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RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for All



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Dear applicant,

Thank you for considering Riverside School as the next step in your career. Our outstanding science department taught all year 11 students at least two sciences in 2017 and achieved 90% A\*-C and 30% A\*-A. Half the cohort were entered for further additional science with a 100% A\*-C pass rate and 68% A\*-A, resulting in a department P8 score of +0.90 overall. In science progress 8 was significantly above average and in the highest 10% nationally for the following groups overall: all, low prior attainers, middle prior attainers, high prior attainers and disadvantaged. Riverside School will achieve a P8 score of +0.7, once all results are validated, and is in the top 7% nationally for P8 in all key groups.

The science department offers state-of-the-art facilities, fully equipped to support discovery in science. The department is comprised 9 dynamic, engaging and enthusiastic teachers. With our first year of A-level and new science GCSE exams, the department ethos of co-planning and co-observing has proved invaluable. The successful candidate will be joining a department and a school which focuses not only on the development and progress of the students but equally focuses on the development and progress of its teachers.

We are looking to appoint an innovative and enthusiastic **assistant head of science** with excellent subject knowledge and the ability to teach KS4 science and KS5 physics, chemistry or biology in our highly successful and collaborative department. A desire to lead a science department in the near future would be welcomed.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a passion for science that is evident in their day to day teaching.
- Be able to teach physics, biology or chemistry to A-level.
- Show evidence of being, or having the potential to be, an outstanding teacher in the classroom.
- Contribute and show commitment to our innovative and forward thinking department.
- Contribute to intervention programmes.
- Play a full and active role in the life of the school.
- Be a reflective practitioner with focusses on continuous learning and development of practice.
- Want to make a real difference to the lives of *all* young people.

In return, we can offer you:

- A cohesive team of people who believe in working collaboratively; sharing ideas and supporting each other.
- The opportunity to further develop innovative teaching and learning strategies to ensure students achieve excellence.
- Participation in lesson study to provide an opportunity for collaborative planning and the detailed and evaluative analysis of specific pedagogical foci.
- The chance to join a growing school with further opportunities for progression as the school reaches capacity.
- Unrivalled CPDL opportunities to further develop your skills as a classroom practitioner and to develop leadership skills as you progress.
- Purpose built and well-furnished 90m<sup>2</sup> labs with suites of computers in our brand new £45 million school.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Mansbridge  
Director of Science