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Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of English at The Piggott School. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site has over 1500 students and 175 staff.

The English department has a history of strong results over a period of many years at all Key Stages. In 2022, 91% of students achieved a grade 4 or above at GCSE with ALPS 2 for English Language and ALPS 3 for GCSE English Literature. Excellent outcomes were also achieved for A level English Language and A Level Literature, with ALPS 3 being achieved for English Literature.

The English staff team consists of 9 full time and 6 part time specialist English teachers with a range of experience from newly qualified to those who have been teaching for many years.

The department is located in a ground floor building, adjacent to the library and new Reading Room, where there are dedicated English teaching rooms, a kitchen and English office. In addition to teaching staff, we have subject specific teaching assistants and a reading mentor who work to support learning both in class and in small group sessions.

In years 7 to 9, classes are taught in mixed ability, with year 9 streaming for higher ability classes only. In years 10-11 all classes are fully set by ability. At present, students follow AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature. In Year 12 and 13, students follow AQA English Literature Spec A and AQA English Language.

All English teaching staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons, with best practice being shared amongst all to improve teaching and learning. The departmental team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping the department move forward over the coming years.

Our mission is to be a school which inspires and encourages the highest achievement for each and every child. I believe that our school provides the correct balance and blend of academic challenge, personal care and enrichment that fosters the holistic development of each and every student. The quality of teaching and learning at our school enables us to achieve our aim to help every student to develop into the very best they can be: to be independent in their thinking, to value lifelong learning, to be open to new ideas, to encourage respect and tolerance.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our pupils are a delight to teach, with OfSTED grading us outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare and SIAMS grading our school as outstanding.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus. Prospective candidates are also most welcome to make an appointment with Grace Swanborough, Head of English, via email to visit the school (swanboroughg@piggottschool.org)

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Preston, my PA, (prestonc@piggottschool.org) if you have any questions about the application or appointment process or any questions for me.

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

Derren Gray
Headteacher

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