Kensington Park
SCHOOL

Candidate Brief

KENSINGTON PARK SCHOOL

Teacher of Art

(Full-time)

September 2021

Closing date:
Wednesday, 12th May 2021 at 9am



School Welcome

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Introduction

Kensington Park School (KPS) is an academically-selective independent day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 11–18. It boasts some of the country's most experienced teachers and offers excellent cultural and sporting opportunities, all in the heart of London.

Our broad and balanced curriculum is delivered in small class sizes, in a modern, dynamic and technology-rich environment, leading to GCSE and A Level qualifications. We encourage every student to develop skills that will enrich their lives and equip them with the tools they need to succeed in a fast-paced and ever-changing world.

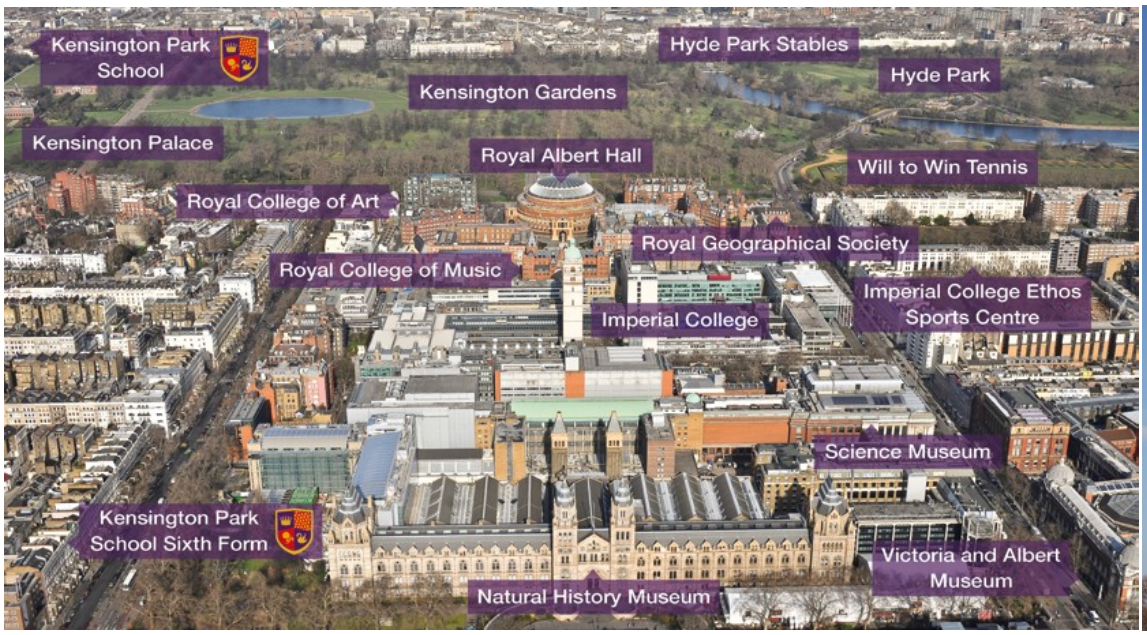
KPS offers its students the opportunity to become proficient in many sports and co-curricular activities, developing in them a wide range of social and cultural interests through a broad and enriching educational experience. KPS has developed strong links with renowned sports facilities in and around its west London home. These include Imperial College's Ethos Sports Centre with its state-of-the-art gym and pool; the Will-To-Win sports centre in Hyde Park, with its all-weather sports surfaces; and the Westway Centre, an important local centre of excellence for climbing, and a central London home for the fast and furious sport of Eton Fives.

In addition, there is an exciting outdoor education programme, which includes participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The School has two campuses, either side of Kensington Gardens:

- KPS Lower School, on Bark Place, for students aged 11–16
- KPS Sixth Form, opposite the Natural History Museum, for students aged 16–18

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Aims and Objectives

Kensington Park School has a clear commitment to excellence in education through small class sizes, personalised pastoral care, and a unique and varied co-curricular partnerships programme. In addition, the School has both established and developing links around the world which will offer students a global perspective on education, equipping the young minds of today for the world of tomorrow.

Our teachers inspire a zest for learning and independent thinking. Students are thoroughly prepared to gain entry into the top universities worldwide. Success is based upon each student's enjoyment of a stimulating learning experience alongside other like-minded individuals. We value academic attainment and also encourage our young people to become well-rounded, socially intelligent members of society.

