

Teacher of Psychology

Required for September 2018

Application Pack



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This is an exciting opportunity for a talented and enthusiastic Teacher of Psychology to join our dedicated sixth form teaching staff, to provide the best possible teaching for our students. Woodbridge School is one of the top academic schools in Suffolk, located in a beautiful part of the county, yet only one hour 20 minutes from London.

You will be expected to:

- prepare and deliver challenging and stimulating lessons to A-level students, with due regard to pupils' individual needs;
- set high standards and encourage all pupils to achieve their full potential;
- show a genuine interest in the Psychology curriculum and demonstrate excellent communication skills, and assist with enrichment activities;
- the ability / willingness to teach other subjects such as Science / PE is desirable, though not essential.

This is an outstanding opportunity to contribute to a school with a strong sense of community and a rich extra-curricular programme. For more information about our school and this exciting opportunity please go to www.woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk

Closing date: 9am Monday 22 January 2018

Interviews: w/c 29 January 2018

Attractive Remuneration Package

Woodbridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the position, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).



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INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADMASTER



I came to Woodbridge over three years ago for interview slightly unsure of what I would find. I knew the school a little by reputation but I am ashamed to say I had never even been to Suffolk! What I found was a revelation. The town of Woodbridge is a beautiful market town with real character; individual shops and superb restaurants. The county of Suffolk is a delight with the stunning, unspoilt coastline a particular highlight.

Woodbridge is one of the top academic schools in Suffolk with a very strong team of experienced and dedicated staff. The School is selective with all pupils being in the top half of the national ability range and the top third of pupils being in the top ten per cent. Value added is superb with most pupils going on to Russell Group universities and a number to Oxford and Cambridge. It is an exceptionally warm, nurturing school with a real sense of purpose both academically and in terms of the extra-curricular provision.

The School is part of the Seckford Foundation which also runs The Seckford Almshouses, three free schools and sponsors initiatives such as apprenticeships, a mentoring scheme and a grants programme. Being part of such a broad ranging charity is an exciting aspect of the job and brings governors with a tremendous range of experience.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to work at a wonderful school where academic success is as important as the opportunity for involvement in the wider, pastoral and extra-curricular life this school has to offer.

Neil Tetley,
Headmaster



THE ROLE



Applicants will be academically able, enthusiastic teachers who will be expected to work full-time and teach Psychology to sixth-form students.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Sixth Form at Woodbridge School is an enjoyable place to work, being successful and well-regarded.

You will teach classes both in Year 12 and Year 13, as the subject is very popular with our pupils and we often send students to read Psychology at University.

RESOURCES

- Effectively resourced department;
- Designated teaching base in specialist Sixth Form block;
- Access to iPads and ICT rooms.

There are also opportunities for pupils to take part in extra-curricular trips and visits.

THE TAUGHT CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Woodbridge combines breadth with a strong focus on the major academic disciplines.

It aims to provide each child with the essential intellectual skills needed for later study, including the ability to think critically and logically, whilst still capturing the imagination and allowing for diversity of interests.

The diversity of the curriculum is continued right through the School to the Sixth Form, where 25 subjects are available for study at A level, alongside an enrichment course.

We look forward to meeting you.



THE PERSON



QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

- A Psychology based degree or equivalent qualification
- Knowledge of up-to-date teaching methods
- PGCE or equivalent would be desirable
- Ability to teach at A-level

KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent subject knowledge
- Appropriate specialist qualification in Psychology, or relevant experience
- Knowledge of effective pastoral care and safeguarding and child protection issues

SKILLS/ABILITIES

- An ability to foster a genuine passion for the subject area
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills; a high degree of emotional intelligence
- Ability to inspire pupils of all abilities and enhance their learning
- Clarity of thought and excellent organisational skills
- Willingness to take action to confront issues and overcome problems
- Ability to create and maintain strong, supportive relationships with staff, parents/carers and pupils

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES

- Willingness to be fully involved in school life
- Inspirational; have a genuine passion for the subject with the ability to enthuse pupils
- Aspirational and empathetic; have a genuine belief in the potential of every pupil
- Resilient, tenacious, determined, pragmatic
- Persuasive and influential
- Collaborative; a team player
- Flexible and resourceful
- Innovative; creative seeking out new ideas

SALARY

The salary will be competitive and commensurate with the responsibility of the role.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Membership of the Teacher's Pension Scheme
- Childcare vouchers
- Lunch is provided to all staff during term time
- Many opportunities to take on additional paid responsibilities for extra-curricular clubs, etc.
- Sick pay scheme
- School fees remission
- Personal Accident cover



LIVING IN SUFFOLK

Woodbridge is a wonderful place to live. Woodbridge and Suffolk frequently feature in surveys about the best places to live in the UK, most recently appearing in the Sunday Times “Top Ten most desirable places to live in the East of England”. Set on the River Deben, Woodbridge is close to the beautiful unspoilt Heritage coast, with places like Aldeburgh, Southold, Dunwich and Minsmere (RSPB nature reserve of Springwatch fame!) all a matter of minutes away.



Woodbridge reflects the county of Suffolk with its low crime rates and high levels of sunshine, and has many places of interest close by, whether your interests are in wildlife, culture or history. Whilst in a rural location, with all the advantages this brings, Woodbridge is only an hour and 20 minutes from London, and also boasts a range of amenities including high quality shops and restaurants, with a good reputation for its food and drink. Accommodation, particularly just outside Woodbridge itself, is much more affordable than many parts of the country.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

In order to apply please complete the application form. Your supporting statement should be no longer than two sides of A4 and should provide relevant additional information to support your application (you can use the section in the application form or attach separately instead if you prefer).

Application forms can be downloaded from the School's website:
www.woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk

Please apply, preferably by email, stating "Teacher of Psychology" in the title line to
hr@seckford-foundation.org.uk.

If you are unable to apply by email then please post your application, marking "Strictly Private and Confidential" to Human Resources, Woodbridge School, Marryott House, Burkitt Road Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JJ.

Applications must be received no later than 9am on Monday 22 January 2018.
Interviews will take place week commencing 29 January 2018.

All information will be treated as strictly confidential. Referees will be approached prior to shortlisting unless you expressly request otherwise.

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding the application process, please call the HR department on 01394 615167.

All appointments are subject to the usual pre-employment checks to meet vetting and barring requirements. For more information about the application and vetting process please refer to the Explanatory Notes provided.

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