Thank you for your interest in the post of Key Stage 4 Leader of Mathematics at The Piggott School. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site has 1324 students and 175 staff.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our pupils are a delight to teach, with OfSTED judging behaviour to be Outstanding in November 2017 and SIAMS grading our school Outstanding in the Spring of 2016.

Our value added data places us in the top 2% of schools nationally at GCSE and in the top 1% for A level progress.

The Maths department has a history of very strong results over a period of many years at all Key Stages. In 2017, 89% of students attained a grade 4 or above at GCSE putting the department in the top 2% nationally for progress. At A level the Mathematics results placed the department in the top 10% nationally for progress.

The Maths teaching team consists of 9 full time and 3 part time specialist maths teachers with a range of experience from newly qualified to those who have been teaching for many years.

In addition to teaching staff, we have two numeracy coaches who work predominantly on a one-to-one basis with lower attainers in KS3 and also a further LSA attached first and foremost to the department.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, classes are timetabled in half year blocks. At regular intervals the students are tested and any necessary movement between sets takes place. At the end of Year 9, students are assessed and placed by ability in sets across the whole year group for Years 10 and 11. We usually have three or four Maths classes at A level as well as a Further Maths class.

For GCSE we follow the OCR mathematics specification (J560). We are currently investigating all the options with regard to awarding bodies for A level from 2019.

The department is located on the first floor of a new building where there are dedicated maths teaching rooms, a break out area, kitchen and maths office. On the ground floor is a full suite of computers which classes can use.

All mathematics teaching staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons, with good practice being shared amongst all to improve teaching and learning. The departmental team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping the department move forward over the coming years.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus. Prospective candidates are also most welcome to make an appointment with Mrs Preston, my PA, via email to visit the school (prestonc@piggottschool.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact my PA if you have any questions about the application or appointment process or any questions for me.

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

Derren Gray

Headteacher

Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day