School aims:

- To value the individual.
- To provide a modern curriculum which promotes intellectual curiosity and creativity, and which fosters a love of independent learning.
- To provide pastoral care which by being attuned to the challenges of modern society enables students to fulfill their potential.
- To promote a positive approach to healthy living.
- To offer a stimulating range of co-curricular activities which provide opportunities for personal growth, teamwork and leadership.
- To operate with the highest regard for Safeguarding.
- To promote responsible attitudes – including those linked to sustainable living - towards the wider community both at home and overseas.
- To nurture links with our partners locally, nationally and internationally.
- To equip students with the tools to deal with the challenges of the modern workplace and the global economy.
- Attract and retain staff of the highest calibre and to promote a culture of ongoing professional development.





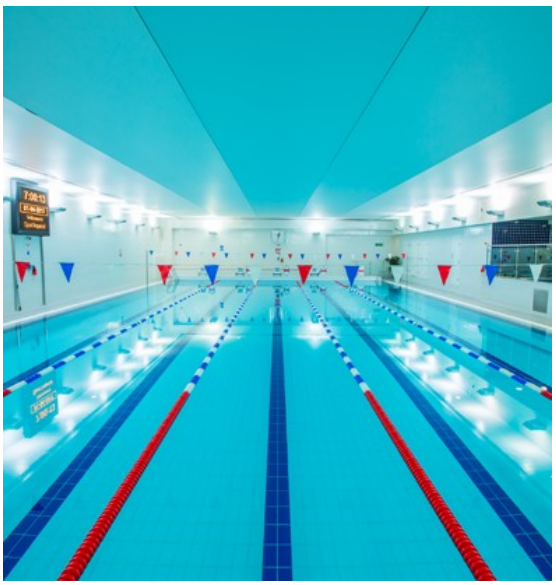
Curriculum

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From entry at either Year 7 or Year 9, students follow a broad traditional syllabus which includes English, maths, the sciences, modern foreign languages (including Mandarin Chinese), computer science, geography, history, classical civilisation, religious studies, IT, drama and music.

This is supplemented by four periods of sport each week. During Year 9, GCSE subjects are selected for study in Years 10 and 11. The core subjects, including maths, English, a modern foreign language and the sciences, while the remaining subjects are selected from option blocks. Students will typically study 9 or 10 subjects at GCSE level.

Moving to the Sixth Form, our students will generally select three A-Level subjects, in some cases a fourth may be added. For the right candidate, A- Level Art may be available.



Sixth formers have access to the swimming pool at Ethos, Imperial College.



Art brief

We are seeking an inspirational and enthusiastic Art Teacher to join our School as it continues to expand. The successful candidate will teach Years 7 – 11. In some cases, willing candidates who have experience teaching A Level may also be asked by the Headmaster to contribute towards teaching at the Sixth Form.

The successful candidate will be a dynamic teacher who is passionate about art, is well organised and committed to raising the achievements of our students. You will be joining a strong, enthusiastic team of subject specialists with a track record of success. You will report to the Head of the Creative Arts Faculty.

This post would equally suit an experienced classroom practitioner or an individual who is new to teaching. Kensington Park School has an excellent reputation for training staff through the Independent Schools Teacher Induction Panel (ISTIP).

Although your teaching is likely to be based at KPS Bark Place, W2 4AT: a purpose-built school building which underwent complete refurbishment throughout 2017 – 18, you might also teach in the Sixth Form at Queen's Gate. All of the classrooms are bright and spacious with large display panels that are linked to the network via Vivi. This enables staff to use a tablet device to display teaching resources or use as an interactive whiteboard. Each student is given their own electronic device. Class sizes normally have a maximum of 12 students.

Alongside the academic contribution, the candidate will also be involved with co-curricular activities across both sites.

The School is committed to providing excellent professional development and training. Teachers will be offered a great deal of support alongside many opportunities to share resources and good practice. This opportunity will allow you to be part of a growing school in a fantastic location, working alongside like-minded colleagues and guided by inspirational, experienced managers.

Teacher Profile

The ideal candidate will

- Have a high level degree in the subject they will be teaching
- Be able to teach to GSCE and potentially to A level
- Be enthusiastic, confident and diligent
- Develop and maintain good relationships with students and colleagues
- Have an excellent understanding and awareness of Safeguarding procedures



