

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

Appointment of a Subject Leader for Physics with effect from 1st January 2016

Information for applicants

1. The vacancy arises from the resignation of the current post holder.
2. This is a permanent, full-time appointment with the post holder receiving a salary on the main professional scale and a Level 2C Teaching & Learning Responsibility (TLR) payment currently worth £6,386
3. While it is expected that the timetable of the successful applicant will comprise teaching Physics to students in all year groups including GCSE & A-Level they will also be required to be a form tutor delivering a weekly lesson of Personal & Social Education.
4. The department comprises of three full-time members of staff although one of these has a reduced teaching commitment due to him having a senior leadership responsibility. The majority of the staffs' teaching time is within the department although applications from candidates offering other subject specialisms are welcome. The department has its own full-time technician.
5. Accommodation for the department comprises of three laboratories, two of which have been recently refurbished and a preparation room. The department is well equipped for practical work which forms a major component of the scheme of work for classes in all year groups. Each laboratory is equipped with an interactive whiteboard and access to laptop computers.
6. Physics is taught as part of the Year 7 science curriculum and in subsequent years as a separate science. All students are entered for a GCSE in Physics taking the AQA Level ½ Certificate in Physics 8403 (IGCSE). In 2015 over three-quarters of passes were at grades A*/A.

At A-Level Physics is a popular option with over fifty students usually opting to study the subject. The AQA specification is followed with over half of passes being at grades A*/A in 2015.

7. We are seeking to appoint a committed & enthusiastic teacher who is constantly seeking ways in which they can improve on their current practice. An understanding that this is a leadership role and what this means is essential. A positive attitude towards the use of IT is expected and required.
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 and why you are making an application. Both should be e-mailed to Mrs W Causer at 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 322 8835 or at c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk if you have any questions that you would like ask about the position or wish to arrange a visit to the school before submitting an application.
11. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 28th September 2015 with interviews expected to take place on 1st October 2015.

C. Parker
Headmaster