

CJT/DP

7th December 2017

Dear Applicant

## **Teacher of Maths**

Thank you for your enquiry about the post of Teacher of Maths at The Netherhall School and Sixth Form Centre. I hope that this pack gives you all the information that you need at this stage and that we can look forward to your application.

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon, Friday 5th January 2018.

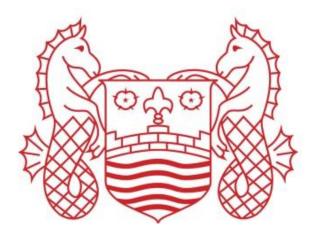
Please send your completed application form, together with a letter of application to Ms Debbie Pickering, PA to the Principal, <u>dpickering@netherhallschool.org</u>

Yours sincerely

Chris Tooley

Principal

**Principal** Chris Tooley Deputy Principal Richard Wilson, Daniel Berry Assistant Principals Steve Lewis, Nikky Parker



# Information for applicants

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An Anglian Learning School



#### **About Us**

The Netherhall School and Sixth Form Centre has been offering high quality education in Cambridge for over 145 years and boasts a strong recent track record of exceeding national performance targets and expectations.



Netherhall School has developed and grown since it welcomed its first student on the 9 January 1871 and has adapted constantly to the needs of the community and the changing demands and ethos of the educational sector. The history of the school encompasses being a grammar school, a comprehensive school in 1974, a Foundation school and now an Academy. For many years it was the only school in Cambridge that offered a 6th Form.

In February 2016, Netherhall School became an Academy and joined with Bottisham Village College, to become part of the Bottisham Multi Academy Trust. Bottisham Village College has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding in all areas and the alliance allows the sharing of good and outstanding practices and to share experiences and strengths which are only gained with time. On the 1st September 2016 the trust grew to four schools with the addition of Sawston Village College and Bassingbourn Village College, two high performing schools around Cambridge. At the same time the name changed to 'Anglian Learning'. We are really excited at the increased opportunities for collaboration and career development that this new development will bring.

Our examination results from the summer of 2016 were excellent with the best A level results on record at Netherhall Sixth Form in addition to strong GCSE results, well above national benchmarks. The Ofsted Inspection in December 2015 commented that "Disadvantaged pupils achieved particularly well based on the same measure and attained significantly higher than similar pupils nationally."



#### **Our Students**

Netherhall School is set on the outskirts of Cambridge and serves both the City and the surrounding rural villages. As a result, student admissions are from a diverse range of backgrounds

We want all of our students to feel happy and secure. We have a well-developed pastoral care system and staff genuinely care about the students as individuals. We

encourage students to assume and enjoy responsibility as Duty Students and through our Student Ambassador and Leadership schemes. Our highly skilled staff work closely with students, monitoring their progress to ensure they achieve

their potential. There is an excellent student volunteer peer-counsellor scheme and students are encouraged to play an active part in the running of the school through the School Councils. We

understand that students need a range of skills and opportunities to fulfil their potential and therefore encourage students to undertake a full range of extra curriculum activities in addition to the educational requirements.

This is reflected in the Ofsted report June 2014 which gave a rating of Good for student behaviour: "The behaviour of students is good. Most parents that responded to the on-line questionnaire and took part in school surveys indicate that the school manages behaviour well."

Many of our students choose to stay at Netherhall for seven years, progressing from Year 7 through to our highly successful Sixth Form Centre. The centre has an excellent reputation in the City of Cambridge and beyond and many students join us from other schools for their post-16 studies. We have an impressive track record in placing students in Higher Education, including Oxbridge and in employment.

In 2016 the A levels qualifications gained by students were impressive with 43% of grades at A\* - B; 80% A\* - C and 100% A\* - E.

#### **Our staff**

We recognise and value the skills, knowledge and expertise of all our staff and are committed to supporting their professional development. To this end, we have a vibrant and varied Continual Professional Development programme, which is personalised each year to support both our main school priorities and the individual needs of staff. This programme includes opportunities to share excellent practice between colleagues as well as drawing on external expertise. Cross collaboration between other local schools and schools in the Trust is also encouraged so that best practice is formulated.

