



Dear Candidate

Our school is a thriving, exciting place to be and is amongst the top performing schools academically in Shropshire and our local area. We place our emphasis on ensuring all of our students achieve the qualifications, and equally importantly the skills to be successful in the ever changing world around us.

We maintain that learning should be lifelong, creative, rewarding and enjoyable. This is summarised in our mission statement: “Achievement for all”.

The Science department has played a key role in the success of the school with outstanding results across the age and ability range for a number of years. If you have the vision and leadership potential to take this even further then I look forward to receiving your application. If you would like to visit the school for a personal tour then please do contact us to book a time. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Parr  
Headteacher



## Science Department Resources

The science department has 6 teaching rooms, 5 laboratories and a computer suite. One room has an interactive board and one has a large wall mounted tablet. Each room has a data projector and board plus a separate white board. Two rooms have black out facilities. Three of the laboratories and the computer suite have been recently refurbished. There is also a recently refurbished office for use by the Science Leadership team.

Teaching staff are supported by one full time technician, a large prep room with 4 desk spaces and three storage rooms for chemicals and equipment. All teaching spaces have storage for day to day apparatus and equipment. The science team consists of 6 members of staff, two of whom are part-time.



## Teaching Science at Church Stretton School

The current KS3 course in use is Activate and the department has access to Kerboodle digital resources as well as printed textbooks. Classes are put into ability sets from Year 7 on entry to the school. There is an annual science trip for KS3 students in the summer term. A team from Year 8 were recently crowned National Champions in the Faraday Challenge, beating off stiff competition to scoop first place.

At KS4 students take Combined Science or they can opt for the Separate Sciences. Each GCSE gets 2.5 hours teaching a week, so combined science students get 5 hours a week and Separate Science students get 7.5 hours a week. The courses are fully resourced with the Pearson ActiveLearn digital materials as well as text books and lab journals for each course. The separate Sciences are popular with approximately 50% of the year group opting to study them.





Computer Science has recently been introduced and the first cohort to sit the GCSE will start in September 2018. At KS3 classes are taught computer science through the science curriculum, additional time on top of the science curriculum allocation is given.

Department outcomes and progress are strong across the ability range at KS4, many students go on to successfully complete A Levels in the sciences at Sixth Form college and further study at University. Wherever possible staff teach their specialist subject at KS4, the department currently has specialists in all three sciences and can accommodate any specialism from Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Computer Science in filling this post.

Visits to the department are encouraged, please contact the school if you wish to have a personal tour and meet the team before you apply. An application form can be found on the school website in the vacancies section.

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