

Hutchesons' Grammar School



Appointment of Head of Mathematics

The Aims of the School

Hutchesons' Grammar School aims to provide boys and girls with a broad Scottish education, with the emphasis on academic excellence.

Founded in 1641, Hutchesons' is a famous school which has always been at the forefront of teaching and learning in Scotland. Nowadays, it is a large and dynamic school of great vitality and diversity, where over 1200 pupils from Pre-School right through to S6 follow a broad curriculum, blending the traditional and the modern. Experienced teachers are one of Hutchesons' greatest strengths, along with the resources they need to do their job to the highest possible standards.

Hutchesons' pupils excel in a wide variety of sports both nationally and internationally, and the quality of performance in music, drama and the arts is equally high. All pupils can follow a structured programme in and out of the classroom which broadens their outlook and helps them develop their interests and enthusiasms. There are many opportunities for involvement in clubs and societies, community work and charity fund-raising, visits and tours both within the UK and abroad, and for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

As individuals, Hutchesons' pupils are encouraged to develop confidence, self-discipline, integrity, courtesy and consideration for others. They are part of a large community of learners, where every individual is important. They learn to be thoughtful, articulate and well-read and to have a clear idea about how they want to live their lives beyond school and university.

Scots have always valued education very highly, and for nearly four centuries Hutchesons' has sent young men and women out into the world secure in the knowledge that they are part of that tradition.

Hutchesons' prides itself on being an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity. If you have what it takes, we really want to hear from you.

The Department

There are currently 14 full and part time members of the department.

Pupils are taught Mathematics in classes of around 20. In S1 and S2 they follow a common course from which they progress to a study of National 5 in S3. In S4, the majority of pupils begin their study of Higher Mathematics with many bypassing an external examination at this stage. The Higher course is completed in S5 where more than sixty percent of the cohort obtains an 'A' grade. In S6, around 45 pupils study Advanced Higher Mathematics. Several optional courses are offered, according to individual pupil need. At every stage there are classes for pupils enhancing their study of the subject by studying more advanced topics. Every year, a number of pupils move forward to study Mathematics at a variety of universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Person Profile

The successful candidate will be committed to teaching in an academic environment and will be able to bring enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to the department. He or she will be an outstanding teacher with the ability to articulate an inspiring vision of what young people should know and understand in Mathematics and how they should come to know and understand it. The ability to teach Pure and Applied Mathematics to Advanced Higher is essential as is the enthusiasm to promote Mathematics as a discipline or interest beyond the confines of the classroom. The successful applicant will lead a dedicated team of teachers with flair and good judgement and will be expected to advise the Rector on the latest developments in Mathematics education in Scotland.

How to Apply

Candidates should email a letter of application and CV, together with the completed application form to rector@hutchesons.org.

The closing date for applications is Monday 14th January 2019 at 12 noon.

Hutchesons' has its own salary scale, which is in line with the current National Salary agreement plus a 4% Hutchesons' allowance. Although by law not compulsory all our teachers are members of the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation scheme. There is a 50% fee concession for children of members of staff who attend Hutchesons' Grammar School.

To comply with regulations under The Education (Scotland) Act 2016, all teachers who commence employment at any Scottish Independent School on or after 1 October 2017 must be registered, or eligible to register, with the General Teaching Council of Scotland (GTCS); either Provisional, Provisional (Conditional) or Full. Further information can be obtained from the GTCS website.