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## TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

<b>Contract Type:</b>	<b>Permanent, Full Time</b>
<b>Required for:</b>	<b>September 2021</b>
<b>Closing Date for applications:</b>	<b>10:00am, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>Interview date:</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>

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This is an outstanding opportunity to join one of Oxfordshire's most successful schools. Wallingford School is a successful, oversubscribed, 8 form entry, mixed comprehensive Academy of over 1250 students aged 11-19, who come from Wallingford and its surrounding villages. We have an excellent reputation, enjoying strong support from parents and students, and a good and growing working relationship with the local community.

Examination outcomes are very strong indeed. At Key Stage 5 our figure of 65% of grades being either A\*, A or B was the highest of any state school Sixth Form in Oxfordshire in 2019 and our value-added score placed us once again within the top 20% of schools nationally. At Key Stage 4 our Progress 8 score was 0.31 with 61% of students attaining 5+ in both English and Maths and 24% 7+ in those subjects. In short, our students achieve highly during their time with us.

These results are great but our school is about much more than just exams. We are an inclusive school which – as the only secondary school in the town – is determined to serve its local community well. Comprehensive school values are important to us. Students of all abilities thrive at Wallingford and we pride ourselves on giving students a chance who may not have had one at other schools.

Staff – both teaching and associate – are happy at Wallingford. Professional development is important to us and our programme is varied but also bespoke to support individual needs and priorities. Our annual two-day Teaching and Learning Conference is probably the highlight of this programme. Student attitudes and behaviour are excellent and are frequently commented upon by visitors as being so. It is an excellent place to work and we are committed to staff wellbeing and a healthy work-life balance for all our colleagues.

### THE GEOGRAPHY TEAM

Geography is part of the Humanities Curriculum Team at Wallingford School alongside History, Religious Studies, Philosophy and Media Studies. We are a large team with a wide variety of experiences and skills in all subjects and we regularly meet to share ideas related to teaching and learning across the department.

Geography is a very popular subject at Wallingford. An exciting and varied curriculum at KS3 leads to significant uptake at GCSE with over 100 students choosing Geography each year- around half of whom continue their studies to A-level. Geography is taught by a highly committed and enthusiastic team.

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### **KS3**

Geography is taught in 2 lessons per week in mixed ability tutor groups throughout KS3. Students complete a wide variety of units with an equal mixture of both human and physical in each year. In Y9 we focus on the evaluation skills necessary for success at GCSE.

### **GCSE**

We follow the AQA specification at GCSE. Students are taught in mixed ability option groups and have 3 lessons (1 double and 1 single) each week.

### **A-Level**

We follow the AQA specification at A-level. Students are taught 5 lessons per week with those lessons split between 2 staff who are specialists in physical and human Geography respectively. KS5 teaching will be available for a well-qualified candidate.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA – Geography**

Essential:

The successful candidate will:

- Hold Qualified Teacher Status
- Have an Enhanced DBS Certificate
- Have the ability and quality to teach Geography across the age and ability range
- Have the willingness to teach other Humanities subjects if necessary
- Be a good, enthusiastic team member
- Be a reflective practitioner, who has the potential to develop his/her own career further
- Have the ability to communicate effectively with staff, parents and students

Desirable:

The successful candidate will:

- Have enthusiasm for Geography
- Believe that students are capable of high standards, and expects them to achieve
- Have the capacity to develop our pupils both in Humanities subjects and beyond
- Enjoy working as part of a team and sharing expertise
- Be keen to contribute to the development of the department
- Have competent ICT skills

## **GENERAL DUTIES**

At The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust we pride ourselves on providing a safe and happy environment where young people can flourish and we want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part within it. This job description should be read in conjunction with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the provisions of that document will apply to the post holder. The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this

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commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

You will be expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as outlined in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document currently in operation, or any subsequent legislation. The performance of all the duties and responsibilities shown below will be under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, or other Senior Manager if appropriate, who will be mindful of his/her duty to ensure that the employee has a reasonable workload and sufficient support to carry out the duties of the post.

The successful candidate will be expected to be a form tutor and on Friday mornings help with the delivery of the school's PSHE programme. In addition to support from within the Humanities team, newly appointed staff are able to benefit from the induction support programme.

You will find many opportunities at Wallingford Schools Academy Trust and we look forward to receiving your application.

### **TEACHERS PENSION DETAILS**

The link for teaching staff to the Teachers' Pension website is:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/>

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The Merchant Taylors Oxfordshire Academy Trust employs teaching staff working at Wallingford Schools Academy on the conditions of service contained in the General Terms and Conditions of Employment for Teaching Staff which can be found at

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/teachers-conditions-employment>

*Please see our privacy notice:*

<http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/documents/category/24-privacy-notice>

### **TO APPLY**

Please complete the attached application form and email to [recruit@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:recruit@wallingfordschool.com)

We look forward to receiving your completed application form by 10.00am, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Interviews are anticipated to take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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