

# KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

## Appointment of a permanent, full time, teacher of Biology with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April or 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

### Information for applicants

1. The vacancy arises from the promotion of the current post holder.
2. This appointment attracts a Level 2B Teaching & Learning Responsibility (TLR) payment worth £4,358pa. for leading and managing Year 7 science and monitoring across all three sciences the progress of students from disadvantaged backgrounds and those new to the school in Year 12 who are studying at least one science A-Level.
3. While it is expected that the timetable of the successful applicant will comprise predominantly Biology the ability to offer a second science (Chemistry or Physics) for teaching groups in Years 7-9 and/or GCSE will be required. The successful applicant will be required to be a form tutor and have a positive attitude towards providing extra-curricular opportunities for the students.
4. Applicants will be required to teach Biology to students in all year groups including GCSE and A-Level. Previous experience of teaching Biology at both GCSE & A-Level is desirable.
5. Biology is a busy department which achieves excellent results at both GCSE & A-Level. All students study GCSE as one of three separate sciences and A-Level Biology is extremely popular with three or four sets in each of Years 12 & 13. At GCSE the IGCSE syllabus is currently followed.
6. There are three dedicated Biology laboratories and a science staff room where all science staff have a desk. All staff receive a school lap top for work use. The department has its own technician.
7. We are seeking to appoint a committed & enthusiastic teacher who enjoys working as a member of a team and is constantly seeking ways in which they can improve on their current practice. A positive attitude towards the use of IT is essential.
8. The school takes its responsibility for the safety of the students extremely seriously and applicants will be expected to demonstrate a clear understanding of their responsibilities in this area at all stages of the application process. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a DBS check.
9. If you wish to apply for the position please complete an application form (available from the web site) as well as a covering letter (word processed, no more than two sides of A4, font size twelve) explaining why your experience to date makes you suitable for the position. Both should be e-mailed to Mrs W Causer at [w.causer@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:w.causer@keaston.bham.sch.uk)

Please note that references will be obtained prior to the interview. Referees must be able to comment on your ability as a teacher and must include the Head Teacher of the last school or institution in which you were employed except in the case of applicants still in training when one of the two references must be from the course tutor.

10. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0121 327 1130 or at [c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk) if you have any questions that you would like ask about the position or would like to visit the school before submitting an application.
11. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 with interviews expected to take place during the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

C. Parker  
Headmaster