

## Head of Economics

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for an ambitious applicant with an excellent academic background and proven track record of inspiring teaching to join us and lead a large and successful department. The role will involve working with some of the brightest students in the College, a number of whom will be seeking places at Oxford, Cambridge, and other top Russell Group universities, some with the intention of studying Economics and related courses. The Head of Department oversees academic enrichment in the subject area and will have the opportunity to develop an ambitious and stretching super-curricular programme of study for our most ambitious students. The successful candidate will be fully engaged with current debates in the subject and should enjoy the challenge of working with similarly engaged pupils. They will also relish the opportunity to be involved in the wider life of a busy boarding and day school.

Clifton College sits on the edge of the beautiful suburb of Clifton Village, close to Brunel's iconic Suspension Bridge, with easy access to the vibrant city of Bristol itself and just a stone's throw from Bristol Zoo. The school itself is a wonderful working environment, not only in terms of its architecture and facilities, but also due to its dedicated and supportive staff and cohesive and sociable atmosphere. Favourable terms and conditions are on offer, including significant benefits such as the generous fee discount for their own children at Clifton College and the Preparatory School.

Ideally the candidate would join us in January 2020 or earlier, but strong applications requiring a later start date may be considered.

### **The Department**

The department is an experienced one, with some teachers shared with the Business Department, currently together comprising six full time teachers, and one part time teacher. 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 certainly a wide range of experience. Some of the department have current or past external exam marking experience, so the overall range of talent available to the new appointment will be exceptional.

### **Economics at Clifton**

At A Level, Economics is one of the most popular subjects in the school, usually with four sets and typically 40 - 50 students in each of Year 12 and 13. Results are strong (average 85% A\*- B over the last 5 years at A level), with recent success in Oxbridge and LSE applications. Teaching of each class is currently split between two teachers, into macroeconomics and microeconomics courses.

Cambridge International IGCSE Economics was introduced several years ago. It has proved very successful, typically attracting significant numbers of keen economists in two or three sets in each of Years 10 and 11. This summer 19 out of the 31 IGCSE grades were A\*s, with only four Bs, and nothing lower.

### **Outside the classroom**

A number of activities are run outside the classroom including an Economics Society with regular external speakers, Maths in Economics Seminars, visits to Bristol Festival of Economics seminars, an annual City of London trip, participation in the Bank of England's Target 2.0 Challenge, and visits to Jaguar Land Rover and Morgan Cars. In addition, department staff have been involved in an Enterprise Day for the whole of year 9 and a cross-curricular project with the Biology department for the whole of year 10. The development of these activities is to be encouraged.

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

The department is well-equipped with interactive touch-screens installed in each classroom, and also traditional whiteboards around all the other walls in the classrooms. There is a departmental office which can double as 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. We are looking for somebody who is genuinely passionate about economics, who will support our current standards and improve upon them further. They must be a team player, able to work with other HoDs and willing to support colleagues in the department, given their other commitments. In their own teaching and school involvement, they must display exemplary practice.

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

**Closing date:** Monday 21st October

**Interviews:** Thursday 24th October