

The Ferrers School

Now Recruiting Teacher of Science

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Welcome to The Ferrers School



The Ferrers is a school in which excellence and success are both desirable and achievable. It is a school in which diversity is celebrated through an inclusive culture in which every student thrives from feeling safe, respected and valued for the positive contributions they make. It is a school that shares a common and unshakeable purpose to achieve excellence in all that we do.

I feel both proud and very privileged to be the Head Teacher and have been in role since September 2017. I am keen to appoint subject specialists who are passionate and demonstrate true excitement for their subject specialism. Staff who are not only openly positive, energetic, enthusiastic and deeply committed to supporting our rapid improvement drive, but those who are also prepared to go that extra mile to contribute to our whole school improvement.

The school has experienced fluctuating exam success in recent years but there is a clearly defined agenda and commitment to increasing rates of student progress and raising levels of attainment at Key Stage 4. Our Positive Value Added score at Key Stage 5 put the school in the top 10% for progress in Post 16 studies.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. This post will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and reference and medical checks.

If you are interested in applying for the post, I would strongly recommend a visit. Please return the application form with a covering letter clearly stating why you want to be part of the team.

Mrs Angela Smith,

Head Teacher



Our Mission

To help all our students to be the very best they can be.

We express this through our motto, “**Aspire, Achieve, Acclaim**”.

- ❖ **Aspire** – we have the highest aspirations for our students and we expect them to have high expectations in all that they do.
- ❖ **Achieve** – we want all our students to achieve their best in all that they do. We set challenging targets and constantly seek ways to raise levels of achievement for all.
- ❖ **Acclaim** – we celebrate and reward the achievement of our students. We foster a climate in which success is recognised and celebrate to support students' aspirations and achievements.

Our vision is to send our students out into the world as confident, motivated, aspirational and high achieving young people who will make a positive contribution to the local and wider community as responsible and ambitious citizens.

Our students are our biggest asset and
we are very proud of their many
achievements and successes.



The Role

The Ferrers School is seeking to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher to join the Science Department.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an enthusiastic, inspirational and highly motivated professional to play a key part in one of our core subjects. The successful candidate would join our Science Department and work with the team to drive up standards in Science.

We are looking for a creative, passionate and energetic teacher who can work with us as we strive to bring about rapid improvement to secure better progress for our learners.

The successful candidate will be a highly committed team player, with a true passion for Science and an understanding of the strategies required to motivate and inspire students. They will play a part in promoting the subject throughout the school

We are looking for someone who understands the value of high quality assessment and uses this to drive planning and progress. The successful candidate will be expected to draw upon the latest resources and teaching methods in delivering Science across the ability range at KS3 and KS4. Incorporating the use of investigational and practical work as well as ICT. KS5 teaching may be available depending on experience and specialism.

We would welcome applications from any teacher who is keen to immerse themselves in a hardworking, supportive, forward looking department.

We welcome applications from NQTs and we run a highly supportive and successful NQT programme. We also have a strong track record of leadership development and succession planning for an ambitious candidate who is keen to progress to leadership in the future. If you are currently training and will be seeking a post from September 2018, we would be interested in considering your application.

We would also welcome interest from unqualified candidates who would be interested in the opportunity of training with us.



The Faculty

The successful candidate will be joining an enthusiastic and supportive team, with a wide range of experience. At present there are eight members of staff with a vast range of qualities and experiences. The Curriculum Leader is supported by a Deputy Curriculum Leader, two Lead Teachers and two very supportive and able Laboratory Technicians. We have nine fully equipped laboratories. All staff have their own individual laboratories which are on one floor level and close to the Science prep room. All have a computer projector installed with 6 having an interactive whiteboard.

In Year 7, students are taught in mixed ability groups, with ability setting introduced in Year 8. Sets are reviewed every year. At Key Stage 3 we teaching our own schemes of work to Year 7 and this follows through to Years 8 and 9. Students start the new GCSE in Year 9

Each group at GCSE has two teachers and all staff would be expected to teach across all disciplines of Science, with the support of other colleagues. We are looking at ways at how different topics could be taught by specialists. We offer Triple Science at GCSE which is generally chosen by the higher ability students and this is taught by specialists. At present we teach the AQA courses. A Levels are taught across the consortium with two other schools, but as Ferrers has the largest number of students, nearly all of the lessons are taught at this school.

Curriculum development is on-going in Science and we would like to appoint someone who is willing to contribute to these changes. Our ethos is always based on teamwork and we work well together both formally and informally, offering advice and support no matter what level of experience we have.

