



TEACHER OF GERMAN (maternity cover) -

JOB DESCRIPTION and FURTHER INFORMATION

Headmaster: M. Turner M.A.

Shrewsbury School, founded in 1552, stands on an extensive site in the Kingsland district of Shrewsbury, looking over the River Severn to the old part of the town. There are currently 795 pupils in the School, of whom 80% are boarders. In September 2014 the school moved to full co-education, with currently 30% of all pupils being girls. Further details of the school can be found on the website (www.shrewsbury.org.uk).

We are looking to appoint a teacher of German with effect from September 2018 for the Michaelmas Term (September to December 2018). This is a temporary maternity cover post. The successful candidate will be an excellent teacher at all levels, and will have the energy and enthusiasm for the subject to maintain the remarkably strong tradition of German within the School.

The Modern Languages Faculty enjoys the spacious accommodation of the entire top floor of the main School Building. We have a Sanako 1200 Multi-Media Room, and audio-visual work in this room is an important aspect of the department's approach to developing linguistic competence. All the classrooms are fitted with projectors, computers, DVD recorders/ players and speakers; and the Faculty is able to offer a wide range of resources to pupils.

Pupils have the benefit of ten full-time and five part-time teachers of whom two have German as their principal language with three others contributing to varying degrees, including a German native-speaker assistant. The Faculty meets on a regular basis to plan ahead, discuss progress and share ideas.

All pupils take ab initio German for half of their first year, alternating with a similar in-depth taster of Spanish, alongside a year of compulsory French. From the 4th Form (Year 10), all pupils have to choose one of French, German and Spanish to continue to IGCSE; many take more than one MFL. Forty pupils chose to continue with German IGCSE this year. The CIE IGCSE course is currently followed, leading to CIE Pre-U in the Sixth Form, where we currently have eight pupils. Our current Upper Sixth are the first cohort to take the Pre-U German exam in the summer of 2018. Pre-U French has been taught for several years, but Pre-U was only introduced in 2016 by the German and the Spanish Faculties.

In the Sixth Form, the traditional study of Literature and Cultural topics is encouraged and a strong grammatical understanding underlies our approach. However, we are striving to blend the old with the new, with active learning approaches and up-to-date materials such as satellite TV recordings.

In 2017 exam results in German 57.1% of our 7 candidates achieved an A*-B grade. At GCSE, 56% of candidates gained an A* or A.

In addition to their academic duties, candidates may wish to contribute to the thriving pastoral and co-curricular life of the School. Shrewsbury School may be able to provide accommodation and has its own salary scale.

Application Process:

- Completed application forms, together with a covering letter, should be sent to The Headmaster, The Schools, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 7BA by **12pm on Monday 21st May 2018**.
- Alternatively, please email applications and letters to **vacancy@shrewsbury.org.uk** by the same closing date.
- Short-listing will then take place and candidates will be informed should they be successful or unsuccessful to interview by **6pm Tuesday 22nd May**.
- Interviews will, most likely, be held on **Thursday 24th or Friday 25th May**.

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