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Teacher of Psychology: Full Time or Part Time, September 2021 Start

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Psychology 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 1426 students and 175 staff.

Our staff are our greatest resource. We offer flexible working to all staff, and provide everything teachers and support staff need to ensure our school is exceptional. We have a comprehensive professional development programme which caters for all staff at their various levels of experience. A work life balance is very important to us. We have a well-being week with no meetings each half term, an annual well-being day when school is closed, provide staff with free access to fitness sessions and regularly authorise paid staff absence for significant family and personal events.

This post has arisen due to increased demand from our students in our growing sixth form. We anticipate four or five classes in Year 12 next year, together with three into Year 13. This is expected to rise over the next years to four or five classes in both Years 12 and 13. Psychology is extremely popular with our students!

This post is advertised as full or part time. If the successful candidate were full time, then the ability to offer another subject would be required.

Psychology is currently taught at Advanced Level at The Piggott School. The Psychology department has a history of very strong results over a period of many years: 2020 exams were, as you will know, cancelled; in 2019, 93% of students achieved A-C and 100% A-E, resulting in ALPS 3; 2018 saw the department achieving ALPS 2 and averaging ALPS 3 over the last 3 examination years. We follow the AQA Psychology Specification.

The Psychology staff team consists of 2 specialist Psychology teachers with significant teaching experience: 1 full time and 1 part time. The department is located in our new sixth form centre, where there is a dedicated Psychology teaching space and a departmental office.

All Psychology teaching staff are focused on delivering inspiring and challenging lessons with best practice being shared amongst all to improve teaching, learning and outcomes. Students are assessed regularly and we offer Master Classes over and above their timetabled lessons.

The departmental team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping this growing 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Preston, my PA, at 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 interview.

D J Gray
Headteacher

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