Teacher of Media – Department Description

The Post

We are looking for a committed, creative, hardworking teacher of Media to help us to take forward the work of a dedicated and successful department. The post will involve teaching Media at GCSE and A-level.

Resources in the department are excellent, and staff have a strong and successful track record in training and developing other colleagues. This is an ideal opportunity both for an NQT to join the team, and for a more experienced teacher to gain further professional development in an outstanding school.

The Department

There are currently 5 specialists in permanent posts, including an Assistant Headteacher: two are IT/computing specialists, two are business and economics specialists, and 1 teacher is a media specialist.

We enter students for AQA GCSE and GCE Media. Results are strong:

	2019	**2018**	**2017**	**2016**
Media (GCSE) A*-A / 9-7	52.2%	71.4%	50%	65.2%
Media (GCSE) A*-C / 9-4	95.7%	95.2%	100%	100%
Media (GCSE) A*-G / 9-1	100%	100%	100%	100%

	2019	**2018**	**2017**	**2016**
Media (A2 Level) A*-B	92.3 %	92.3%	64.7%	50%
Media (A2 Level) A*-E	100%	100%	100%	100%
Media (A2) Level 3 Value Added	+0.49	+0.50	+0.37	+0.14

Media is a popular and successful option; currently we run two groups in Years 9, 10 and 11, and one in years 12 and 13.

Facilities and Resources

The department is based in the Geoff Tootill building with five IT rooms, including four suites of networked PCs and one of Macs. Across the school there are a further four IT rooms, in Maths, Engineering, Music and Photography, which also has a suite of 26 Macs. Each room has a fully integrated projector and sound system, and the Media suite has its own colour laser printer. The department boasts 15 state of the art camcorders, 16 high specification digital still cameras, and sound recording and lighting technology. Media teachers have access to Macbook computers for preparation, planning and assessment purposes. The media suite supports iLife and iWorks 09, Photoshop and Comic Life.

Technical support is provided by the network manager's team, which includes a Mac specialist. Management of media files is overseen by this team who work closely with teaching staff to ensure excellent outcomes for our students.

The department is at the forefront of the school's development and use of its VLE, Bloodle, which is based on the Moodle platform. This is an integral part of curriculum content management, assessment, and enrichment. The vast majority of work set is uploaded and marked online, with students benefiting significantly from progress tracking via the grade book feature. This is an ongoing development within the department, (and is a whole school development priority), which is unsurprising given the dynamic nature of the subjects we offer.

Method of Application

Full details and application forms are available from the school website. Applications by post to be marked

'Teacher of Media' to:
Mr R Higgins, MA – Headteacher, The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SQ.

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Closing date for applications: Monday 21st October 2019 at 9.00am
Interviews: w/c Monday 21st October 2019