



Recruitment Additional Information

**Teacher of Science
MPS/UPS**

Refer to advert for closing date and interview dates

Welcome to Colton Hills Community School

I would like to begin my welcome to prospective candidates by conveying the aspirations and high expectations the school has for all of its students.

The school is a very caring school. Care, which now translates into the highest standards and ambition for every child in the school. When we were inspected in May 2015 we were rightly judged good in all areas, having been a school requiring improvement previously.

We have continued on our journey towards building a more successful thriving school where teaching and learning remains our single most important priority. A culture of positivity has taken root, our Curriculum Leaders are well supported and driving change and the students themselves are aware that they are at the centre of significant change. As a result of this, the students are enjoying school and making good progress.

We are a unique school, with unique children and unique challenges and we are successful because of the collective efforts across the school to serve the local community and its children.

We are therefore looking for an innovative and inspirational practitioner who wishes to make a real difference to the life chances of our young people. If you aspire for great things both for yourself, for colleagues here that will certainly welcome and support you, and for children in this part of Wolverhampton, who despite their difficulties really want to succeed, I wholeheartedly encourage you to apply.

Colton Hills has been described as a "Sleeping Giant", a perception that is borne out by every person that visits. I know the future is outstandingly optimistic for the school and I invite you to join us, to share in its journey and contribute to its success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Otero', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alberto Otero
Headteacher

Department Information: Science

The Science department in Colton Hills Community School is comprised of eight Science teachers plus two technicians. The department is continually looking to develop and move forward under the leadership of the Head of Science who has been in post for two years. The majority of the Science teachers hold other whole school responsibilities demonstrating the capabilities within the department.

The department has six laboratories and one preparation room. As with all schools the SOW associated with KS3 is undergoing significant change to meet with the new developments in the National Curriculum. The department is also developing assessment without levels as part of the whole school initiative in this area.

Teaching groups are arranged in two bands in KS3 and KS4, and within those bands there is a degree of streaming to meet the academic needs of all of our students.

The syllabus currently followed at KS4 is OCR Gateway Science. There are students who study Triple Science, Core and Additional for the Double Award Science and also Core Science as a single award. The department has a strong KS5 curriculum with Biology, Chemistry and Physics all being studied as separate sciences in the sixth form. The department also offers Level 3 BTEC Applied Science to students who do not have a strong enough academic performance to study the single sciences and A level.

The department continually looks at opportunities to take students on educational trips and also bringing people in to speak to the students. Recent trips have included A level Biology trip to Chester Zoo, guest speaker from CND, Biology Challenge and Olympiad, GCSE Live and many more.

We are looking for a Physics specialist to join the department. The requirement will be to teach Science at KS3 and KS4 and also to teach Physics at AS and A level.

The department is one which is continually growing in strength and confidence and will provide an ideal opportunity to anyone wishing to make an impact on education. The department, and school, are supportive of staff development and to continue their development and for possible promotion in the future.

Mr D Berry

Director of Learning STEM

The Application Process

Please follow complete and submit your application either on TES Jobs or on the WM Jobs website. If you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01902 558465.

Please submit a letter of application detailing how your skills and experience to date have prepared you for this role at Colton Hills Community School (no more than 2 sides of A4).

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by letter, email or telephone call with details of the interview and selection process.

Prospective candidates are welcome to visit school prior to making an application by contacting the school on 01902 558465.