



IPSWICH SCHOOL

TEACHER OF ECONOMICS

Full Time or Part-Time (minimum 0.5 FTE) from September 2022

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Economics and Business department at Suffolk's top academic school, where pupils are inquisitive and keen to explore their subjects. The vacancy has arisen due to rising pupil numbers across the School and, in particular, within the department.

Teachers who have recently joined Ipswich School invariably say how much they enjoy working at the school, commenting on the friendly working atmosphere and the politeness and strong work ethic of the pupils.

We are looking for someone to join an experienced team of specialist practitioners. The role is to teach Economics at A Level, but the ability to teach Business will be viewed as an advantage.

THE DEPARTMENT

The department occupies three purpose built and newly fitted rooms on the first floor of the main School, and we are very well resourced in all respects. The department comprises four teachers: a full-time Head of Department; the teacher with responsibility as Head of Study Skills; the Deputy Head (Academic), who was previously Head of Economics at Eton, and a part-time teacher of Business. The department has grown due to an increase in student numbers over the past few years.

The department has an excellent reputation, established through a tradition of outstanding teaching and learning – over the past 3 years 97% of A Level Economics results have been at A*-B and value added in Business is equally impressive.

Many of our current Year 13 cohort hold UCAS offers for Economics or Business courses. Six students are scheduled to have Cambridge or Oxford interviews in Economics related courses in the coming weeks and progression to University courses has been a major success of the department. We find that over 50% of students in the department subsequently pursue a related subject at University.

A range of enrichment activities is offered. There are annual trips, for example, to London, and participation in events run by leading Economics and business institutions like the IEA. The department has organised conferences for local schools with high profile lecturers including Andrew Sentance, James Meadway and others.

Students really enjoy studying Economics and Business at Ipswich School. This is evidenced by the excellent student reviews which we receive, and the disproportionately high number of pupils pursuing the subjects in further education. We have seen a steady and healthy growth in student numbers and we successfully retain a very high proportion of students as they move from Year 12 to 13.

THE CURRICULUM

At Ipswich School, all pupils study four A Level subjects in Year 12, with the majority dropping down to three in Year 13. Economics and Business are popular subjects and are taught only in the Sixth Form. There are currently four sets taking AQA's Business A Level course, and seven sets taking the A Level Economics course from the same board, with the expectation that we will teach an extra set in both Economics and Business next academic year.

THE PERSON

We are looking for a passionate, qualified teacher of Economics, who has a flair for the subject, an outstanding ability to communicate, and the ability to stretch our ablest students. The ability to teach Business at A level would be an advantage, but is not a necessary condition for your application to be considered.

The department offers the opportunity to work in an innovative and creative environment where pupils push themselves to high standards in all aspects of their work. You will welcome such opportunities and will be a driving force behind the department's continued embrace of technological change, as well as in enhancing the already strong reputation and profile of the department, both within the School and in the local area.

The School offers many opportunities to become involved in co-curricular life, and it is expected that you will work in the rewarding role of a pastoral tutor, aiding many areas of students' personal development. The possibility of enjoying and sharing sporting, musical or dramatic interests would also be encouraged, and there will be many opportunities to develop a role in any of these areas, whether at recreational or elite levels, as appropriate. We are keen to further the career aspirations of our teachers and we devote considerable resources towards CPD and towards actively seeking areas for progression.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As the November 2014 report by ISI Inspectors confirmed, *Ipswich School has a fine record of academic success, which is placed within the context of an extensive range of activities outside the classroom.* The School operates a five-day week, with representative sports on Saturdays. Games, CCF, Community Service and a variety of other activities take place on Thursday afternoons. All who teach at the School make some contribution to school life outside their own specialisation, as well as to our programme of pastoral support.

The School is fully co-educational and, with its own Preparatory School and Nursery, caters for pupils from 3 months - 18 years.

The School has a salary scale which mirrors but is more generous than that of the maintained sector. There is generous remission of fees for children (aged 5 and above) of teaching staff providing there are vacancies and the children fulfil the usual entry requirements.

The School takes seriously its responsibility to provide opportunities for continued professional development. The Government-accredited Induction Scheme for Newly Qualified Teachers is available in independent schools and at Ipswich School we have a very well structured programme of support and guidance. All new teachers receive induction and guidance from the Deputy Head (Academic) and other senior colleagues, in particular Heads of Department. All members of the teaching staff receive a laptop computer to help with administration and teaching, and all teachers at Ipswich School are currently members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme. Accommodation may be available, and we will be happy to discuss remuneration, pension and accommodation options more fully at interview.

In addition to internally organised staff training, teachers are encouraged to attend courses and conferences which will further their expertise and career.

Ipswich is the county town of Suffolk, with about 150,000 inhabitants. The town has a lively theatre, a renowned football club, a multiplex cinema and a film theatre, a strong musical life, and clubs and societies catering for many sporting and cultural interests. In the summer the Aldeburgh Festival enriches the musical life of the area. Road and rail links to London, Cambridge, the Midlands and the North are excellent, with Liverpool Street being just over an hour away. Also within easy reach are many attractive and historic small towns and villages. The coastline is a special feature, offering large unspoilt areas of beach and estuary for recreation.

Please advise us of any special requirements you may have if you are called for interview. If your special requirements mean that you need to submit this application in a different format please contact us.

Completed application forms, with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, should be **received by noon on Wednesday 8 December 2021** to the Headmaster, Mr N Weaver, Ipswich School, 25 Henley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3SG, or email: hr@ipswich.school Interviews will take place in the week commencing Monday 13 December 2021.

PLEASE NOTE

- Ipswich School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Having a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining the position. The Ipswich School Policy on the recruitment of ex offenders and the Code of Practice relating to the Disclosure and Barring Service are available on request.
- Ipswich School's employees are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people they are responsible for, or come into contact with. The post holder must adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding Children Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out his/her duties, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School he/she must report any concerns to the School's Senior Designated Person for Safeguarding (the Senior Deputy Head [Pastoral] for Senior School pupils, the Prep Head for Preparatory School pupils).
- Applicants are asked to state if they have a D1 entitlement to drive a minibus, or be willing to take a D1 minibus test if required.
- Applicants are advised that in the interests of the health and safety of all its pupils and employees, Ipswich School operates a No Smoking Policy which prohibits smoking in any area of the School site.

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