

November 2019

Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us at King Edward VI School.

We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic graduate to teach Mathematics up to and including A level. The Mathematics Department is one of our best and the successful applicant will join a highly committed team of strong mathematicians consisting of four full-time and five part-time teachers. They will also be able to play a full part in the wider life of the School.

K.E.S. is a relatively small school, with just under 450 boys in the main school and 320 in our co-ed Sixth Form, and this gives it very much the feeling of being a community. The site is compact, people know each other and it is a very happy place. We are fortunate to have boys, who enter the School in Year 7 having passed the 11+ exam, that are talented and enthusiastic and that have good academic potential. They are joined in the Sixth Form by male and female students from over 40 different schools who have a proven track record of success at GCSE.

Extra-curricular activities figure largely in the School's life: music, both choral and instrumental, are quite outstanding; the scale and variety of the sports and activities programme (including DoE and World Challenge) is comparable with that found in the independent sector and it is, perhaps, only right and proper that in Shakespeare's School the drama is of such high quality that it receives national acclaim. What is particularly impressive about the extra-curricular programme here is the fact that it is characterised by both diversity and excellence; all students are able participate whilst those with genuine talents have an arena in which to perform at the highest level. The dedication shown by the staff to enable such activities to prosper is genuinely appreciated by the Governors. Clearly, in a school the size of K.E.S. much also depends upon staff goodwill beyond the usual classroom expertise, and such goodwill is much in evidence in a friendly and welcoming Common Room.

K.E.S. has always played a major role in the life of Stratford, situated as it is in the heart of the town, just up from the Royal Shakespeare Theatres. We are proud that Shakespeare was educated here and that the medieval Guildhall is still used as a classroom today. Stratford-upon-Avon really is a wonderful place to live and work and it will come as no surprise that teaching posts are nearly as sought after as places in the School. We are fortunate to be able to offer to our new staff the opportunity to reside in subsidised shared accommodation in the centre of the town.

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King Edward VI School (Main Entrance), Chapel Lane,

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Please note that applications from those seeking full-time or part-time positions are welcomed. I would be grateful if you would clearly state in your application if you are seeking part-time employment and give an indication of the hours you would be seeking. The departmental details, job description and person specification plus the School website should give you a flavour of K.E.S. and will hopefully answer any questions that you have at this time but I would, of course, be pleased to answer any further queries that you may have. Please note that whilst Qualified Teacher Status is desirable it is not essential.

If you have a disability and need any assistance with the application process or require the application form in large font please contact Mrs Susan Swann, my PA, who will be happy to help with this.

I hope that what you know about King Edward VI School and the position attracts you and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Bennet Carr Headmaster