



REED'S
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Candidate Information Teacher of Philosophy & Religion

Reed's School

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Registered Charity Number: 312008

Reed's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An Introduction to Reed's School

Reed's School is a leading HMC independent day and boarding school, providing an education for around 770 pupils. We accept boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years, with girls joining in the Sixth Form. Reed's is predominantly a day school with approximately 10% boarders spread throughout the year groups.

Reed's benefits from all the facilities of a boarding school, providing the welcoming community feel that embodies the ethos and character of the School.

Reed's is well-known for its innovative approach learning, outstanding Arts and Music provision, and National and World class sports teams.

Our staff are recognised for their inspirational and dynamic approach to learning. The vast majority of pupils go on to attend their first choice universities, with Russell Group universities being the most popular destinations. The ISI awarded the School "excellent" in all categories during its most recent inspection.

Situated in over forty acres of countryside in Cobham, Surrey, Reed's benefits from excellent transport links by rail, road and air. The School is a ten-minute walk to Oxshott Station, with a forty minute journey into Central London while the A3 is a four minute drive away with excellent links to Gatwick and Heathrow airport and the M25.



The History of Reed's School

Reed's School was established in 1813 by the prominent philanthropist and social reformer Reverend Dr Andrew Reed as a school for orphaned children. His belief that philanthropy and education have the power to transform the lives of children remains central to the ethos of Reed's. Through our Foundation the School continues to offer bursaries to approximately 10% of the pupils who will have lost the support of one or both parents, be in need of pastoral care and financial assistance.

Since its founding the School has benefited from a Royal Patron and Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II is the current Royal Patron of the School, having visited as recently as 2014.

Although much has changed since the School was founded, our values-driven approach to education has remained the same. Through our core values of Integrity, Compassion, Curiosity, Resilience, Responsibility and Independence we are able to create a dynamic, exciting, and friendly environment where our pupils and our staff thrive.

Teaching Staff Benefits

Reed's School is highly stable, currently enjoying notable demand for places and is backed by strong financial planning that enables all departments to be very well resourced.

REED'S SCHOOL SALARY-SCALE

- Reed's School operates its own generous salary scale which sits above the national scale. There is also the opportunity for additional responsibility allowances for roles such as leading one of our Sports, or Heading a Department or House.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- The School commits to a generous INSET budget every year and encourages all members of staff to subscribe to external CPD courses.
- In addition to this, the School offers INSET days delivering a range of further training, from highly-practical First Aid qualifications to seminars on aspects of teaching and learning. High-quality training is provided throughout the year through twilight INSET from external trainers.
- The School offers comprehensive Professional Development. All teachers are supported fully in their professional development: those in the early stages of their careers are supported through PGCE and NQT qualifications; those with experience have the opportunity to develop their pedagogical and leadership skills through courses such as ISQAM (HMC), BSA, NPQML and NPQSL. The School also supports members of staff who wish to study for other qualifications such as Master's degrees and Sports coaching qualifications.
- There is an annual cycle of appraisal as well as myriad opportunities to reflect on professional practice and development opportunities.
- The School offers excellent administrative support to teaching staff.

TEACHER'S PENSIONS SCHEME

- The School pays the employer's contribution to the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (OPT-IN)

- Teaching staff are eligible to sign up to the school's Private Health Insurance, provided by AXA PPP Healthcare.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

- Health Assured provides expert free and confidential support with personal and professional difficulties, 24/7.

ICT FACILITIES

- The School operates an iPad scheme; all teachers are provided with iPads to facilitate innovative use of technology.

FEE REMISSION SCHEME

- Teaching staff are eligible for School Fee Remission in respect of their child(ren) attending Reed's School. This sum is proportionally reduced for part time members of staff. The children of employees are subject to the same admissions assessments as other children and employment in no way guarantees that an offer of a place will be made.

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION

- The School is situated in over 40 secluded acres of heath and woodland within five minutes' drive of the M25 and 30 minutes from Heathrow, Gatwick and central London. Oxshott train station on the Guildford-Waterloo line is ten minutes' walk. Epsom, Kingston, Leatherhead, Guildford and Woking are all within easy reach. All staff are welcome to apply for accommodation in line with the school's Onsite Accommodation Policy.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS

- Lunches and other refreshments are provided f.o.c. during the school day (breakfast and dinner available should staff work earlier or later than normal).

PARKING

- Free, onsite parking is available for all staff.

REED'S SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

- Free membership of the School's Sports Centre, with access to squash courts, gym, swimming pool and other sports facilities at agreed times.

COMMON ROOM

- All members of staff belong to the Common Room. There are opportunities to participate in a number of Common Room activities such as social events, sports teams etc.

CYCLE TO WORK SCHEME

- Employees can apply to the Cycle to Work Scheme, linked with Evans Cycles

HOLIDAY CAMPS & LOCAL RETAILER DISCOUNTS

- Discounts are available to all permanent staff on holiday camps and activities hosted at Reed's School. In addition a number of local shops and retailers offer discounts to staff at Reed's School.

