

Teacher of Chemistry

Churston Ferrers Grammar School is a lively, co-educational grammar school set in the attractive countryside between Brixham and Paignton. We have 1012 students on roll and there is a sixth form of 273. The majority of our students are eager to learn and well behaved; the atmosphere in the school is exceptionally friendly and positive.

Science is taught as a combined subject to Year 7, and as three separate subjects from Year 8 onwards. The three specialist Chemistry staff are part of a Science department of eleven staff supported by four experienced technicians.

Students start their GCSE Science courses in Year 9, and opt at the end of the year to follow a Combined Science route or separate Chemistry, Biology and Physics GCSEs. The School currently offers AQA Science under the new (1-9) arrangements.

A level Chemistry is a popular option in the sixth form, typically with 25 students in two classes in each year group. We offer the OCR B (Salters) Chemistry course, with its emphasis on thematic and practical-based learning.

Our results are excellent, with an average during the last few years over 50% A*/A grades for Chemistry GCSE and 30% A*/A grades at A Level. Four students attained the A* grade in the new and more challenging A-level in 2017, including one who was in the top 5 students in the country. These students also achieved 2 Gold and 2 Silver certificates in the Chemistry Olympiad. Our biggest motivation is to foster an enjoyment of Chemistry and to inspire our most able students to continue their studies in Science. To this end, the Chemistry teachers and technicians are constantly seeking to improve the learning experience for Churston students.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and talented teacher, with the ability to teach Chemistry at A-Level and KS4, and Science at KS3. This person will maintain the high profile of Chemistry within the school, and continue to attract the most able students to study Chemistry at A level. The high proportion of able students in our school provides an excellent academic challenge. We welcome applications from candidates who feel they would enjoy working as a valued member of our friendly team in Chemistry and Science.

Please indicate in your application how your particular interests and skills might enhance the quality of student experience and further raise the profile of Chemistry at Churston Ferrers Grammar School.

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