



King's College
TAUNTON

**Appointment of Learning
Strategies Teacher with
Mathematics specialism
(full or part-time)**

Starting September 2019

ABOUT KING'S

King's College is a thriving boarding and day school of approximately 460 pupils. It combines strong academic achievement, traditional values and excellent pastoral care with a progressive, modern outlook, providing girls and boys aged 13-18 with the opportunities, confidence and ability to exploit their potential to the full within a happy and caring environment.

King's Hall Prep School (located some three miles away) combines with King's College to provide continuous education from 2-18 and the two schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a sound family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered. Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to good universities and professional careers.

For a relatively small school, King's College has an enviable record of success. The school has regularly topped GCSE league tables for Somerset in recent years and two departments, DT being one of them, were rated top in the country for their A level results by the Good Schools Guide. The Chapel Choir won the BBC "Choir of the Year" competition, the girls' football team are ISFA national champions at U18 level, and the U15 cricket XI were national champions in 2017.

In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, successful school.

ABOUT TAUNTON

Taunton, the county town of Somerset, is a busy market town with excellent road and rail links. It is located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5, 25 minutes north of Exeter and 35 minutes south of Bristol. The fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours. Taunton is a growing commercial and residential centre, has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum and the usual shopping outlets.

THE POST

The learning strategies department enjoys a high profile among both pupils and staff, supporting the learning of over 100 pupils either individually or in small groups. It is a busy and purposeful environment in which to work, and close links are forged with all teachers and departments.

Within the learning strategies department there are three full-time and two part-time specialists, as well as one part-time teaching assistant. The advertised post would suit either a full-time or part-time applicant and is focused primarily on supporting those who need additional support in maths. The maths department currently follows the Edexcel IGCSE syllabus, followed by the Edexcel syllabus at A level, and recent maths results reflect the range of abilities within the school.

		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
A level	A* - B	55%	64%	59%	61%	71%
GCSE	A* - A (9,8 & 7 in 2017)	38%	49%	34%	46%	39%

The learning strategies department works closely with the exams team to ensure that every child is catered for in the best manner when it comes to public exams. The department is very well-resourced: each teacher has their own room, and also share access to a small classroom and computer room, suitable for working with groups.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We require an enthusiastic teacher to join this department from September 2019. The post would suit either a newly-qualified teacher or one with experience, who can share their expertise in developing pupils understanding of maths.

King's College has a lively and friendly Common Room of over 50 full-time teachers, all of whom contribute to the school's outstanding co-curricular programme of sport, music and many other activities. The ability to contribute in some way to this programme would be a distinct advantage. All full-time teachers also tutor a small number of pupils. Applications from candidates looking for part-time work will also be considered.

Newly-qualified teachers will be supported in completing their initial year at King's by the Head of Staff Induction, who has vast experience in guiding and training NQTs.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree level qualification • PGCE or equivalent teaching experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific training courses and qualifications
Knowledge and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of how to ensure all pupils thrive in their learning • Reflective about your own pedagogy and willing to share best practice with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of teaching maths to GCSE level • Experience of teaching in a one-to-one setting
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships with the pupils in your care • Efficient and effective administration and organisational skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good IT skills • Good ability to contribute to the co-curricular and pastoral programme at King's
Personal qualities and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personable, with a sense of humour • Patience, kindness, resilience and the ability to be firm but fair 	
<p>The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sight of original qualifications • King's College application form • Interview, including teaching a lesson • References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals 		

APPOINTMENT POLICY

Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

HOW TO APPLY

Please write a brief letter of application, addressed to the Headmaster, and complete the application form enclosed and send by email or letter to:

Sarah Baverstock, HR & Admin Assistant, King's College, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3LA.

Tel: 01823 328105

Email: SLBaverstock@kings-taunton.co.uk

Website: www.kings-taunton.co.uk

The closing date for applications is 12.00pm on Monday 20 May.

Interviews will be held later in the week beginning Monday 20 May.

Enclosed:

- Application form
- Appointment policy
- Job description