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KS2 Class Teacher (1 year fixed term contract), at Holy Cross Preparatory School - information for applicants

Closing date for Applications:

12 noon Tuesday 21st March 2017

Interviews to be held:

Monday 27th March 2017

Thank you for your interest in this position. We hope that the following information, combined with the details on our school website (www.holycrossprepschool.co.uk) the job description and person specification, provides you with sufficient information about our school, our values and the role to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether this position would be a suitable match to your skills and aspirations.

Should you require any further information or have any questions, our Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Hair, would be delighted to discuss the role with you further (please telephone the School Secretary on 020 8942 0729).

Two references will be required and all references for shortlisted candidates will be taken up prior to interview.

Any offer made will be subject to satisfactory medical, enhanced DBS disclosure, satisfactory references and all standard DfE checks.

Please submit your application form and supporting letter of application by email to the Deputy Bursar, Kate Waghorn kate.waghorn@holycrossprep.com or by post to Holy Cross Preparatory School, George Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 7NU.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Information about Holy Cross Preparatory School

The school, which was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1926 and moved to the present site in 1971, is located in an historic house with large grounds, including netball and tennis courts and a sports field, in a conservation area on Kingston Hill in south-west London. In 2009 the completion of a major building project created new sports, performing arts and classroom areas, with new dining facilities and kitchen.

The school is owned by the Trustees of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Trustees, together with the Advisory Body, are responsible for the governance of the school.

The school has two forms in each year, with 290 pupils currently on roll. The school automatically offers places to Catholic girls and siblings of current pupils; otherwise the admission procedure consists of an introductory session for the four year old pupils or a day's visit for older pupils. The ability of the pupils is above the national average and most pupils are of average or above average ability as assessed by nationally standardised measures. Pupils come from mainly professional and business families, many (currently 48%), but not all, of the Catholic faith, and from a wide range of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Although the school is a Catholic foundation it welcomes pupils of other faiths.

Holy Cross Prep has very high standards in all areas. The School is extremely proud of its academic achievements but celebrates equally its friendly, nurturing and caring ethos. In the November 2013 Sunday Times Parent Power feature, Holy Cross Preparatory School was named as the Prep School of the Year and came 2nd in their ranking of schools based on performance in tests for 11 year olds. The School came 5th in the same list in November 2014.

Further information about the school is available on our website. We recommend viewing our online "Welcome DVD/Video" which provides a good flavour of the culture / environment at the school. Please see: <http://www.holycrossprepschool.co.uk>

Mission statement

The Holy Cross Preparatory School is a Catholic school, under the Trusteeship of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, which provides a Christian education in which the worship of God, gospel values and an awareness of other faiths and sensitivity for others are central to school life.

In the spirit of Saint Francis, the school is a caring community, which strives to enable each person to realise their full potential - spiritually, academically, personally and physically. To achieve this, the school welcomes all faiths and works in partnership with parents, teachers and children to develop the God-given gifts of each person.

Aims of the School

- To enable each person to grow to Christian maturity, through our worship of Christ, and fostering our faith journey in life.

- In the pursuit of excellence in our relationships and teaching, we aim to give each child the opportunity for self-growth - spiritually, personally, academically and physically.
- To develop each child's confidence, maturity and life-long enjoyment and love of learning.
- To recognise the individuality of the child and encourage the development of their character and potential through an awareness and respect for themselves and others.
- To develop the self-worth and self-discipline of each child and to establish a caring school community.
- To prepare children for examinations and entry to senior schools within a broad and balanced curriculum relevant to the needs of our children in an ever-changing world.
- To develop a strong sense of responsibility, co-operation and tolerance based on an awareness of the needs of others and an understanding of the need for charitable works.
- To create and foster a partnership between parents and school with the wider community.

Inspection Reports

In June 2016 an inspection was carried out by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) and their report is available to read or download on the Schools website. This inspection was one of a new format in which the inspection team examine 8 broad areas of the school for regulatory compliance.

Unlike the previous framework of Integrated Inspections which included qualitative judgements e.g. outstanding, good etc., the Compliance Inspection is assessed as either 'met' or 'not met'.

We are delighted that Holy Cross met all the ISI Standards and that no further action is required.

Prior to that in June 2010 Holy Cross Preparatory School was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) and received an outstanding report. There were many major strengths listed and no significant weaknesses. The report can also be found on our website.