



A LEADING EDGE SCHOOL WITH A SPECIALISM IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

## **TEACHER OF SCIENCE**

**WANT TO WORK IN A LEADING EDGE SCHOOL?**

**COME AND BE A PART OF OUR EXCITING FUTURE.**

Langtree School is one of the smallest secondary schools in Oxfordshire, with an 11-16 intake of 600 fantastic students. We believe our small size is our greatest strength as we are a community in which students are known and valued as individuals and in which they can thrive with the close support of a dedicated team of subject specialist teachers. Many parents choose Langtree for this reason, and we remain heavily oversubscribed. Students are taught in four teaching groups at KS3, but our core subjects are allocated an additional, fifth group in year 9 and in KS4 in order to reduce class sizes during the GCSE years.

Our successes have been significant in recent years. Langtree secured Performing Arts specialist status in 2006 and, although successive governments have lost interest in the notion of specialist status, the creative arts still colour the ethos of school in a very significant way indeed. In March 2009 we were designated as an outstanding school by Ofsted, and re-designated as a specialist school in the Performing Arts. In 2010, we were rated as outstanding in an Ofsted inspection for Art and Design, as well as being designated as a High Performing Specialist School. In 2012 we converted to academy status, as well as securing Leading Edge status in the same year. In our most recent inspection under the new framework of 2017, we were rated as a very good school with outstanding features. Behaviour at Langtree is rated as outstanding overall.

We are now seeking an outstanding teacher of science to join our highly successful Science Department. The successful candidate will teach general science at KS3, but an ability to teach Chemistry at KS4 would be a distinct advantage, but is not essential for this post. Be a creative, inspirational teacher, who will be keen to develop their pedagogy within a supportive and experienced science team. A strength of our science department is that we work well as a team and have strong positive relationships with each other. We enjoy regular socials and would hope the successful candidate would like to be a part of this. It is also our expectation that our new colleague will want to make a contribution to the wider life of our vibrant and dynamic school. The school provides a rich and diverse programme of trips and visits, in what we have come to describe as our commitment to 'the outdoor classroom'. In return for this commitment, the successful candidate will benefit from the full support of a talented team of staff and will have the privilege of teaching fantastic students.

For many years the Science department at Langtree has achieved excellent results in our high achieving school. Results overall are consistently well above national and local benchmarks. In 2018, 91% of all GCSE students who took triple science achieved a grade of 4 or above. 73% of students who took GCSE core science achieved a grade 4 or above in 2018.

Science is taught in a suite of specialist laboratories and teaching rooms, with an additional prep room staffed by an experienced technician. Extra-curricular activities organised by the science team include an annual KS3 science fair and a science essay competition. In addition, Langtree enjoys close links with BP through the BP Schools Link Programme, and we often have scientists and engineers from BP in school to deliver specialist STEM workshops and activities. Furthermore, our Creativity Days and Activities Week provide staff with additional time to organise and run creative learning activities and projects outside the timetabled school curriculum, and many of these have had a STEM focus in the past.

Langtree is a school committed to the continuing professional development of all staff. Consequently, the successful candidate can expect the appropriate support and encouragement to develop his or her career, in order to facilitate future career progression. The school is situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty in south Oxfordshire, between Oxford and Reading.

If you feel that this post is of interest to you, and that you would be keen to join the staff at Langtree, then we would be delighted to receive your application. Applications for this post, by application form and letter, should be submitted to the Headteacher's PA: [mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com](mailto:mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com) Applications will be processed on receipt. [www.langtreeschool.com/vacancies](http://www.langtreeschool.com/vacancies)

In your supporting statement to your application, I would be grateful if you would respond to the following points:

- Why does this post at Langtree appeal to you at this point in your career?
- How has your previous experience prepared you for the challenges of this post?
- What are the particular skills which you feel would help you to make a success of this post?

I do hope that you are keen to apply. If so, I look forward to receiving your application in due course.

Simon Bamford  
Headteacher  
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