

## KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

### Appointment of a permanent, full-time teacher of Mathematics

#### Information for applicants

- i. This position arises due to the expansion of the school. It is a permanent, full-time position and the successful applicant will be paid on the main professional scale. In addition to teaching Mathematics the successful applicant will be required to be a form tutor. Applications are welcome from candidates at any stage in their career.
- ii. The position is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 however a starting date during the 2017 summer term is available for newly qualified teachers.
- iii. Mathematics is a thriving and very successful department in the school. There are six members of staff and all colleagues teach in Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. There is a substantial amount of Advanced Level teaching, including Further Mathematics and ideally the successful applicant will have some experience of teaching A-Level Mathematics but more importantly an enthusiasm and wish to do so.
- iv. There are five rooms dedicated to mathematics teaching – each is equipped with an electronic whiteboard. Software available includes: Smart Notebook, Edexcel ActiveTeach, Autograph and Geometer's Sketchpad. The school subscribe to MyMaths.
- v. Year 7 are taught in their form groups. From Year 8 – 11 pupils are taught in four ability sets. There are five or six teaching groups in each of Years 12 & 13.
- vi. Edexcel syllabuses are followed at both GCSE and Advanced level. At Advanced level, the modules offered are: Core Pure, Statistics and Mechanics. The Further Mathematics group studies all the Further Pure modules, Mechanics, Statistics and Decision Mathematics.
- vii. External examination results are generally excellent .with a GCSE A\*/A pass rate of 80% and an A\*/A/B pass rate at A-Level above 75%
- viii. Extra curricular activities are an important feature of the Department's work. Colleagues where the timetable permits are given the opportunity to deliver courses in the KS4 Enrichment programme. There are Mathematics activity days and visits to lectures and University events. All students participate in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Mathematics Challenges, with pleasing results. We enter all the UK Maths Team Challenges and other national competitions. There are targeted booster sessions at lunch-time. The School Library contains a wide range of mathematical resources.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.

- xii. 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.
- xiii. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

C. Parker  
Headmaster