

## HAZLEGROVE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, SOUTH SOMERSET RESIDENT ART & DT GRADUATE – JOB DESCRIPTION

## **INTRODUCTION**

Hazlegrove is based around an early 18<sup>th</sup> Century country house set in 200 acres of rolling Somerset countryside. It is situated on the A303 at Sparkford, 10 miles north east of Yeovil.

It is a co-educational Preparatory School, for both day and boarding pupils, committed to sound teaching principles; to the moral and spiritual development of its pupils based on the Christian faith; to a disciplined and friendly environment with the belief that learning can be fun.

There are 360 children in the Prep and Pre-Prep department.

Hazlegrove is a terrific school with a very supportive and friendly parent body and delightful children.

Our previous Art and Design Technology Graduates have had a terrific time here where they have managed to continue creating their own work as well as doing a lot of group and individual work with pupils and, at the same time, making decisions about what they want to do next. They have all also held successful art exhibitions here during their final term. The ideal candidate might be an Art specialist who can also contribute to Design Technology which is located next door.

From our point of view, they have brought an energy and a passion for colour to the school. Three of them have lived in the boarding houses, fulfilling the role of House Tutor and, therefore, getting involved fully with the busy life of a boarding school.

Living and working in a boarding prep school is more of a way of life than a job. It's full on during term time but offers, in total, about 18 weeks holiday a year. The Art and DT Graduate is mainly attached to and based in the Art and Design Department during the working day as well as most evenings and weekends. This is a busy department which has teaching facilities for ceramics, design and technology, art and cookery.

The rest of the day is involved in the boarding community. Breakfast is at 7.45am, boarders' tea is at 6.00pm and evening activities run from 6.30pm -7.45pm. There is also a weekend programme of activities and outings. One is not on duty all the time, but very much part of a team which includes three house parent families, four Southern

Hemisphere gap students, two English Graduate Gaps, four matrons and other resident staff.

We would consider ourselves to be quite a creative and flexible employer and are always ready to support employees in the fulfilment of their own vision of their lives and to create space which makes the best use of particular skills that someone may have. This approach is, inevitably, balanced with meeting the needs of the school and its pupils. For example, involvement in other areas of school life such as sport could be incorporated into the successful applicants programme.

When it comes to appointing an Art and DT Graduate, our focus is on the personality and expectations of the applicant as much as the area of expertise that they bring.

If you are interested in applying, the Headmaster would be very willing to speak to you to explain the nature of the role and to answer any questions you might have. It is also probably a good idea to have a look at our website as this will give you an idea of what life is like here.

This position can provide single accommodation within a children's boarding house and all utilities and food during term time as well as a generous allowance which amounts to approximately £250 per week during term time.

Hazlegrove is totally committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The school has a range of policies and procedures for child protection and security. All staff at Hazlegrove are expected to understand and follow all of these policies and procedures as part of their professional responsibilities.

During the interview process, candidates should expect to be questioned about issues that are relevant to safeguarding children. Candidates should also be aware that referees will be asked to comment on a candidate's disciplinary record and whether or not the candidate has been the subject of any child protection concerns.

The successful candidate will be subject to DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include a full CV, an application form, together with a short letter of application and the names, addresses and contact telephone numbers of two referees. Closing date: Friday 27 April 2018. Applications will be considered as they are received. The ideal start date is 4 June 2018.

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