**HEAD OF BIOLOGY**

**Required September 2020**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic Head of Biology to lead a friendly and successful department. The successful candidate should exhibit a passion for their subject, be able to deliver high quality engaging lessons and enjoy working with others.

The Science Department currently has 9 laboratories, with two more planned to open in September 2020. All laboratories are well equipped for experimental work and have access to electronic whiteboards. There are ample resources to enhance the teaching of Biology including the online curriculum which is a valuable tool for both staff and students to access lesson notes and revision materials.

Biology is taught as a separate discipline from Year 8 upwards and in Key Stage 4, students follow GCSE courses in Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics) or Combined Science from the AQA examination board.

A level Biology is one of the most popular subjects in the Sixth Form with 120 students currently following the OCR specification. At A level most students receive around 8 hours of tuition per week split into three equal sessions. The longer sessions allow plenty of time for practical work, consolidation and enrichment opportunities such as external speakers, educational visits and academic competitions.

Thomas Telford School has an excellent reputation for achieving outstanding examination results. We also have a proven track record of students successfully gaining places to study Medicine at University or Science based courses at Oxford and Cambridge.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced middle manager or an aspiring leader and I look forward to receiving your application.

**Emma Powell**

**Deputy Head (Science)**

Key aspects of the job are:

* To ensure the effective day-to-day management of the Biology department including deployment of resources
* To lead the Biology department to continuously evaluate and develop teaching and learning
* To promote good working relationships within the department
* To plan & deliver the Biology aspects of the KS3 & KS4 curriculum
* To oversee all aspects of A level Biology curriculum to ensure standards are maintained
* To prepare students for all external examinations
* To monitor student progress and provide written & verbal feedback
* To communicate with parents via monthly reports, personal tutors and phone calls home if required
* To regularly update the Director of Science on progress towards meeting targets
* To enforce the ethos of the school to maintain high standards of behaviour, welfare and school dress
* To collaborate with other Science staff to plan and provide enrichment opportunities within the subject