All staff have a laptop and NQTs will receive support both in terms of a reduced timetable but also an effective training programme. The Ferrers has experience of successfully training graduate teachers, PGCE students, NQTs and Higher Level Teaching Assistants.

I hope that this gives some idea of the faculty, but if you wish to know more please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the school. My e mail address is: mike.ellis@theferrers.northants.sch.uk . I look forward to receiving your application at what is a crucial time for the teaching of Science.

Mike Ellis, Curriculum Leader – Science



Job Description

General Responsibilities

- To teach Science and carry out the specific responsibilities of the role as contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document.
- To be a form tutor and to carry out the specific responsibilities of the role.

Specific Responsibilities Classroom Teacher

To fulfil and maintain the Teaching Standards by:

- Understanding and being fully committed to the duties and responsibilities in relation to child protection and safeguarding young people;
- Demonstrating consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct;
- Setting high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students;
- Demonstrating good subject and curriculum knowledge;
- Planning and teaching well - structured lessons to a range of age groups and abilities, ensuring that all students make outstanding progress;
- Managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment in which students can learn effectively;
- Making accurate and productive use of assessment to track the progress of each individual student in timetabled groups and intervene to narrow the gap where progress starts to fall behind;
- Fulfilling wider professional responsibilities by contributing to department and whole school improvement;
- Communicating and consulting effectively with relevant stakeholders;
- Attending meetings as set out in the school's meeting cycle.

Form Tutor

- To lead a tutor group and be responsible for the delivery of tutor time activities in accordance with the published schedule and as directed by the Progress Leader;
- To encourage tutees to comply with the school's values statement;
- To encourage the student voice and develop a form and year group ethos that is in harmony with the school values;
- To monitor student progress, following the school's tracking processes, mentoring tutees and intervening when progress is not as expected;
- To encourage high levels of attendance;
- To provide relevant information, advice and guidance to tutees.

Other

- To undertake any other reasonable duties as directed by the Head Teacher.



Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential	Method of Assessment
Qualified Teacher Status (gained or pending) / Degree relevant to the subject	x	Application form
High standard of literacy	x	Application form
Commitment to Safeguarding		
Motivation to work with children and young people	x	Application form / reference / interview
Commitment to, and belief in, the equal value of all students	x	Application form / reference / interview
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people	x	Application form / reference / interview
Ability to raise the self-esteem and expectations of children and young people	x	reference / interview
Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes to the use of authority and maintaining discipline	x	Application form / reference / interview
Teaching and Learning		
Proven track record of outstanding Science teaching	x	Application form / interview
Knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum requirements in Science	x	Application form / interview
Awareness of current developments in Science	x	Application form / interview
Experience of teaching Science at Key Stage 3 and 4	x	Application form
Experience of teaching Science at Key Stage 5 desirable		Application form
Evidence of securing excellent progress and attainment for all groups of learners.	x	Application form / interview
Proven track record of raising student attainment	x	Application form / interview
Proven track record of strong and effective behaviour management strategies	x	Application form / interview
Excellent ICT skills	x	interview
Interpersonal Skills		
Ability to communicate effectively and relate well to all stakeholders	x	Application form / interview
Willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities	x	Application form / interview
Ability to work as part of a team	x	Application form / interview
Personal Qualities / Skills		
Creativity, energy and enthusiasm	x	interview
Evidence of working effectively under pressure	x	interview
Good sense of humour	x	Application form / interview



A Great Place to Work

We care passionately about our staff, their well-being and their professional development and this is reflected in the fact that we are an enthusiastic team, committed to working collaboratively and sharing the very best practice.

We can offer:

- a strong team environment that takes staff well-being seriously
- a dedicated Senior Leadership Team who want to see their staff progress and flourish in their career
- an active teaching and learning research and development group
- very supportive parents and a high standing in the community
- close and successful working relationships with our partner schools in our shared sixth form



About Us

The Ferrers School is an 11-18 co-educational comprehensive which opened in 1980. Our Applied Learning Centre was opened in 2010 for the teaching of Creative and Media subjects. A new all-weather 3G sports surface was completed in 2015. In September 2017 there were just over 1,000 students on the roll including over 150 in the Sixth Form.

At Post-16 level we work in partnership with neighbouring secondary schools - Huxlow and Rushden - within the context of the East Northamptonshire Sixth Form Consortium (TENC). In a competitive local context, The Ferrers is regularly over-subscribed. Our standard admission number is 180 in each year group.

