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Teacher of Science

Full time - ADG
September 2018



St John the Baptist School is seeking to appoint a Teacher of Science to join our well established and high performing department. The post would be suitable for an NQT or for someone with experience looking to develop their teaching practice further.

Due to the continued success of our Science Department, we are seeking to appoint a highly motivated practitioner who shares our commitment to high standards of professionalism and academic achievement and is keen to develop their own practice in an environment that is both supportive and at the cutting edge of Science pedagogy and practice. The successful candidate will have a genuine passion for the subject and for teaching children; the ability to inspire students; and the desire to go the extra mile to help our students achieve their full potential. The ability to teach to A Level although preferred, is not required.

This is an excellent opportunity for both NQTs as well as more experienced teachers who are looking to grow and develop their own classroom practice whilst immersing themselves in an environment that is at the forefront of Science teaching and pedagogy. The successful candidate will

Method of Appointment:

- Closing Date: Thursday 13 December 2018 (5.00pm)
- Shortlisting: Thursday 13 December 2018
- Interviews: Monday 17 December 2018
- Method of Application: Application form including statement of application (please download from the SJB website www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk)

Please submit your completed application form to jobs@sjb.surrey.sch.uk





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The Science Department at SJB



Results achieved in Science last year were again outstanding. At GCSE over 94% of students gained 4+ grades with over 39% of these being 7+. All three sciences are popular at A Level and the results are also excellent across the board with a 100% pass rate in each and approximately 90% gaining A*-C grades.

The Science Department provides a stimulating environment for learning; there are 11 dedicated labs and 1 teaching room within the department. Every teacher in the department is very strong and I honestly believe that we have the best Science Department in Surrey if not the country!

The Science department is committed to delivering outstanding lessons that excite and enthuse the students creating critical thinkers of the future. Each member of the department is passionate about their subject and continually challenges themselves to develop their own practice as well as supporting each other. We lead the Science Subject Hub for Teach South East which all members of the department support - this provides excellent development opportunities. We also have a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) within the team who supports various secondary schools locally in raising the quality of their Science and teaching leadership. Learning and teaching is always a focus for the department and this forward thinking team meet regularly to support these developments as well as the significant changes currently taking place at KS4 and KS5.

The Science Department is known for being incredibly social as well as hard-working. Every term the department gets together socially; in the last year we've been bowling; to Hint Hunt (a room escape activity like the TV show Crystal Maze); run the SJB Triathlon; and met a few times to unwind over a meal. We really do work hard and play hard!

If you would like to come in and meet the team and discuss this opportunity further please contact:

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A few thoughts about SJB...



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Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of Science. I hope you find all the enclosed information useful when applying for this role. I thought it would be useful if I gave you a personal perspective of our school, including a few comments from a current member of staff about what life is like at SJB. Hopefully this will help you decide whether or not SJB is a place where you would be happy and flourish, and where you could do an outstanding job for our children.

SJB is part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. We are a group of ten schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton who have come together to work collaboratively for the benefit of all the children we serve. The Trust's aim is to provide a caring and supportive environment within which all children receive the best possible education.

SJB is located just outside Woking town centre, and a 15 minute walk from the train station (22 minutes from London Waterloo on the train). The original school, built in the late 60's (but don't worry, the first thing visitors comment on is how vibrant the learning environment is), has changed significantly in recent years as we expand and improve our facilities. Our new Sports Hall & Gym and the expansion of our Sixth Form Centre and training facilities are now complete. The recent development means we will be expanding our numbers and as of this September we will be taking an additional 60 students in Year 7 and every year thereafter until 2023 by which time we expect our total to be close to 1700 students.

We are very fortunate to work with such a brilliant group of students. If you come to visit us, you will see that they are happy, hardworking (on the whole!) and very positive about our school. Achievement is at the forefront of everything we do at SJB and it would be fair to say it is "cool" to achieve. Our staff are vibrant, enthusiastic and passionate about ensuring our students get the very best deal. A new member of staff recently commented *"Working at SJB means that you are surrounded by like-minded colleagues: people who want the best for their students and are prepared to go the extra mile to get it. This means that the standards are really high but I've found that invigorating rather than daunting; with so many great teachers in the school, I am constantly hearing new ideas and techniques to develop my own practice. That's not to say that it's all work and no play though, there's a strong focus on the importance of work/life balance and the school is aware that tired teachers don't deliver engaging lessons. The staff room is a chatty and welcoming place to be and most people feel quite at home from day one!"*

At our last OFSTED inspection (June 2014) we were judged to be outstanding in every category. As you can imagine we are very proud of achieving this result and it is especially pleasing for the students and staffs hard work to be externally recognised in this way. Please do not think we know all the answers, we don't. Our mission is to be the best school in England and we will continually look for ways to improve. This starts by employing the very best teachers and we are hoping this is where you can help!



We are a fully comprehensive school and are therefore proud of our exam results. Full details are on our website but I will give you a few 'highlights'. Last year our GCSE students achieved a Progress 8 score of +0.98, placing our results in the top 1% of all comprehensive schools in England; 89% of our students gained 4+ grades in English and Maths. A-Level results were also very strong with 100% pass rate and 78% gaining A*-B.

We are very committed to improving the whole school system. In recent years we have become a Teaching School, Maths Hub and SCITT (we are currently the largest SCITT provider in the country). This means we are able to offer our staff new opportunities in: training future teachers; developing Maths teaching across all phases and supporting local primary and secondary schools. We currently have a number of staff that work, in a variety of capacities, in other schools. We work hard to offer development to all stages of teachers career; from initial Teaching training to NPQU for prospective Headteachers.

We were very proud to have been one of the few schools to be awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark. This is our most recent award, others include the Millennium Trophy which was awarded by the LEA to the best school in Surrey, Charter Mark, Partnerships with Parents Award, Leading Edge Status, International Schools Status.

Technology at St John the Baptist School is a major part of teaching, learning and school/teacher administration. We have developed a strong 'can do' approach to supporting staff which encourages everyone to embrace the possibilities that technology has to offer within the school for teaching, learning or administration. Every child has their own iPad which they use to support their learning (as do teachers). We have developed a number of 'in-house' apps. for both staff and students.

Working in a Catholic school is unique. The Christian ethos is at the core of everyday life at SJB and is one of our greatest strengths. Visitors frequently comment on the care, compassion and real sense of community that permeates everything that we do. We appoint members of staff, who whatever their beliefs, support the ethos of our school and will always put our children first.

Expectations are incredibly high here at SJB. We expect the very best from and for our students and we expect the same of ourselves as staff. All the staff at SJB are highly valued and contribute in various ways to the overall success of our students. If you feel you would like to know more about this opportunity to join the SJB community, you are welcome to visit and look round the school.

In conclusion, we believe this a truly fantastic place to work, but don't take my word for it, come and see for yourself; every day is open day so I look forward to meeting you soon!

James Granville Hamshar
Headteacher

Additional information can be found on our school website www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk

