



Headmaster T N M Lawson MA (Oxon)

Teacher of Biology

(Maternity cover)

January 2018

Introduction

The College seeks to appoint an inspirational and energetic, full-time Teacher of Biology from January 2018. The right person will have a marvellous opportunity to work in a stimulating environment, where resources, buildings, colleagues and pupils all strengthen the process of teaching and learning.

The position would suit an NQT, an experienced teacher wanting to put his or her experience to use in a different context, someone returning to teaching, or a high-calibre graduate without a formal teaching qualification but with the right skills and vision to inspire and motivate young people. There is the possibility of the role becoming permanent from September 2018 and the Head of Department post may also be available for an applicant with the right qualifications, skills and experience.

The College

Eastbourne College is a co-educational HMC independent school of approximately 630 pupils, of whom half are full-time boarders. It is a strong community with excellent links with local schools and the remarkable town in which it is located.

Academic standards are very high with an average of 78% of A-level grades being awarded A*, A or B in the last ten years. At GCSE approximately two thirds of all grades awarded are A* or A. The College recruits from a wide ability range and value added outcomes are exemplary. The majority of College leavers enter higher education in leading universities at home or abroad.

The College is run as a seven day week, full boarding school. Day pupils share the same wide curriculum as boarders and enjoy equal access to the physical and human resources of the school. Day pupils can complete their prep in Houses; buses run at both 18:00 and 20:00 on weekday evenings.

We are proud of our rich cultural and sporting traditions. The Birley Centre is a hub of music practice, performance, composition and recording. There is an established partnership with Glyndebourne and links with Ballet Rambert, local artists and musical ensembles. College artists exhibit in London, actors have starred in film and TV; the Design & Technology department wins an extraordinary number of Arkwright scholarships.

We have an enviable reputation for sport both regionally and nationally. Eastbournians frequently represent the county in hockey, rugby, cricket and netball; several old Eastbournians have gone on to achieve international honours. There are also thriving CCF, D of E and service programmes.

Eastbourne College places great emphasis on the importance of developing a school in which education is built on core values and positive, supportive relationships. These central qualities will endure long after a student moves on from the College. The five key values of participation, the pursuit of excellence, integrity, courtesy and kindness are, it believes, the bedrock upon which every child's education should stand, providing them with the wherewithal to flourish both at school and beyond.

More information about the College may be found by visiting the website:

www.eastbourne-college.co.uk

News of latest events can also be found by visiting our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EastbourneCollege>

The Post

The successful applicant will be expected to teach Biology to pupils of all abilities throughout the school. Year 9-11 pupils follow the AQA GCSE course and at A-level sixth form students are taught the OCR Biology A specification. The successful applicant will be expected to share their passion for Biology by offering enrichment opportunities to pupils outside of the taught specifications.

All members of Common Room are expected to play an additional part in the broader life of the College, by acting as a tutor in one of the day or boarding Houses and by offering their expertise, for example, in coaching team sports, or contributing to music, drama, debating etc. The Biology department has a long tradition of wide and varied contribution, recognising the value it brings to relationships with pupils in the classroom.

The College has its own salary scale and the successful applicant will be placed on the scale at a level commensurate with their experience and qualifications. Accommodation may be available for single or married applicants, including those with families. Teaching staff benefit from generous rates for the education of their own children both at the College and at St. Andrew's preparatory school.

The Department

The biology department offers inspirational teaching within and beyond the College's cutting edge Science Centre, ensuring a wide range of practical work with extensive resources in the four spacious, state-of-the-art biology laboratories. We adopt an open door policy that results in sharing of good practice and new ideas. Teachers are available to pupils outside of normal lesson times. We are privileged to have many areas of stunning biodiversity for field studies at our fingertips, and regularly make use of the invaluable teaching and learning resources to be found within the South Downs National Park, Lullington Heath National Nature Reserve, Seven Sisters Marine Nature Reserve and the College estate. We also run a compulsory A level residential course at Dale Fort Field Centre in Pembrokeshire.

All lower school pupils follow the AQA GCSE specification leading to either a discrete GCSE in biology or a double award GCSE science qualification. Over the last three years the biology department has achieved an average of 93% A* /A grades.

Typically, about 30 sixth form pupils opt for biology at A level, taught in three sets, depending on option choices. This makes it one of the most popular subjects in the sixth form. The department follows the OCR GCE Biology A specification. In recent years the department has enjoyed outstanding success at A level and since the introduction of the A* grade the department has averaged 80% A*/B. In addition, many of our more able pupils have achieved awards in the Society of Biology Olympiad and Biology Challenge including three gold medals in the Olympiad and in 2015 Toby Brooks reached the final 15 students from which the national team was selected.

We make appropriate use of ICT to enrich our lessons and our aim is to allow pupils make ever more use of mobile devices and apps in their lessons and preps.

A large proportion of our A level biologists have successfully applied to read medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy and biologically-related degrees at top universities including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Imperial, Bristol and Durham.

There are currently four members of teaching staff in the department.