Higham Ferrers, is a small town of 5,500, and lies on the edge of the Nene Valley close to the Cambridge-Northamptonshire border. Higham Ferrers itself has a long and interesting history. It was one of the first towns in England to receive a Charter and still retains its own Mayor. It has a beautiful main street of stone built houses and a large parish church which has the Bede House and a tiny 15th century grammar school building in its close. Also in Higham Ferrers are to be found the ruins of a school founded in the 15th century and the site of a castle.



Higham Ferrers and its neighbouring town of Rushden are served by two comprehensive schools which share the common “catchment area” of the two towns. The two comprehensive schools draw students from six primary schools in Higham Ferrers and Rushden, with almost all students in Higham Ferrers Junior School and Henry Chichele transferring to The Ferrers, in addition to large numbers from the Rushden primary



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schools. A number of students also attend The Ferrers from villages outside of the immediate area.

The area has good transport links to other local towns, for example, Bedford and Leicester from nearby Wellingborough and also a fast train services to London St Pancras Intl. The average journey time between London St Pancras Intl and Wellingborough is 47 minutes. On an average weekday, there are 48 trains per day travelling from London St Pancras Intl to Wellingborough. It is ideally located close to major trunk routes enabling easy access into and out of the county. There are excellent leisure and shopping facilities in the form of the recently opened 'Rushden Lakes', where everyday essentials meet fashion favourites, and all of this is combined with the great outdoors and lots of great places to eat, drink and relax.





The Application

Applicants should download the application form and send the completed form along with a covering letter of application to Alison Davies, PA to the Head Teacher at mail@theferrers.org or to The Ferrers School, Queensway, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, NN10 8LF.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact us prior to applying and arrange a visit to find out more about our school.

Please contact Alison Davies to make an appointment.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 22 March 2018 at 9.00am

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 28th March





Safeguarding

Please note that we do not accept CVs – any received will not be taken into consideration during the shortlisting process. The Ferrers School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. In order to meet this responsibility, the school follows a rigorous selection process to discourage unsuitable applicants. This process is outlined below.

Disclosure:

All applicants for employment are required to disclose any previous ‘unspent’ criminal convictions and any cautions which have not expired, or any pending prosecutions. In addition, the job you are applying for is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions order 1975) which requires you to disclose all spent convictions and cautions. Except those which are ‘protected’ under Police Act 1997 – Part V and the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) and are not subject to disclosure to employers on DBS certificates and cannot be taken into account. Guidance on the filtering of “protected” cautions and convictions which do not need to be disclosed by a job applicant can be found on the Disclosure and Barring Service website. The information you give will be treated as strictly confidential. Disclosure of a conviction, caution, warning or reprimand will not automatically disqualify you from consideration. Any offence will only be taken into consideration if it is one which would make you unsuitable for the type of work you are applying for. However, offences relating to children are likely to make you unsuitable since this is a “regulated position” under the Criminal Justice & Courts Services Act 2000. The school’s policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders is available on the school website. If you fail to disclose any relevant offences or give false information then it will disqualify any offer of employment, or result in summary dismissal if you are in post, with possible referral to the police. Confirmation of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Certificate.

Shortlisting:

Only those candidates meeting the person specification criteria will be taken forward to interview. NB: CVs are not accepted.

Interview:



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Those shortlisted will take part in an in-depth interview process – candidates for teaching posts will be required to teach a lesson as part of the interview process.

Candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in their application form. We reserve the right not to take a candidate forward to formal interview if they are deemed unsuitable for the post.

Reference checking:

References from the previous and current employer will be taken up for shortlisted candidates, and where necessary, employers may be contacted to gather further information.

Probation:

All non-teaching staff will be subject to a probation period of six months. The probation period is a trial period to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job for which they have been employed. It provides the School with the opportunity to monitor and review the performance of new staff in relation to various areas, but also in terms of their commitment to safeguarding and relationships with students. The information collected on the application form will be used in compliance with Data Protection regulations. By supplying information, you are giving your consent, if appointed, to the information being processed for all employment purposes as defined by statute. The information may be disclosed, as appropriate, to the governors, to Occupational Health, to the Teachers Pensions Agency, to the Department for Education, to pension, payroll and personnel providers and relevant statutory bodies. This form will be kept strictly confidential but may be photocopied and may be transmitted electronically for use by those entitled to see the information as part of the recruitment process.

When the recruitment process is completed, the application form will be stored securely for a maximum of six months then securely destroyed, unless you are employed as a result of this recruitment process, in which case this application form will be retained as part of your personnel record.