



## **Heathside School**

### **Heathside School and Sixth Form Centre – information for applicants**

We are seeking an enthusiastic and well qualified Subject Teacher of Science to teach across all key stages and abilities in our highly successful 11-18 Academy. Heathside School is an over-subscribed, high-performing school located in Weybridge, Surrey. Heathside is the founding school in the ElmWey Learning Trust.

In July 2016 the Trust was successful in its bid to open a brand new secondary school in Elmbridge. The school is planned to open in September 2019 and will be a state funded Free School, non-selective and non-faith based. It will grow year-on-year and when fully operational will have 900 students in the age range 11-16. You would therefore be joining Heathside at an exciting time in its development. The post would suit an NQT (1 year fixed term in the first instance) or a more experienced candidate (TLR may be available for a suitable candidate).

#### **Staff and Facilities**

The team is led by the Curriculum Manager for Science. There are 12 teachers and the Science department is supported by the equivalent of 3.5 full time technicians.

The Area has nine laboratories, seven of which have been refurbished.

#### **Key Stage Three**

We use Pearson's Exploring Science scheme as a base for teaching KS3, which we finish half way through Year 9. Staff teach all aspects of the course. In Year 7, students are taught in tutor groups. In Year 8 and 9 we have ability sets with setting based on the results of end of module tests and exams taken at the end of the year.

#### **Key Stage Four**

Students have three double science lessons per week, identified as Biology, Chemistry and Physics from Y10 onwards and are taught by subject specialists. In Year 10, 2 sets take AQA separate sciences, with the remainder taking Combined Science: Trilogy. The Science GCSE 9-4 pass rates for 2017 were as follows:

Combined Science (2 passes, 9-4)	76%
Biology 9-4 (52 students)	100%
Chemistry 9-4 (52 students)	100%
Physics 9-4 (52 students)	100%

#### **Sixth Form**

'A' Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics are strong subjects at Heathside. The courses are extremely popular and are delivered to groups of well motivated students. Practical resources are very good. GCSE requirements for entry to the Sixth Form are high and the department aims for high academic standards. Each year we have a large number of students who wish to progress to scientific degree level study. In the last two years we have been delighted to see students go to study a science subject at Oxford and Cambridge. Students take four AS Level courses in the sixth form. We offer AS Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

### **A Level Biology**

We deliver the AQA Biology course. The students have five lessons per week, structured into two double lessons and a single lesson. In August 2016, our results were as follows:

A2     62% A\*-B grades,     (28 students)

### **A Level Chemistry**

We deliver the OCR B (Salters) course. The students have five lessons per week, structured into two double lessons and a single lesson. In August 2016, our results were as follows:

A2     60% A\*-B grades,     (26 students)

### **A Level Physics**

We deliver the AQA Physics course. The students have five lessons per week, structured into two double lessons and a single lesson. In August 2016, our results were as follows:

A2     55% A\*-B grades,     (18 students)

We are committed to continuous professional development and offer a wide range of training and development opportunities. The school is very popular and is an excellent platform for staff to further develop their professional career.

If you would like to discuss the post further please contact Christine Wilson, Curriculum Area Manager for Science [cwilson@heathside.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cwilson@heathside.surrey.sch.uk).

### **How to Apply:**

Please complete an application form which can be downloaded from the school's website. In addition to your application form please email a letter of application, detailing reasons for your interest in this post and your relevant skills and experience.

Completed application forms and covering letters should be submitted to:

[jobapplications@heathside.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jobapplications@heathside.surrey.sch.uk)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the child welfare. Applicants must undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and Enhanced DBS check. Committed to equal opportunities, we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Closing date: midday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Start date: September 2018