

## **Teacher of Geography**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Cranleigh School is seeking to appoint for September 2019 a good honours graduate to teach Geography to A level. The successful applicant will join a talented and resourceful department which teaches Geography to a high standard and in a dynamic way. He or she will wish to engage fully in the life of this busy boarding school. The post would suit someone new to the profession as well as candidates with more experience.

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. The Geography department employs five teachers, all of whom teach throughout the age range 13-18. It is located in a self-contained area of the new brand new van Hasselt Centre at the centre of the school, where classrooms are fully equipped with a PC and interactive whiteboards.

### **THE CURRICULUM**

All pupils study Geography in the Fourth Form (year 9) and approximately 80% carry on the subject to GCSE, where the new AQA specification is followed. Results are very good, with over 80% of pupils gaining A\* - B grades at GCSE in the past five years. The subject is a popular A Level choice with 20-30 pupils per year group carrying the subject on into the Sixth Form, where they complete the OCR specification. Results are equally good: in the past 5 years approximately 70% have passed at A\* to B. Geology is also taught at AS Level to small groups. Many go on to read Geography or Geology at university, and the department helps to prepare all students for such applications, including those applying to Oxbridge.

Fieldwork is an integral part of our studies. Day or residential trips are arranged for all year groups, and all members of the department take a full part in the planning and running of fieldwork activities. Current destinations include Slapton Ley for a three day residential visit; and day trips to West Wittering, Swanage, Horsham and Guildford. Larger, experiential, trips take place on a biennial cycle, currently to Morocco and Iceland. Sixth Form pupils attend lectures given by visiting speakers as well as those the option of attending those given by the local Geographical Association.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION**

Reporting to the Head of Geography, the responsibilities of the Teacher of Geography 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 including the VLE;
- 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 the Deputy Head (Academic);
- ensuring the school's SEND policy is adhered to;
- attending Department meetings;
- contributing to the preparation of students for tertiary education;
- running co-curricular clubs and activities in support of Departmental aims.

For the right candidate there may be further opportunities to lead and manage new digital developments within the department, including incorporation of student iPads into effective teaching and learning.

## THE PERSON

We aim to recruit a teacher who will be able to enthuse and engage pupils across all year groups. The department will be helpful and supportive in enabling a new appointee to settle in and establish a thorough understanding of the courses.

We are looking for someone who possesses a sound grounding in geography and its context in the modern world. They should have the personality, knowledge and enthusiasm to inspire pupils with a wide interest in Geography. A balance of interests between human and physical Geography would be preferred, and the desire to teach students from Year 9 through to A2 and up to Oxbridge level if necessary. Confident use of ICT, and up-to-date knowledge of the latest geographical resources to aid teaching, would be welcome.

In addition s/he 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. The role would normally include one evening duty in a boarding house 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 Chris Stearn, Head of Geography by email in the first instance: [cpgs@cranleigh.org](mailto:cpgs@cranleigh.org)

## THE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is from September 2019.

Candidates should state fully what their particular interests are and where they think they could 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 Vitæ and to include the names and contact details of two referees.

Applications should arrive no later than **09.00 am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019** and should be sent to: The Headmaster, Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ or via email to [recruiting@cranleigh.org](mailto:recruiting@cranleigh.org)

Applications will be considered as they are received.

**The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post holder will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.**