**TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY**

September 2021

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of **Teacher of Sociology** (Permanent Full-time) at Bishop Heber High School. We enclose details of the post and an application form as requested. Please note that your completed application form and covering letter may be submitted electronically via email to jclegg@heber.org.uk

Bishop Heber High School (the ‘Heber’) has 1,300 students, including over 250 in the Sixth Form, and serves three villages and surrounding hamlets in this beautiful area of south-west Cheshire. The School is located a 20-minute car journey from Nantwich, Wrexham and Chester. It has easy access to the Wirral as well as North Shropshire. The School enjoys an excellent reputation in the locality and a large number of families choose Bishop Heber from outside the catchment area. In fact, there are over 450 students on roll who come from other parts of Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales. In 2015 the School underwent a £5 million redevelopment of the site and there are strong community links through the School’s Library and sports facilities, including a brand-new Community Fitness Suite, Astroturf pitch and resurfaced Netball courts.

In the Main Findings of the recent Report, Ofsted stated that Heber… **‘*is an outstanding school, with an outstanding sixth form… Students achieve exceptionally well in their academic studies and benefit from an excellent curriculum and from outstanding care, guidance and support in everything they do’.***

The School’s impressive results were reflected in Ofsted’s observations that: ***‘Academic guidance is exemplary in Key Stage 4 and in the Sixth Form... The combination of high attainment and good progress means that achievement is outstanding’.***

The Sixth Form at Heber has grown significantly in recent years and it was observed during the inspection that… *‘****Teaching is good overall and often outstanding. Students are set challenging targets and are given detailed advice on how they can reach them. Assessment is exemplary and any possible underachievement is identified rapidly and addressed immediately. There is a good range of traditional academic courses’.***

**OUR VISION AND ETHOS**

Our vision is a School in which ***Respect, Opportunity*** and ***Achievement*** can flourish. We recognise the differences, values and beliefs of each individual yet acknowledge our responsibility to treat everyone with ***respect*** and courtesy so we all feel happy and safe in our School. Bishop Heber forms the heart of the wider community, providing all its members with a central resource to enhance the quality of ***opportunity***; a world-renowned, international, innovative place to learn and grow into active global citizens. Bishop Heber enjoys a positive, well-ordered and stimulating environment. We promote and celebrate ***achievement*** in academic study, sport, performance, creative art and community work. Bishop Heber provides high-quality and exciting teaching with support and challenge appropriate to the needs of every individual, to encouraging learning as a lifelong activity.

**THE SCHOOL MOTTO IS…..*Pret d’accomplir – Ready to Accomplish***

**TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY**

We are looking for a talented and ambitious Teacher of Sociology, to join the team from January 2022. The successful candidate is expected to be able to teach Sociology at A-level.

**THE SUBJECT AREA**

Social Sciences is a happy, highly motivated and cohesive department with a strong team ethos. The department has a great record of results and seeks to drive excellence by inspiring and enthusing students through quality first teaching. The Subject Area is well resourced with two dedicated specialist Social Sciences teaching area in our new Sixth Form Centre. As well as the use of the School IT facilities, each classroom is equipped with a data projector, visualiser and whiteboards. There is also a specialist Sixth Form workspace which includes laptops and reading materials.

The successful candidate will require a passion for Sociology and for working with young people and a commitment to supporting every student to make excellent progress.

**THE CURRICULUM**

At KS5, all students study Sociology for nine one-hour periods per fortnight in mixed ability groups. Sociology is a highly popular subject in our Sixth Form with one class in Year 12 and two classes in Year 13. Students taking Sociology regularly achieve excellent outcomes and many students choose to continue their Sociology studies at degree level. At A-level, students follow the AQA specification.

**TLR POST FOR Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

We are also offering the opportunity to apply for a TLR post leading the EPQ in the Sixth Form. Currently, EPQ is completed in one year and is open to all Year 12 students. Students receive two hours of teaching a fortnight from EPQ teachers. While EPQ is popular and students achieve highly, we are looking to increase the uptake for EPQ in Year 12. Please specify in your letter of application if you would like to be considered for this role and outline the strengths and experience you would bring to this middle leadership role. It will not be considered a limiting factor in shortlisting if you are not interested in this post.

**SELECTION**
If having read this information, you like the sound of the Heber and the post; we would like to hear from you. We can guarantee you high-quality support in your new job, committed and effective colleagues, well-motivated and imaginative students and a supportive community. In return we will expect enthusiasm, dedication, and the ability to instil a thirst for learning in our students and real belief in the international dimension and understanding of other cultures.

Application is by letter and application form only, CVs will not be accepted. Your letter of application must be no longer than two sides of A4 (size 12 Arial font) and should explain how you believe your experience to date has prepared you for the post and how, once in position, you would seek to improve achievement further.  **The closing date is 9 a.m. on Monday 27th September, 202**1 and we fully anticipate that interviews will take place during the week commencing 4th October, 2021.If you have not received a reply to your application by 4th October,please assume that, on this occasion, you have been unsuccessful.

The Chair of Governors and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School Prospectus

 Examination Results 2021

 OfSTED Report 2011

The above documents can be found at: [www.bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk) Mr D. A Curry Headteacher