



Christ Church Cathedral School

Teaching Assistant (Part-time) - Job Specification

Christ Church Cathedral School lies in the very heart of Oxford, a stone's throw from Christ Church and the Cathedral itself. The meadows, in which our stunning sports pitches are to be found, are only yards away. The successful candidate will have a natural sympathy for the unique character of a historic choir school in such a setting. Just as importantly, though, the candidate will have an instinctive understanding of the importance of providing an education appropriate for the pupils of today and for the shaping of boys who are fully equipped to succeed in the country's leading secondary schools.

We pride ourselves on being a small school which caters for the needs of individuals, most especially for their academic and pastoral requirements. Part of the TA's role is to ensure that all pupils reach their potential, including those who have special needs or who are particularly able. The successful candidate will have a natural gift for understanding individuals and should have the patience and perseverance to develop a fruitful relationship with every child in his or her charge.

The candidate should have exacting standards and be determined that their pupils achieve the most of which they are capable. They should believe passionately in the value of education to transform, and of the importance of individual interaction. Within the context of a part time job, the person should also have a real passion for contributing towards the life of a community, and they should feel a sense of loyalty towards the school and its community of staff, parents and pupils.

The successful candidate will be expected to keep abreast of developments in education and be aware of changing understandings of how people learn. They will be responsible to the SEN coordinator and to the Academic Deputy.

The position is a genuinely exciting prospect for someone with energy and vision, for someone who wishes to have a central role in the maintenance of a culture of academic success.

Ideally the candidate would have previous experience of working in schools.

In Summary, the successful candidate will:

- play a full part in the life of the school
- be flexible and happy to work with individuals and groups from Nursery to F8
- work with class teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes for pupils
- defend the cause of individual pupils
- promote positive behaviour in the classroom and beyond
- maintain high expectations for learning
- be committed to equal opportunities for all pupils