closing Date

Please ensure your application arrives by 5pm on the closing date of Friday 20 April 2018

Interview

Interviews for this position will likely be conducted on Friday 4 May 2018.

If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks of the closing date, please assume that unfortunately, on this occasion, your application has not been successful.

Safeguarding

The Suthers School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



Job Description – Head of Department

Reports to: Head of School, Senior Leadership Team

Key purpose of the job

To lead the development and continuous review of teaching, learning and assessment in the department in order to secure the best possible outcomes for all students.

In addition to the requirements of a class teacher, areas of responsibility and key tasks include supporting the Head of School in the following areas:

Strategic direction and development of the department

- Develop and implement policies and practices which reflect the school's commitment to high achievement through effective teaching and learning
- To have an enthusiasm for the subject which motivates and supports other staff and encourages a shared understanding of the contribution the subject can make to all aspects of pupils' lives
- Use relevant school, local and national data to inform targets for development and further improvement for individuals and groups of pupils
- Develop plans for the subject which identify clear targets, time-scales and success criteria for its development and/or maintenance in line with the school development plan
- Monitor progress and evaluate the effects on teaching and learning by working alongside colleagues, analysing work and outcomes
- Chair meetings of subject staff (including provision of agenda and minutes) and provide other briefings as necessary.

Teaching and learning

- Use your own class as an example of high quality teaching and learning in the subject;
- Ensure continuity and progression in the subject by supporting colleagues in choosing the appropriate sequence of teaching and teaching methods and setting clear learning objectives through an agreed scheme of work, developed in line with the school development plan;
- Establish clear targets for achievement in the subject and evaluate progress through the use of appropriate assessments and records and regular yearly analysis of this data;
- Evaluate the teaching and learning of the subject by the monitoring of teachers' plans and through work analysis, identify effective practice and areas for improvement, and take appropriate action to improve further the quality of teaching;
- Develop effective links with the local community including parents, business and industry;
- Ensure that teachers are aware of the implications of equality of opportunity which the subject raises;



- Assist in the efficient organisation of internal assessments ensuring that assessments are started, changed and finished in accordance with the schools assessment policy;
- Ensure that entries for all external examinations are submitted to the examinations officer by specified deadlines.

Leading and managing staff

- Enable all teachers to achieve expertise in planning for and teaching the subject through example, support and by leading or providing high quality professional development opportunities;
- Ensure that the Head of School, SLT and governors are well informed about policies, plans, priorities and targets for the subject and that these are properly incorporated into the school development plan.

Effective deployment of resources

- Support the Head of School by maintaining efficient and effective management and organisation of learning resources, by developing or identifying new resources including ICT applications to the subject;
- To be aware of and respond appropriately to any Health and Safety issues raised by materials, practice or accommodation related to the subject;
- Support the Head of School by maintaining efficient and effective management of the expenditure for the subject;
- Help colleagues to create a stimulating learning environment for the teaching and learning of the subject;
- Take on any additional responsibilities, which might from time to time be determined.

Requirements of a classroom teacher

- Teach pupils within allocated classes, enhancing their learning and providing the opportunity for achievement for all pupils
- Planning and preparing tasks which challenge pupils and ensure high levels of interest during lessons
- Monitor the academic progress of pupils within allocated classes and implement appropriate strategies to address underachievement
- To assess, record and report on the progress and attainment of all pupils within allocated classes
- To register the attendance of pupils in class
- To set appropriate homework
- To mark pupil's work and give appropriate and constructive feedback
- To research new topic areas, maintain up-to-date subject knowledge, and devise and write new curriculum materials
- Manage pupil behaviour in the classroom and on school premises, and apply appropriate and effective measures in cases of misbehaviour



- Communicate with parents and carers over pupils' progress and participate in departmental meetings, parents' evenings and whole school training events
- Undergoing regular observations and participating in regular in-service training (INSET) as part of continuing professional development (CPD)
- Undertake critical self-evaluation and then participate in continuous professional development designed to enhance the quality of teaching or other working practices.

Responsibilities of a form tutor

- To address any issues concerned with the wellbeing, personal development and academic progress of pupils within the tutor group
- To check uniform and general appearance on a daily basis
- To monitor the behaviour of pupils in the tutor group.

Performance Management responsibilities

- All members of staff are required to participate fully in the school's performance management system.

Other professional requirements

- Have a working knowledge of teachers' professional duties and legal liabilities
- Operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the school
- Establish effective working relationships and set a good example through their presentation and personal and professional conduct
- Contribute to the corporate life of the school through effective participation in meetings and management systems necessary to coordinate the management of the school.

Person Specification: Head of Department

Factors	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Teacher Status (PGCE or equivalent qualification) • Good Honours degree (First or Second Class) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher professional qualification.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful experience of teaching in the subject across the full age range of a secondary school • Experience of teaching a wide range of abilities • Proven record as a teacher whose pupils reach high standards of learning and achievement. • Current/recent responsibility post within a dept • Proven success in leading a team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of pastoral/tutor role
Skills/ Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent teaching skills, including effective communication skills, ability to motivate students and staff and the capacity to create good learning environments. • A clear understanding of the characteristics of high quality teaching and learning and achievement for all pupils. • Knowledge of current issues and recent developments in the curriculum area. • Capacity to use ICT as integral part of teaching. • Knowledge and understanding of the value added agenda, including levels of progress. • Ability to lead initiatives, support the process of change and work effectively in a team. • Ability to prioritise, plan and organise. • Secure commitment to a clear aim and direction for the subject • Understanding of safeguarding and promoting of welfare of children issues. • Understanding of equal opportunities issues and their application to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of particular needs of pupils with SEN • Awareness of factors affecting language and learning across the curriculum • Knowledge/involvement in other cross curricular initiatives/projects or whole school developments
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm for the subject • Ability to use own initiative • A commitment to the vision of the school • A commitment to inclusive education. • Ability to form good working relationships with pupils and staff • High standards and expectations • Ability to use pupil assessment data to raise standards • Outstanding communication skills • A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities • A vision for the development of the department. • A commitment to personal and professional development.