

Teacher of Psychology (maternity cover from September 2018)

The School

Founded in 1590, the school occupies a tight city centre site. Currently there are 590 pupils in the Senior School (11-18) and about 100 in the Junior School (7-11). The majority of boys in Year 11 transfer to the Sixth Form which is co-educational and numbers 180. Recent developments have included a new Sixth Form centre and refurbishing of the science department. A new suite of science labs (Biology) opened on the site along with an extension to the Art department, and internal reorganisation will soon create more space for Design Technology and Music.

Away from the school, QEH owns extensive playing fields at Failand which are occupied jointly with Bristol City Football Club to the benefit of both parties.

The school is academically selective in a very competitive market and numbers have increased over the last ten years. During that time, the quality of pupils entering the school has certainly been maintained. For the first time in the school's history, we moved to a four form entry into Year 7 in 2012 because of the pressure of numbers and this was repeated in 2015. From a point of obvious strength, the school decided to admit girls to the sixth form from September 2017. In September 2018, there will be four forms again in Year 7 and record numbers in the sixth form.

QEH is regularly the top performing day School in Bristol and usually leads the local value-added table. Indeed in 2011, QEH came in the top ten nationally for value-added between GCSE and A level. *Country Life* has recently listed QEH as one of the top 20 Day Schools in the country. About 10% of students receive Oxbridge offers and a similar number go on to medical schools. Most candidates leave for a Russell Group University (or equivalent).

The Department

Psychology is a strong department in the school attracting about 12 students a year at AS level and a similar number at A2 where we follow the AQA specification. Introduced in 2005, it is now a well-established subject and results are consistently good. The department enjoys a dedicated teaching room and is well resourced. Good links exist with local girls' schools who have often joined with QEH to debate issues or attend conferences. There is a GCSE lunchtime club which is popular with the most able Year 10 pupils.

The Post

There is one teacher of Psychology who reports to the Head of Religion and Philosophy who acts as the overall Head of Department. The maternity cover will start in September 2018.

Candidate Profile

We seek an experienced teacher able to be the sole teacher of Psychology. He/She will be well-qualified and have a track-record of success in teaching able pupils.

Remuneration

QEH staff are paid on the QEH teaching scale. In addition a QEH allowance (currently £1818) may be paid in recognition of a substantial extra-curricular contribution.

A staff fee remission is available for pupils at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital and for girls at The Redmaids' High School.

Application Procedure

Candidates must complete the application form and also submit a full curriculum vitae, letter of application and details of two referees to: The Headmaster, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Berkeley Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1JX.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 8 May** and interviews will be held on **Tuesday 15 May** (provisional date). Applicants will be expected to teach a trial lesson (details of which can be discussed in advance).