Job Description

- 1. Job Title:** Teacher of Biology (Maternity cover)
- 2. Responsible to:** The Head of Biology
- 3. Job Summary:** To teach Biology to pupils of all levels and abilities throughout the school. To play a full role in the development of pupils by contributing to the academic, pastoral and co-curricular life of the College.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

Academic

- a) To teach up to 38 periods per timetable cycle in consultation with the Head of Department (HoD) and the Assistant Head (Curriculum).
- b) To prepare and teach lessons in accordance with programmes of study and schemes of work drawn up by the HoD.
- c) To plan lessons such that there is variety, challenge and measurable progress in pupil learning.
- d) To expect and promote the highest standards of pupil behaviour both in and out of the classroom.
- e) To provide differentiated activities to ensure that learning is appropriate and accessible to all.
- f) To set and mark prep in accordance with College and Department policy.
- g) To keep up to date records of pupil progress, sanctions and rewards.
- h) To make a contribution to the strategic development of the department.
- i) To promote and support the wider work of the department through enrichment activities.
- j) To make regular formative assessment of pupil progress through the eRC system as scheduled by the Assistant Head (Curriculum).
- k) To attend INSET and seek opportunities for CPD in consultation with the HoD and the Assistant Head (Teaching & Learning).
- l) To attend parents meetings and other academic events as requested by the Headmaster or other members of the Senior Management Team.
- m) To assist in the setting and marking of internal examinations as requested by the HoD.
- n) To assist in the marking and moderation of coursework, controlled assessment etc. as requested by the HoD.
- o) To attend department meetings as requested by the HoD.

- p) To attend staff meetings as requested by the Headmaster.
- q) To carry out any other duties associated with the role as requested by the Headmaster or Senior Management Team.

Pastoral

- a) To promote and uphold the College's core values both in and out of the classroom.
- b) To support the development of all pupils through the unspoken curriculum (the way pupils learn to treat each other and the way they are expected to behave).
- c) To be a tutor in a day or boarding house as directed by the Deputy Headmaster.
- d) To act as tutor to a group of tutees as directed by the Hsm.
- e) To hold regular meetings with tutees to discuss academic progress and any pastoral issues.
- f) To discuss eRCs with tutees and comment as appropriate.
- g) To support the Hsm and House by attending house activities and events.
- h) To support tutees in their wider College lives.
- i) To attend chapel alongside tutees at weekly chapel services and any other school congregational events as requested by the Deputy Headmaster.

Co-curricular

- a) To play an active role supporting the games and activities programme as directed by the Assistant Head (Co-curriculum).
- b) To provide team /activity lists and carry out other administrative tasks as requested by the Assistant Head (Co-curricular) or the Director of Sport.
- c) To attend INSET and other training courses as appropriate.
- d) To play a role supporting either the CCF or S@S programme on Monday afternoons.

In making the appointment the Headmaster will have regard to the experience and potential specifically exhibited by candidates. The exact delineation of responsibilities will be determined by the strengths and interests of the appointee.

This job description may be altered to meet changing educational context at the discretion of the College.

Person Specification

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following:

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educated to good degree standard (or equivalent) in Biology or a closely related discipline Evidence of continuous personal and/or professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching qualification Higher degree
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ability to teach Biology to GCSE, AS and A2 level Involvement in, and support for, co-curricular activities relevant to the College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools experience Experience of working in a boarding/residential environment Ability to teach chemistry or

		physics to GCSE
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication and listening skills • Strong organisational and administrative skills • A high level of ICT competency • An inclusive manner and the ability to work in a team • The ability to interpret quantitative and qualitative feedback; to monitor and evaluate 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A belief in the College's core values and the determination to uphold them • An ability to set deadlines, meet them and manage expectation against them • An ability to build, foster and sustain positive relationships with all in the College community • Patience, compassion, courage, resolve and objectivity. • Dedication, loyalty, commitment and positivity • Capacity for hard work • Being a positive role model for all in the College community by virtue of approachability, personal conduct and standards of expectation. 	

Salary and Conditions

The College has its own salary scale and the successful applicant will be remunerated at a level representing their qualifications, skills and experience. Specifics of this can be discussed with the Headmaster at interview.

The College offers generous packages of additional benefits and pay; all staff are on a salary scale above the national average and have opportunities for salary progression. The College participates in the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme administered by the TPA.

Accommodation may be available. The successful candidate will also benefit from a generous rate for the education of their own children, both at the College and at St. Andrews Prep.

All appointments are made subject to a satisfactory medical disclosure, an enhanced check with the DBS and any other pre-employment checks deemed necessary by the College.

The College is a non-smoking establishment and an equal opportunities employer.

How to Apply

In order to apply, please send the completed application form, together with a letter of application (addressed to the Headmaster). Please also provide the contact details of three referees, one of whom should be your current employer.

Your letter of application should evidence your suitability for the post against the job description and person specification described above.

Electronic applications are welcome and should be sent to applications@eastbourne-college.co.uk

All applications must be received by noon on 04/10/17.

All candidates will be contacted shortly after the closing date with interviews taking place at the College thereafter.

Postscript

There are many attractions to teaching at Eastbourne College, not least its location on the south coast in the sunniest part of the country.

The College provides a safe urban environment in an attractive part of a peaceful town where pupils have easy access to shops, cinemas and theatres at appropriate times, and this strengthens the boarding experience. The railway station is close, with easy travel to Gatwick (one hour) and London (under 90 minutes). The beach and sea are a five minute walk away and the South Downs (the newest National Park) are literally on our doorstep.

The school is a strikingly happy, cohesive and coherent community. We look forward to meeting you.

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