



# SURBITON

HIGH SCHOOL

## Job Description

**Role Title:** Life Model at Surbiton High School

**Role Purpose:** To act as a model for Life Drawing classes within the Senior School Art Department. The drawing classes cover the study of the anatomy of the human body and the model should be comfortable with poses both clothed and unclothed. The Teacher will make reference to the body as part of the class and discuss pupil work in relation to this. The model will be working in a practical studio environment with a range of equipment and materials present in the room.

**Reporting Line:** Director of Art

**Tenure:** Casual; Autumn and Spring terms (September to April)

**Hours:** 1 session of 1.5 hours per week, Wednesday

**Salary:** £40 per session

**Details:** This role will be supervised by an employed member of the School at all times

### Key Responsibilities:

- To sustain seated and standing poses for prolonged periods of time
- To be comfortable with posing both fully clothed and fully unclothed
- To be able to take direction from the Teacher leading the class and also confidently select your own seated or standing poses when asked to do so
- To be able to work in silence for prolonged periods of time
- To have excellent time keeping skills and arrive in time for sessions
- To provide prior notice if unable to attend a session
- To take responsibility for wearing suitable footwear and moving with care around a practical art studio which can contain a range of potential tripping hazards including such obstacles as cables, boards etc. Some drawing sessions may be conducted in lower light conditions
- To take responsibility for having a suitable cover/dressing gown to wear between poses and when moving around the art room
- To immediately stop and inform the Teacher if a pose becomes uncomfortable in any way
- To alert the Teacher to any potential difficulties or health issues that might affect your ability to undertake your role as model
- To alert the Teacher if the room temperature is unsuitable for modelling or of any other environmental issues that may affect your ability to model
- To communicate in a professional way with pupils and staff and to maintain high standards of conduct and behaviour
- To report any unacceptable behaviour to the Teacher / Director of Art
- To meet all requests from Surbiton High School in respect of safeguarding checks, including DBS checks and referencing requirements as needed, and other training to fully comply with expectations and responsibilities in relation to working with young people



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## Person Specification

**The successful candidate will be likely to fit the following profile:**

- An understanding of the requirements of life drawing classes and the educational context would be beneficial
- Consistently punctual and reliable, with a professional attitude towards scheduled sessions
- Comfortable posing clothed or unclothed in a professional and educational setting
- Ability to communicate effectively with the Art Teacher and pupils to understand and fulfil posing requirements
- Positive rapport with pupils and staff
- High standards of personal presence and presentation and attention to detail
- Ability to communicate concisely and sensitively to a variety of audiences
- Commitment to the personal and educational development of pupils and to an ethos of respect and service
- Organised, energetic, and able to self-direct
- Positive, enthusiastic, and energetic approach to life
- Ability to think creatively and imaginatively
- Committed to Surbiton High School's ethos and strategic vision
- High expectations for pupil attainment, personal development, and conduct.
- Ambitious and aspirational for oneself and for the school



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## To Apply

Please apply online via the link on the TES or our School [website](#)

**Closing date for Applications:**

**18 June 2024**

**Interviews to be held week commencing:**

**24 June 2024**

*Please note that the School reserves the right to appoint at any stage during the recruitment process.*

*For any queries relating to the role or your application, please email [recruitment@surbitonhigh.com](mailto:recruitment@surbitonhigh.com)*



## The Benefits of Working for Surbiton High School

- Competitive Salary
- Extensive CPD Opportunities
- Flexible Working
- Generous Rewards Programme
- Excellent transport links
- Working as part of a motivated and committed team



## About Surbiton High School

***We aim to inspire, encourage and empower our staff and pupils to be the very best they can be.***

Surbiton High School is a friendly and vibrant community where people matter, results count and where a passion for excellence drives everything we do. We are a school with a real heart and soul, where we look beyond the A\* to offer a breadth of opportunity which allows every pupil to flourish and every staff member to develop and succeed.

Our inspirational teachers are committed to delivering a rich curriculum and programme of co-curricular activities which challenge our pupils to explore ideas for themselves. We feed our pupils' minds, but we also care passionately about their character development and happiness. Our approach to education means that Surbiton High School pupils achieve the very best exam results and are also compassionate, authentic young people with strong values, keen to make a positive difference in the world. Our Educational Support Staff are the backbone of the School, and are dedicated to supporting our aim of creating an intellectually rigorous and challenging academic environment which runs smoothly and efficiently.

Surbiton High School has approximately 1,650 pupils aged between 4 and 18. Our Preparatory Schools are divided into the Girls' Preparatory School and Boys' Preparatory School, and the Senior School is girls only from age 11 upwards.

We are looking for applicants who are passionate about inspiring those around them, bringing out 'The Best in Everyone' and working with us to remain a leading school of choice (rated 'excellent in all areas' by ISI 2023).

Read more on our website: [www.surbitonhigh.com](http://www.surbitonhigh.com)



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## Additional Information

### **Equal Opportunities**

*Surbiton High School is a member of the United Church Schools Trust, Charity Number 1016538 and is an equal opportunity employer. We expect all employees to act in a manner which is consistent with the Trust's principal objective: to provide education based on Christian principles. While we recognise that employees may come from other faith groups (as indeed do many of our pupils), we expect everyone in our community to conduct themselves appropriately in the light of this objective. As a School we, in turn, respect the different faiths of our colleagues and pupils, and welcome them and their contribution.*

*In Surbiton High School, male colleagues and those from ethnic minorities are under-represented among our staff; we would therefore wish to encourage them to apply. However, the aim of the selection process is to appoint the best possible candidate, and gender and ethnicity are not criteria for selection.*

### **Eligibility for Employment**

*Surbiton High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all who work at the School to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Any offer of employment is thus conditional on clearance from the above, on the receipt of: two satisfactory references, a satisfactory medical questionnaire, proof of qualifications, overseas checks where applicable, and proof of right to reside and work in the UK.*

### **Choice of Referees**

*We wish to have someone who can write knowledgeably about your abilities to perform professionally in a position similar to this one. We also need to have the most recent possible references. Your referees should therefore normally include your current – or most recent – employer. If you are unable to supply referees who fit into the above categories, please explain this in your application. We shall carry out such further reference checks as are necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of children. Please provide professional, rather than home addresses for your referees, and supply email addresses in all cases.*



### **United Learning**

*United Learning is a unique group of independent and state schools working together to achieve the best in everyone. Our vision is to provide excellent education so that all young people are able to make a success of their lives and, if we are to realise this vision, we need to make sure we attract, develop and reward the key ingredient – you.*