

George Spencer Academy Science Faculty

We are offering an opportunity for a talented and enthusiastic teacher of science to join a strong, supportive Faculty with a record of excellent results and collegiate approach.

Candidates must have enthusiasm and the flexibility to enjoy and participate fully in the fast pace of change and innovation at an Outstanding School.

Science is an outstanding Faculty where there is a drive for excellence. AQA courses are studied for Combined Science (Trilogy), Biology, Chemistry and Physics (Separate Science). The faculty has 17 permanent Science teachers including many who have responsibility for other aspects of school life. We are an Advanced Consultant School and an SCITT provider for School Direct Trainees as well as hosting PGCE students from the University of Nottingham. As a Training and Leading Edge School we have a national reputation for CPD and innovation. Accolades include International, Artsmark, ECO and Healthy Schools Awards and the BECTA ICT Mark. We have also recently received the 'Science Gold Mark'.

Science Faculty

George Spencer Academy has nine well-equipped Science laboratories, either recently built and /or refurbished, an ICT suite and Intervention Space to support students with their learning. All laboratories are supported by the Technical team who provide an excellent service, along with Information Managers who support the delivery of ICT in the classroom.

At present there are thirteen full-time Science teachers and four part-time teachers. There is tremendous team spirit within the faculty; the staff are industrious, supportive of each other, and work with great commitment. The Faculty is well-advanced in current educational thinking and practice including the use of Information Technology to assist in the learning process. One of the Vice Principals is a Chartered Science Teacher and a member of the Science Expert group for Science leading on the National Curriculum changes. The whole faculty works together to ensure teaching and learning strategies are evident in shared lesson plans and support each other with the delivery of lessons. The faculty was highly praised in the last School's Ofsted report.

Over a 2 year Key Stage 3 programme, the National Curriculum is delivered using a combination of our "in-house" schemes and the "Activate" course. The students are taught in mixed ability groups in year 7 and then in setted ability groups in all other years. The faculty is delivering AQA's Science curricula to KS4 students (years 9 to 11). The number of students for the Separate Science option grows annually. All Science groups have the opportunity to receive Individual Needs support and a variety of extra-curricular support events.

A large number of students choose to take Advanced Level courses in our Sixth Form. The staying-on rate bucks the National trend and is a result of the excellent teaching and high expectations of students in the faculty.

Further Information

If you require further information or for a conversation regarding the post, please contact Neil Baker (Curriculum Leader for Science) - nbaker@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk

Method of Application

Complete the online application form ensuring that your personal statement outlines your experiences, ambitions and what you could bring to George Spencer Academy and the Spencer Academies Trust.