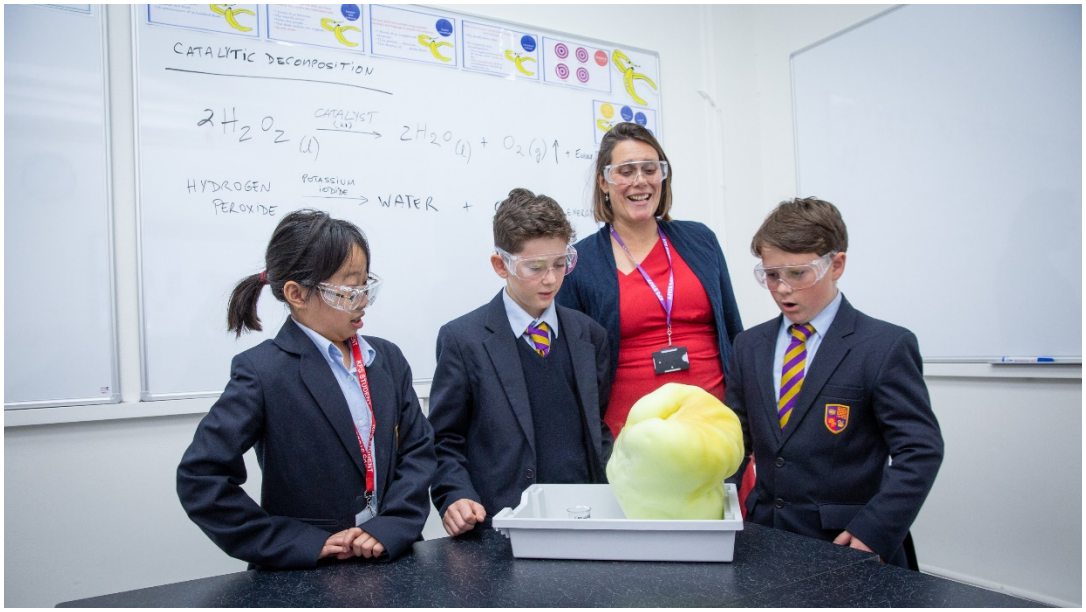
Desirable Criteria

- QTS/PGCE
- Practical and innovative approach
- Experience of teaching high ability students to Oxbridge entrance level
- IT literate to support teaching and learning

Job Description

Please see Annex A for the teacher job description.





Benefits & Welfare

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Remuneration

KPS has its own salary scale; remuneration is well above the national scale and compares well with others in the independent sector.

Benefits include:

- Local gym membership, subject to appropriate induction
- Subsidised education at the School for the children of staff (subject to the usual entry requirements).
- Training (CPD) is actively encouraged and supported



Equal Opportunities

Kensington Park School aims to promote equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of qualifications and abilities, talent, personal qualities, skills and potential. KPS welcomes applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds and personal circumstances. A detailed Equal Opportunities policy is available on request.

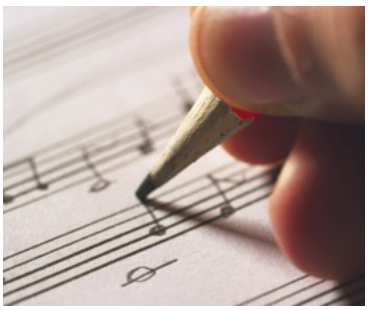
Safeguarding the Welfare of Students

Kensington Park School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employer and the Disclosure and Barring Service, as well as have due regard for the School's Safer Recruitment and Safeguarding (Child Protection) policies when applying for any position at the School.

Recruitment of ex-offenders & Security of Disclosure Information

Kensington Park School meets the requirements in respect of exempted questions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. All applicants who are offered employment will be subject to an enhanced criminal record check from the DBS before the appointment is confirmed. This will include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings, as well as convictions. It is of fundamental importance to KPS to ensure, so far as possible, that those who take up appointments do not pose a risk to the children in its care.







APPLICATIONS

An application form is available to download from the staff vacancy page of the School website: www.kps.co.uk, or by emailing recruitment@astrumeducation.com.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 5th May 2021 at 9am.

Applications must be submitted in full by the advertised closing date for entries. Early applications are encouraged as they may be reviewed upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled in advance of the closing date.

A formal offer of employment will always be dependent upon receipt of satisfactory references. Where possible to do so the School will seek references prior to interview.

Details of at least two referees will be obtained, one of whom must be current or most recent employer. Qualification certificates (originals only) will be required at interview, as will proof of identity, right to work in the UK and domicile.

All applications should consist of a covering letter addressed to the Headmaster and a fully completed application form. Please note that CV will not be accepted nor will incomplete application forms.

Applications should be submitted by email to recruitment@astrumeducation.com

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS:

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For further information please contact: recruitment@astrumeducation.com



JOB DESCRIPTION (ANNEX A)

Job Title: **Teacher of Art**

Reports to: **Head of Faculty**

Location: **Kensington Park School**

At Kensington Park School academic staff are expected to teach to the highest possible professional standards and support and uphold the ethos, aims and objectives of the School. All teachers must familiarise themselves with and adhere to the School policies.

Teachers at the School are excellent classroom practitioners who are able to enthuse their students and prepare them fully for examinations. Staff should be in sympathy with the boarding ethos and are required to contribute to the broader cultural life of the School. Within the first few years of opening, all staff (full and part-time) are expected to take on the role of Personal Tutor.

Kensington Park School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

You are expected to act in accordance with the aims, policies and administrative procedures of the School.

