

Teacher of Economics and Business Studies

From September 2020

We are looking for an ambitious graduate with an excellent academic background to join a large and active department. Experience of Economics and Business A Levels, IGCSEs and the Business BTEC is desirable, but the successful candidate may not necessarily be required to be involved in all areas. On the other hand, there may be an opportunity to take the lead on one or more of these qualifications. They will relish the opportunity to be involved in the wider life of a busy boarding and day school. We will welcome applications from a wide range of backgrounds: candidates new to the profession, and experienced and/or qualified teachers should all consider the role. Part-time applications may also be considered, but please make sure any preferences are stated clearly on the application form.

Clifton has its own pay scale, which lies above the state sector scale, and is comparable with other major independent schools'.

The Departments

Economics and Business are separate departments but work together closely, currently comprising seven teachers. It includes an Upper School Housemistress, the Assistant Head (Pastoral) and the Senior Master, all of whom are former Heads of Department, so there is a wide range of experience.

Economics at Clifton

At A Level, Economics is one of the most popular subjects in the school, with four sets and typically 40 - 50 students in each of Year 12 and 13, making it one of the most popular A Level subjects in the school. Results are strong, averaging 85% A*-B over the last 4 years at A Level, and there is a history of success in Oxbridge applications. The teaching of each set is currently split between two teachers, separating macroeconomics and microeconomics.

Cambridge International IGCSE Economics has proved very successful, typically attracting significant numbers of keen economists in two or three sets in each of Years 10 and 11.

Business at Clifton

Clifton students follow the Edexcel Business A Level course. There are typically two or three sets in each of Y12 and Y13.

We have also recently introduced the BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business, giving students the opportunity for a more flexible, continuous and independent

approach to learning that provides them with transferable skills needed for university study. Numbers have grown so that there are now two Y12 groups.

A recent decision was made to switch to the new Cambridge International IGCSE in Business Studies. There are typically four sets in each of Y10 and Y11.

Outside the classroom

A number of activities are run outside the classroom including an Economics and Business Society that hosts monthly external speakers, Maths in Economics Seminars, visits to Bristol Festival of Economics seminars, student revision conferences, and trips to Jaguar Landrover, Bristol Zoo, Thatcher's cider, and Cadbury. External speakers are also invited in to speak to the students. The development of these activities is to be encouraged.

Department staff run regular clinics in both Economics and Business to encourage the progression of all students throughout the year.

Both departments are well-equipped with interactive touch-screens installed in each classroom, in addition to traditional whiteboards around the other walls in the classrooms. There is a departmental office and a small ICT suite. The rooms are located in the Coulson Centre, which also houses the Mathematics and Design Technology Departments.

Person Requirement

The successful applicant will have to display excellent academic credentials and exemplary practice. We are looking for somebody who is genuinely passionate about Economics and Business, who will support the current excellent standards and improve upon them further. They must be a team player, willing to support colleagues in the Department and also the wider life of a busy boarding school.

If you require any further information about this role, please contact the Deputy Head (Academic), Gilbert Simmons on gsimmons@cliftoncollege.com or 01173157175

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