Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Biology (with the possibility of a TLR) at The Piggott School. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site has 1324 students and 175 staff.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our pupils are a delight to teach, with OfSTED grading us outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare and SIAMS grading our school outstanding.

The science department has a history of very strong results at all Key Stages. In 2018, 100% of our triple scientists achieved grade 5 or above in all 3 sciences. Our Combined Science students had 87% above a 4-4. Across all 3 subjects at Key Stage 5, between 50-80% of students were awarded an A\*- C. For Biology this was 81.5% and we achieved ALPS 2. We also offer BTEC Applied Science in addition to the individual ‘A’ Level science subjects. Science continues to be an extremely popular subject at ‘A’ level.

The department is made up of 9 full time and 5 part-time specialist science teachers. There are 9 well-resourced labs, 2 offices with work spaces for staff and an area with desktop computers. In addition, there are class sets of laptops and a well-resourced prep room and we have 2 laboratory technicians. The successful candidate would join us in September 2019.

All science staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons with good practice being shared amongst all to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

GCSE subjects begin during year 9. We usually have two classes of students studying triple science with the remaining students studying combined science. Currently we follow the AQA Trilogy Science specification.

The department looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping the department move forward over the coming years.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus. Prospective candidates are also most welcome to make an appointment with Mrs Preston, my PA, via email to visit the school (prestonc@piggottschool.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact my PA if you have any questions about the application or appointment process or any questions for me.

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

Derren Gray

Headteacher

Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day.