Reed's School is strongly committed to inclusion and is an equal opportunities employer. We aim to create a welcoming, respectful and safe environment for all members of our community from every ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability/disability, religion and background. We want our pupils to understand the importance of a diverse community by recruiting from the widest possible pool of talent, removing barriers that can prevent people from showing their full potential, and fostering a fully-inclusive environment.

The Philosophy & Religion Department

The Philosophy & Religion department consists of three full time teachers and the School Chaplain who also teaches Mathematics. The department has its own well-equipped teaching area.

Philosophy and Religion is taught to all pupils in Forms 1-3 (Years 7-9) and then becomes an option choice at GCSE and A Level. The department deliver varied and engaging lessons by following a diverse and dynamic curriculum. Both GCSE and A Level numbers have increased substantially over the last few years and we have reported strong results.

We are dedicated to the wider education of our pupils, including nurturing inquisitive young minds and developing their moral compasses. We run regular outings and trips, including recent international visits to Amsterdam and Auschwitz Birkenau, as well as regular extension outings into London.

At GCSE, pupils currently study Eduqas Religious Studies (9-1) from the perspectives of Christianity and Buddhism. At A Level we use the linear OCR Religious Studies curriculum (Philosophy and Ethics with Developments in Christian Theology).

Our vision is to create an open, engaging and compassionate environment in order to promote academic curiosity and strive towards high levels of success in our subject whilst encouraging our students to study related degrees at university and beyond.

This role provides an exciting opportunity for a teacher at any stage of their career and full support will be provided to those in the early stages of their training and those wishing to broaden their teaching experience.

All members of the Teaching staff are involved in the school's tutorial and pastoral systems and are expected to be involved in the Activities Curriculum provided to the pupils. The successful candidate will play an active part in the department's extra-curricular programme and the school's activities programme.





Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Teach Philosophy and Religion across the age range.
- Provide support to the Head of Philosophy and Religion and work cooperatively within the Department team.
- Be familiar with the aims and objectives of the Department as outlined in the departmental handbook.
- Lead the 'Introducing Philosophical Thought' society, facilitating its transition into being run by students.
- Assist the Head of Philosophy and Religion with the development of schemes of work and assessment materials.
- Keep records of marks achieved in preps and tests by the pupils you are teaching.
- Attend suitable INSET as required under the guidance of the Head of Philosophy and Religion.
- Participate in other Philosophy and Religion activities outside the classroom as required by the Head of Philosophy and Religion.
- Promote Philosophy and Religion as a subject.
- Undertake such other comparable duties as the Headmaster requires from time to time.
- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you come into contact.

Person Specification

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential

- Educated to degree level in Philosophy, Theology or Religious Studies.

Desirable

- Qualified Teaching Status.

EXPERIENCE

Essential

- Experience of working co-operatively as part of a team.

Desirable

- Experience of teaching successfully at all levels and differing ability needs.
- Ability to demonstrate success across the ability range.
- Ability to demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to enthusing and challenging pupils.
- Experience of gathering, evaluating and using assessment data.

SKILLS

Essential

- Excellent planning and organising skills.

Desirable

- Ability to set effective, realistic and challenging lesson objectives and appropriate homework.
- Initiative to improve personal and departmental standards and results.

KNOWLEDGE

Essential

- Excellent subject knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject.
- Insight into student learning needs.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES AND QUALITIES

Essential

- Motivation and enthusiasm to work with children and young people.
- Ability to act as a role model for pupils and staff through demonstrating high standards of personal and professional conduct.
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.
- Positive attitude to use of authority and maintaining discipline.
- Ability to maintain consistency and fairness.



Application Process

If you would like to find out further information regarding the role, please contact the HR department by email at hr@reeds.surrey.sch.uk or by telephone on 01932 869043.

Applicants should send a completed Reed's application form to the HR Department by email to hr@reeds.surrey.sch.uk or by post to Reed's School, Sandy Lane, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2ES

All applications will be acknowledged by email. If you have not received acknowledgement that your application has been received within two working days of sending it, please contact the HR team by telephone using the contact number above.

The closing date for applications will be midday on Wednesday 3rd March 2021. Interviews will be held on Friday 12th March 2021.

Safeguarding & Child Protection

Reed's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

ISI INSPECTION REPORT JANUARY 2015

"Excellent in all categories"

"Pupils are intellectually curious, self motivated, and have high aspirations, both inside and outside the classroom."

"Pupils' achievements in extra-curricular activities are outstanding and reflect the wide range of their interests, the development of their talents and their determination to make the most of the opportunities offered."

"Pupils are taught in a nurturing environment by highly committed teachers. Relationships between pupils and teachers are very strong and result in positive attitudes to learning."

"Pupils are noticeably proud of their school community and take every opportunity within it to further their personal development with the result that this is highly developed by the time they leave the school."

"There is a relaxed and positive atmosphere in school with excellent relationships between pupils and staff."