Our staff-room is a vibrant, sociable and supportive atmosphere. We enjoy school events such as concerts or staff socials and there is very little 'standing on ceremony'.

Staff give freely of their time to the broad extra-curricular programme which includes sports, music, drama and a host of trips, exchanges, clubs and other activities. There is a blend of youth and experience among the staff and newcomers have always commented on the warm welcome they have received.



## Leadership Team

Mr Chris Tooley Principal

Mr Richard Wilson Deputy Principal

Mr Daniel Berry Deputy Principal

Mr Steve Lewis Assistant Principal

Mrs Nikky Parker Assistant Principal

Mr Dan Carlson Raising Standards Leader

Mr Tom Hunter Raising Standards Leader

Mr Karim Marsaoui Director of Sixth Form

Mrs Sue Griggs Pastoral Manager

Miss Helen Parfect Director of Learning

#### **Cross Site Roles**

One of the benefits of being a member of a larger Trust is that certain staff with particular skills can be utilised by all the schools within the Trust. The Trust has and is developing a structure which ensures that all schools within the Trust are fully supported in key areas:

Mrs Rebecca Walsh - Chief Operations Officer

Mr Richard Mayer - ICT Director

Mrs Claudine Bateman - Head of Operations

Ms Kathryn Oliver – Director of HR

### **Partnership with Parents**

We are a warm and welcoming community which places a high importance on working with families and getting to know each of our students as individuals. We engage with parents through a variety of mediums; parental internet, regular newsletters, Parents' Evenings, written progress reports as well as individual responses to queries. We are keen to engage parents from all backgrounds and to adopt strategies which will enable us to communicate better with all parents regarding their child's progress and development.

## **Equal Opportunities**

Netherhall School is an Equal Opportunities employer.

#### THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The department consists of 9 full-time Maths teachers and one part time teacher. The Maths suite is based in the new atrium building and has 9 classrooms and a workroom. All the classrooms are equipped with data projectors and interactive whiteboards. There are several networked computer rooms and there are a variety of textbooks, homework books, revision guides and workbooks for all year groups.

Students are taught in broad bands in Year 7 and thereafter are grouped by mathematical ability. There are seven or eight classes in each year group. The setting of students is based on both proven ability and the potential to achieve.

The department is now following the kangaroo maths 5 year scheme of work. It is designed to give pupils a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. In year 11 students take the AQA linear GCSE. Our GCSE results are well above the national average. In summer 2017, 76% of students achieved a Grade 4-9, 66% 5-9 and 28% achieved a Grade 7-9.

In the Sixth Form, we have approximately 60 students taking core, AS or A2 level maths. The department uses the Edexcel specification for the maths and further maths courses. Class sizes are small with the teaching shared between two teachers for each course.

The department has a record of excellent academic results and innovative teaching. We are looking for an enthusiastic teacher to join the team and to play a full part in the life of the school. The timetable will include the full range of age and ability levels.

# NETHERHALL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE PERSON SPECIFICATION

**POST: Subject Teacher** 

## This specification is informed by the TDA Professional Standards for Teachers

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Education and Qualifications	<ul><li>Degree in related subject</li><li>QTS</li></ul>	Further qualification     &/evidence of continuing     professional development
Experience	Successful teaching experience during ITT placements &/as a fully qualified teacher	Experience in a fully comprehensive school across the spectrum of age and ability
Skills, Knowledge and Aptitudes	<ul> <li>Able to work collaboratively with others</li> <li>Able to form good relationships with students.</li> <li>Able to motivate students</li> <li>Energy and enthusiasm</li> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Excellent organisational and classroom management skills</li> <li>Excellent communication and interpersonal skills</li> <li>Expertise in the teaching of the relevant subject including evidence of excellence in own work as a practitioner</li> <li>Good knowledge and understanding of current issues in learning and teaching</li> <li>A reflective practitioner</li> <li>Clear indication of leadership potential</li> </ul>	ICT competency     Willingness to get involved in the broader life of the college through extra-curricular activities     Excellent timemanagement
Other requirements	<ul> <li>High standards of behaviour in the professional role</li> <li>Commitment to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with young people</li> <li>Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people</li> <li>Satisfactory DBS check, Medical Clearance and References.</li> </ul>	

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