**HEAD OF ART**

**September 2019**

**The Post and the School**

The successful candidate will lead the Art Department, have a passion for their subject, and will oversee and develop all aspects of the Art curriculum from Reception to Year 8. He or she should be an extremely motivated and inspirational teacher with both high standards and high expectations of all the boys. He or she will teach Art to boys in the Prep School (Years 3 – 8), and should be confident of devising and delivering all aspects of an exciting and diverse Art curriculum. Please see the separate Job Description for full details of the role.

The Art Room is a large, well-lit and well-proportioned space with lots of natural light and views looking out towards the river. The Department is extremely well-equipped for drawing, ceramics, printmaking, photography, textiles, multimedia and graphics. Every October, the school runs an Arts Week for all boys in the school. This is an opportunity for workshops, talks, exhibitions, plays and concerts and is designed to immerse the boys in Art, Music and Drama. The week is currently coordinated by the Head of Art.

Moulsford is an all-boys’ preparatory school from ages 4 to 13 situated on an idyllic 30-acre site on the banks of the River Thames. Moulsford aims to nurture the whole child, providing opportunities for each individual to develop their talents and abilities. The culture is one of achievement within a vibrant learning environment, ensuring positive reinforcement at all levels of ability. The school has high academic expectations of the boys and excellent teaching ensures that they move to their senior schools extremely well prepared. The school would welcome applications from candidates who are able to offer another classroom based subject besides Art, but this is not essential.

Great emphasis is also placed on the extra-curricular side of school life, with the range of activities for boys having been significantly enhanced from September 2017; Sport, Music, Art, Drama and river-based activities play a prominent role in the boys’ timetable. Sport at Moulsford is particularly strong and candidates must be “in-tune” with the School’s extra-curricular ethos. Applications which indicate the ability to coach games alongside teaching Art would be of great interest but this is not essential. The major sports played are rugby, football and cricket.

There are currently 369 boys at the school. Moulsford is predominantly a day school, but has a boarding house for up to 35 boys; mainly in Years 6, 7 and 8. The School week runs from Monday to Friday, and there are also a number of sports fixtures which take place on Saturdays. There is neither Saturday school nor boarding on Friday night or at the weekend.

From Moulsford, the boys go on to a wide variety of senior schools via Common Entrance or Scholarship at 13+. These include: Abingdon, Radley, Marlborough, Wellington, Magdalen College School (Oxford), Eton, St Edward’s (Oxford), Pangbourne, Harrow, Shiplake, and The Oratory.

The Headmaster is Ben Beardmore-Gray who took up post in September 2014. Ben was previously Headmaster of Mowden Hall (Northumberland), Deputy Head of Farleigh (Hampshire), and started his teaching career at Ludgrove (Berkshire).

**The Location**

Moulsford is situated on the banks of the Thames between the market towns of Wallingford and Pangbourne, in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Oxford, Reading and Henley are located 18, 16 and 15 miles away respectively. There are direct trains to London Paddington from Didcot (8 miles), and a “stopping” service from Cholsey (1 mile). The School has roughly 100m of river frontage and staff who live close to the river are able to kayak to work.

**Timings**

The closing date for applications is Monday 21st January 2019. Candidates should submit a letter and an application form addressed to the Headmaster by this date.

Interviews will take place during the week beginning 28th January 2019.

Applicants invited for interview are requested to bring with them some of their own creative studies along with examples of work carried out by pupils in their lessons.

**Package and Benefits**

The school places great emphasis on staff wellbeing and morale and firmly believes in creating the right work/life balance for all at Moulsford. The staffroom is a dynamic, vibrant and supportive environment. A culture of career development is recognised as extremely important by both the Senior Management and the Governors. For academic teaching staff, the following is included in the “package”:

* Competitive salary on Moulsford’s own payscale.
* Access to the Teachers’ Pension Scheme.
* BUPA Membership.
* Gym Membership at the Barn in Cholsey.
* Fee concession for sons at Moulsford.
* Access to regular Continuing Professional Development.
* Depending on the circumstances of the candidate, the School may be able to help with accommodation or financial assistance if relocating from overseas.
* Access to the meditation app “Headspace” through the School’s subscription.

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