

KING'S BRUTON

HMC co-educational boarding school
situated in the small Somerset town of Bruton

Appointment of

HEAD OF LEARNING SUPPORT

For January 2018

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King's School, Bruton is a co-educational boarding and day school for pupils aged 13 to 18 years. It is situated in the historic town of Bruton about an hour from Bath, Bristol, Salisbury and Taunton. There is a train service from Bruton and Castle Cary (First Great Western) and Gillingham, (South West Trains).

The School was founded in 1519 and re-founded, after the dissolution of the monasteries, in 1550. Girls were admitted for the first time in 1969, initially in the 6th Form, but throughout the School from 1997. There are currently 342 pupils of which 131 are in the 6th Form.

Pupils come from a wide geographical area in the South-West of England, and across the social spectrum. King's is predominately a boarding school with 4 boys' boarding houses, and 3 girls' boarding houses. Over 60% of pupils board with 13% of the intake coming from abroad. Day pupils are fully integrated into boarding houses. Our main feeder school is Hazlegrove Preparatory School, but pupils also come from a number of other preparatory schools as well as a small proportion from the state system.

The School prepares pupils for GCSE, BTEC, EPQ and AS/A level and the expectation is that leavers will go on to tertiary education.

There is a standard of excellence in a wide variety of extra-curricular activity, including a strong reputation in sport, music and drama. Pupils participate in the CCF, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Ten Tors, and there are over 80 weekly activities on offer.

In June 2011 our boarding was rated Outstanding by Ofsted and in October 2012 the School received an excellent ISI report. In 2015/16 the School passed its ISI Compliance inspection.

Hazlegrove Preparatory School (3-13 years of age, 370 boys and girls) is located some 8 miles south at Sparkford, and is governed under the same Foundation. King's Bruton and Hazlegrove offer concessions on fees for the children of teaching and support staff of both schools.

Further details of the School can be found by visiting our website: *www.kingsbruton.com.*

The Post

- To manage and lead the Learning Support Department;
- To assess prospective pupils, screen new pupils and support pupils;
- To keep proper records of work done and progress achieved;
- To audit the quality of teaching and learning in the department;
- To work closely with colleagues and ensure correct provision for pupils is put in place;
- To provide regular assessment grades within the context of the whole school assessment scheme, and termly reports on your students;
- To keep the Director of Studies informed, to advise and otherwise assist with the development and departmental policies and resources.

The successful candidate should ideally be:

- Hard working and fully committed to the ethos of a seven day a week boarding school;
- Someone who has high expectations of his/her pupils, but at the same time fully appreciates the need to provide encouragement and support to pupils of all abilities;
- Someone who appreciates and applauds success and development in all areas of school life, not just Learning Support;
- Capable of working with staff from all areas of school life;
- Enthusiastic and willing to try new ideas and take responsibility for new initiatives.

It is hoped that the person appointed will be a friend, guide and philosopher to pupils, as well having a genuine love of supporting pupils with additional learning needs.

Other Duties

King's Bruton expects its teachers to contribute to all aspects of school life by drawing upon their own interests and enthusiasms. The richness of the school depends upon teachers who, for example, coach games, direct plays, support and organize society meetings, and take pupils on trips. A full, seven-day-a-week boarding school such as King's must look after and cater for the pupils entrusted to it after school and at weekends. Applicants should be aware that King's teaches on Saturday mornings and expects teachers to participate enthusiastically in the activities programme offered to pupils after school and at weekends, including sport, art, music, social events, chapel services and weekend trips locally.

Safeguarding and the Welfare of Children

King's School, Bruton, is totally committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The school has a range of policies and procedures for child protection and security. All staff at King's are expected to understand and follow all of these policies and procedures as part of their professional responsibilities.

During the interview process, candidates should expect to be questioned about issues that are relevant to safeguarding children. Candidates should also be aware that referees will be asked to comment on a candidate's disciplinary record and whether or not the candidate has been the subject of any child protection concerns.

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure.

Medical Record

The successful candidate will be asked to authorise the school doctor to carry out a check with the candidate's own GP. This is to ensure that there are not any medical concerns which could limit the candidate's ability to work in a boarding school environment.

Applications

Applications should be sent to the HR Department at King's Bruton and must include a completed application form, Curriculum Vitae, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three referees, by 5.00pm 22 September 2017. Interviews will take place on 27 and 28 September 2017.

Applicants are invited to contact the Headmaster, Mr I S Wilmshurst, if they wish to discuss details of the post.

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