



HEAD OF SCHOOL INFORMATION PACK

This is a rare and exciting opportunity to lead an outstanding family-owned school in South Devon.

St Christopher's Prep School and Nursery is a successful School for children aged between 3 and 11 years and is seeking a talented and driven Head to lead it into the next stage of its inspirational journey. We believe in providing an excellent and affordable independent education open to as many families as possible.

Located in an idyllic rural location near the thriving town of Totnes, St Christopher's has a proven history of high standards of education with strong links with the excellent local Grammar and Independent schools. All of St Christopher's' inspections endorse its reputation as an excellent school.

This is a significant appointment, and the successful candidate would be the first non-family member to lead the school. Through imaginative vision and strategic planning, with the support of the School Board and the current staff and parents, they will build and plan for the school's future.



The Application Process

The Proprietor of St. Christopher's School is seeking to appoint a new Head Teacher to succeed Mrs Alexandra Cottell who will be leaving in September 2025.

Employer: St. Christopher's Prep School and Nursery, Staverton

Position: Head

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £55,000 to £60,000

Start Date: September 2025



Background of the School

We are a family-run school in rural Devon, where our pupils, parents and staff work alongside each other to ensure a creative and fulfilling start in life. Our children are the heart of our school community, and our Christian ethos promotes an atmosphere of trust, kindness and care which is essential for them to truly flourish.

St. Christopher's was established in 1991 and moved to its present site at Staverton in 1993. The school occupies 19th Century stables and barns converted to provide a delightful setting in which to learn, surrounded by the beautiful South Hams countryside. The school was established by Jane and Greg Kenyon and the same family still own St Christopher's. It was originally founded as a Nursery school but very quickly, in accordance with parental demand, grew organically into the highly successful Prep school, accepting children from age 3 to 11, it is today.



ISI Report

In September 2019 the school was deemed 'Excellent' by ISI and in November 2023 ISI commented;

'The older pupils' support of, and behaviour towards, younger pupils is a positive feature and fosters strong relationships between pupils of all ages. The curriculum includes a suitable range of subjects and enables pupils to acquire knowledge and learn a wide range of skills. Some subjects, such as French, drama and physical education, are taught by specialist staff, including in the early years, and this impacts pupils' learning in a positive way.'

For a copy of the full ISI report from Nov 2023 please visit [CLICK TO VIEW REPORT](#)



Benefits of service

- 85% remission on school fees for children of the Head
- Being part of a small friendly, family school, in a stunning rural location
- Attractive work/life balance
- Competitive Pension Scheme
- Working in an area that is known for its high quality of life, natural beauty and the opportunity for outdoor activities



Applications

If you believe in leading a school based on Christian values and principles into the future and believe in the kind of education based on a broad curriculum and academic excellence, please contact Alexandra Cottell head@st-christophers.devon.sch.uk for a Job Description and further information.

Closing Date for applications: Monday 3rd February 2025 at 12pm

Longlist Interviews: Week commencing 10th February 2025.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to visit the School and interview in the week commencing Monday 24th February 2025.

Early applications are encouraged, and St. Christopher's School reserves the right to close the recruitment process earlier than advertised, should a high volume of suitable applications be received.

PLEASE NOTE: St. Christopher's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young adults and expects all staff to share this commitment including regular training attendance. The successful applicant will be offered the post subject to receipt of satisfactory written references, proof of appropriate qualifications, Health questionnaire, a check of online search engines and websites of publicly available information that does not identify the applicant as potentially unsuitable to work within a school setting, proof of identity, a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service, an overseas police check if required and confirmation of the right to work in the UK.

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