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TEACHER of ENGLISH

Cranleigh School seeks to appoint for September 2018 a dynamic honours graduate to join a good-humoured, successful and enthusiastic department to teach English up to Oxbridge Entrance level. This post will suit someone of energy and intellect who is prepared to contribute to the further development of this already very impressive department. The successful candidate may well be looking for a first or second post.

Cranleigh School is a leading fully co-educational independent boarding and day Senior School consisting of around 630 girls and boys of 13 – 18 years of age. There is also a Preparatory School on the opposite side of the road which has around 330 girls and boys.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Cranleigh English department is a particularly friendly, cheerful group and currently consists of eight full time teachers: we get along very well and we hope to provide a good home for an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher or trainee teacher. The successful applicant will be expected to teach throughout the five year groups ranging from the 4th Form (Year 9) through to the Upper Sixth. Each year, we have between 35 and 45 students opting to take English at A Level, making it one of the most popular subject choices in the school.

Our expectations of our students are very high and the results are very good; over the last five years, at A Level, 84% of our students have attained A*-B, with 48% attaining an A* or an A. In the same period, at iGCSE, the A/A* percentages have been 74% for English Language and 71% for English Literature. We usually have a couple of pupils each year who wish to apply to Oxbridge to read English Literature – since 2003, more than half our applicants (14 out of 25) have been successful - and there is scope for engagement there too, should a new appointee be interested in mentoring applicants.

We also like to encourage students' interest in the subject outside the classroom. We regularly take theatre trips to London, Guildford and Stratford and, in recent years, have taken our A Level students to academic lectures on their set texts in London and Cambridge. Visitors – both writers and academics – are always warmly welcomed and there are annual creative writing and poetry competitions for both junior and senior pupils.

From September 2018 the Department will be transferring into the new Academic Centre, which will provide eight state-of-the-art classrooms and a new departmental library.

THE CURRICULUM

Fourth Form pupils (13-14 years old) study novels, plays and poetry, and engage in creative writing as well as studying different formats of writing and writing for different audiences. This level provides considerable freedom for each teacher to devise an engaging, yet instructive programme of teaching – something which can prove both highly satisfying and enormously enjoyable.

With regards to exam classes, our Lower 5th and Upper 5th students take the Edexcel iGCSE English and iGCSE English Literature examinations, working towards examinations in these subjects at the conclusion of the course – we do not employ a modular system at GCSE. In the Sixth Form we currently use the OCR Board – Sixth Form teaching is covered by teachers working in pairs. The courses require pupils to work towards two exam paper and a coursework module in their Upper Sixth year. There is considerable scope for teachers to pursue their own personal interests and enthusiasms when putting together A Level coursework plans and we are keen to attract a teacher who relishes the prospect of coming up with interesting and exciting ideas.

Please read 'Why teach at Cranleigh?' to be found on our website which gives an impression of the ethos to which it is expected that the successful candidate will contribute.

THE POST

The responsibilities of the Teacher of English will include:

- Teaching to the highest standard across all year groups;
- preparing suitable teaching material for each lesson and following the departmental programmes of study;
- contributing to the making and sharing of Department resources;
- setting an appropriate level and quantity of prep in line with Departmental and Whole School Marking policies;
- providing written reports, report grades and summative assessment marks by the deadlines set by both the Head of Department and the Director of Studies;
- attending weekly Department meetings;
- contributing to the preparation of students for tertiary education.

THE PERSON

We aim to recruit a teacher or trainee teacher who will be able to enthuse and engage pupils across these year groups; someone who possesses a very sound grounding in literature and its contexts. The department will be helpful and supportive in enabling a new appointee to settle in and establish how the courses work; previous teaching experience is useful but by no means necessary.

The ideal candidate will be passionate about literature, good-humoured and a good team player.

In addition he/she would be expected to get involved in all aspects of this busy boarding school including acting as a tutor to a group of students within a House including some of the delivery of the school's PSHEE programme. This would normally include one evening duty per week. All teachers are expected to contribute to the School's co-curricular programme and co-curricular activities alongside their academic responsibilities.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the post informally, please get in touch with Gordon Neill, the Head of English, by email in the first instance: ginn@cranleigh.org.

THE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is from September 2018.

Candidates should state fully what their particular interests are and where they think they can make contributions to the wider life of the school.

Cranleigh School has its own salary scales and the successful applicant will be offered a salary commensurate with their qualifications and experience. Accommodation is available if required and salaries are adjusted accordingly.

To apply, please submit a brief letter of application together with a completed Application Form, available on the School's website, supported by a full Curriculum Vitae and to include the names and contact details of two referees. Applications, which will be considered as they are received, should arrive no later than **9.30 am on Friday 16th February 2018**.

Applications should be sent to:

The Headmaster, Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ or via email to mrp@cranleigh.org

We are committed to the safeguarding of children and enhanced disclosure screening will apply to this post.