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following duties shall be deemed to be included in the professional duties which you will be required to perform:

Teaching

- Be capable of teaching the subject(s) through to A level at Kensington Park School;
- Enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the curriculum area and wider School through sharing resources and good practice, lesson observation, collaborative teaching, mentoring and active participation in continuing professional development;
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children;
- Support the School's aims and objectives for teaching and learning;
- Plan and prepare courses and lessons;
- Teach, according to their educational need, the students assigned to you; set and mark the work (including examinations) to be carried out by the students in School or elsewhere;
- Monitor and record student progress and achievement as per School policy; set challenging targets; ensure students requiring learning support have an Individual Education Plan and that their needs are being met; organise assessments and examinations as required; write reports as required;

Personal Tutor

All members of staff have an additional responsibility of being a Personal Tutor. Every Tutor is the main point of contact for students and has the responsibility of monitoring both the academic and pastoral development of every student within their group ensuring a positive communicative relationship with all parties involved in student welfare. Responsibilities include the day-to-day welfare of students, upholding School policies on attendance, behaviour and health and safety, including safeguarding.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Take an interest in each tutee encouraging and challenging as necessary;

- In accordance with School registration procedure follow up student absence within your tutor group;
- Monitor student homework and planners;
- Monitor behaviour, progress and achievement and support students as required;
- Communicate effectively with parents including reports;
- Communicate effectively with senior and other staff; ensure that information with regard to tutees is passed on to the relevant staff;
- Communicate effectively with external agencies/guardians whose students are in your care
- Ensure that student files, portfolios and reports are in order;
- Support the delivery of Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (self-awareness; managing feelings; empathy; motivation and social skills) and spiritual, social, moral and cultural education;
- Organise form assemblies.

Other requirements

- Have the utmost regard for Safeguarding at all times;
- Promote the general progress and wellbeing of individual students and of any class or group of students assigned to you.
- Provide guidance and advice to students on educational and social matters;
- Make records and reports on the personal and social needs of the students;
- Develop and maintain good relationships with parents actively involving them in their child's learning and the life of the School; ensure parents receive accurate reports and information and that parental meetings are well prepared and organised;
- Communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the School;
- Participate in meetings arranged for any of the purposes described above;
- Accompany students on visits away from the School, and according to risk assessment;
- Provide or contribute oral and written assessments and reports relating to individual students and groups of students;
- Play an active role in the extra-curricular life of the curriculum area, including contributing to off-timetable clinics, extension programmes, seminars, competitions, trips, open days, and so on;
- Promote and market the School being prepared to share good practice; contribute to and lead on School events;
- Actively contribute to the staff duty rota, such as supervising breaks and lunchtime
- Take at least one after-School co-curricular activity per week and one lunchtime activity per week
- Make a positive contribution to the efficient running of the curriculum, including setting and marking examinations, invigilating mock and public examinations, assisting in moderation of coursework, attending curriculum meetings, and undertaking administrative and other tasks as delegated by the Senior Managers
- Ensure a stimulating environment; displays to be of a high standard and regularly changed;
- Contribute to School publications e.g. School prospectus, website;
- Prepare for Inspection;

Appraisal

- Participate in any arrangements that may be made for teacher review, work scrutiny, further

training and development;

- Review from time to time your methods of teaching and programme of work;
- Participate in arrangements for your professional development.

Educational methods

- Advise and co-operate with colleagues on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials and programmes, methods of teaching and assessment of pastoral arrangements.

Staff meetings

- Participate in meetings at the School which relate to the curriculum for the School or the administration or organisation of the School, including pastoral arrangements.

Public examinations

- Participate in arrangements for preparing students for and supervising them during public examinations and providing assessments.

Administration

- Participate in administrative and organisational tasks related to such duties as are described above, including the management or supervision of persons providing support for the teachers in the School and the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials;
- Register the attendance of students and supervise students, whether these duties are to be performed before, during or after School sessions. (as well as a safeguarding measure, this is a legal obligation);
- Check work emails daily and ensure timely response to enquiries.

Child protection, Discipline, Health and Safety and Data Protection

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you came into contact. All employees of KPS must have due regard for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, ensuring compliance with School policy and DfE legislation: Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2020);
- Maintain good order and discipline among the students and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are on the School premises and when they are engaged in authorised School activities elsewhere. All employees of KPS must have due regard for general health and safety, acting according to School policy and the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974);
- Enforcement of School policies, rules, health and safety guidelines, code of dress, behaviour
- Comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 (the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR)
- Develop a positive and supportive relationship with students.
- In addition to the professional duties outlined above, you agree to work flexibly supporting the Headmaster and Senior Leadership Team; and to comply with any reasonable request of the Headmaster/SMT.

April 2021