



**ST BARTHOLOMEW’S SCHOOL**

**TEACHER OF ENGLISH**

**FULL-TIME, PERMANENT**

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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of English at St Bartholomew’s School. I hope that the details contained in this pack will provide you with a clear picture of this post and give you a flavour of the school and its values. This post really is an exciting opportunity as you will be joining a highly achieving faculty in the school with outstanding facilities.

Working at St Bartholomew’s is very rewarding, and the Governors and I look forward to hearing from you if you feel you have the qualities and experience we are looking for.

If you would like to have a discussion with me or the Head of English about this post or require any further information, please contact Human Resources on the above number or recruitment@stbarts.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Julia Mortimore

Headteacher

**ABOUT OUR SCHOOL**

**Academic Success**

For the last 4 years St Bart’s has secured the highest level of student attainment in West Berkshire state schools. We think our academic success is something to be very proud of.

Our key headlines are:

* This year 83% of our students achieved both GCSE English and Mathematics at level 4 or better and 29% of all grades were 9 – 7.
* Last year our Progress 8 score was 0.66 which put St Bartholomew’s in the top 8% of schools nationally which we are very proud of and this year it is again strong at 0.48.
* A level results are above national averages with 27% of all grades A\*/A and 75% of all grades A\* – C.

**Ofsted and School Development**

This is an important appointment for the school at an exciting time when we are working towards becoming outstanding as recognised in our recent short Ofsted Inspection. At St Bartholomew’s we all work together as a team to share good practice, and really develop outstanding teaching and learning to ensure every student makes expected or greater than expected progress.

Every member of staff is part of an Action Research Group and you will also contribute to whole school development in this way. The staff at St Bartholomew’s care very much about the community and are ambitious for the school in terms of learning and enrichment opportunities for all the students.

Teaching at St Bartholomew’s School is a rewarding experience. Our students are eager to learn, well behaved and proud of their school, and this was reflected in our last Ofsted inspection which judged students’ behaviour and safety as outstanding. As a school we are committed to ensuring that all the students and staff realise their full potential. Students leave the school as good citizens and this is underpinned by an exceptional house system and a vast range of extra curricular activities.

**Professional Development**

The professional development of staff is a significant factor in ensuring that we achieve our aim of improving on our previous best and there are rich professional development opportunities at St Bartholomew’s (see CPD offer on our website under Job Opportunities) at all levels. We are praised for our induction and NQT programmes for new staff which are supportive and thorough. Coaching is available for all staff across the school upon request, or maybe you’d like to become a Coach yourself?

**Our School**

Our modern building reflects the importance of the House system, with House blocks (Curnock, Davis, Evers and Patterson) sited around a covered outdoor Hub space.

Our school buildings include outstanding teaching facilities: drama and dance studios, extensive music practice rooms, IT and media suites, specialist design technology rooms and well-equipped laboratories. Sports provision is exceptional including a multi-purpose sports hall, a well-equipped gym hall, an outdoor synthetic turf pitch, a multi-use games area and extensive playing fields.

The wide range of extra-curricular enrichment offers all students new opportunities for learning and enjoyment. This includes clubs and activities such as debating, equestrian, moth club, craft and horticulture, as well as Chinese and Latin classes and a huge range of activities in music, drama and dance. House competitions and activities involve all students. Sporting traditions are very strong with an exceptional range of sports teams competing successfully at the highest standard. Our students love representing their school.

**What’s in it for me?**

* Excellent IT infrastructure.
* Smaller than average class sizes.
* All staff are issued with their own laptop.
* All faculties have their own office within which teachers have their own designated workspace.
* A subsidised meal at Activity Time.
* Ample on-site parking.
* Staff may be eligible for student places at the school for their children.
* Staff Forum – an opportunity for staff to meet and voice their suggestions for improvements to the school.

**The Faculty**

English and Classics combine to form the Faculty.

The Faculty comprises of approximately 15 full and part time staff and is well served for space and resources. We occupy the ground floor of the Curnock block, a suite of 13 classrooms, including a computer room. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard. Most members of the faculty have their own teaching room as a base. We also have an office in which each teacher has a work station, and access to resources and all key texts.

Year 7 are taught in mixed ability groups, following a common scheme of work in line with the National Curriculum. In Years 8 and 9, two broad bands are created, but all students continue to follow a common scheme of learning. Years 10 and 11 continue to be grouped by ability in broad bands. Results in recent years have been excellent. English is a popular subject in the Sixth Form; we run distinct A level courses, English Language and English Literature, so there is an opportunity for suitably qualified members of the department to teach their subject to advanced level.

Each year, we are proud that a number of students carry on to study English related courses in further education, including some who are prepared for Oxbridge entrance. We also offer a one-year GCSE course for sixth formers wishing to improve their qualifications.

Team work and a spirit of co-operation and sharing of ideas are key features of this thriving and successful department which is keen to continue developing and improving its practice.

Media and Film are also taught at the school, but as part of the Sixth Form Social Sciences Faculty.

**The Post**

* We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified inspiring Teacher of English to join the English faculty with effect from 1 September 2020 on a permanent basis.
* The position is full-time.
* Applications are welcome from newly qualified and experienced teachers.

**The Salary**

* The successful candidate will be appointed to the main or upper pay scale in accordance with her/his experience and qualifications.

**How to Apply**

Full post details, an application form and instructions on how to upload your completed application are available via the Jobs & Training / Job Opportunities section on the School’s website:

[**www.stbarts.co.uk**](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)

(Please note that curriculum vitae and covering letters cannot be accepted)

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

## Closing date: Thursday 16 January 2020

Thank you for considering St Bartholomew’s School, we look forward to hearing from you.