
TEACHER OF PE

Contract Type:

Full time, Permanent

Required for:

January 2024

Closing Date for applications:

10:00am, Monday 9th October 2023

Interviews:

Thursday 12th October 2023

This is an outstanding opportunity to join one of Oxfordshire's most successful schools. Wallingford School is an oversubscribed, 11-18 school with enthusiastic students, supportive staff and excellent facilities. We have an excellent reputation, enjoying strong support from parents and students, and a good and growing working relationship with the local community.

We are among the most successful schools in the country for progress in English and Maths. In 2023, 74% of our students achieved at least a grade 4 in English and Maths at GCSE and 31% of all grades achieved were at Grade 7 or above. Vocational grades were similarly impressive, 85% of entries gained at least a Level 2 Pass and 36% at a Distinction or Distinction*. At KS5, our A Level students are consistently in the top 25% nationally for Value Added progress. In our most recent results, 61% of all entries gained A*- B grades and 32% of all entries gained A*- A. In Vocational qualifications, 58% of all entries gained at least a Distinction, with 31% gaining a Distinction*.

These results are great, but our school is about much more than just exams. We are an inclusive school which – as the only secondary school in the town – is determined to serve its local community well. Comprehensive school values are important to us. Students of all abilities thrive at Wallingford and we pride ourselves on giving students a chance who may not have had one at other schools.

Staff – both teaching and associate – are happy at Wallingford. Professional development is hugely important to us and our programme is varied but also bespoke to support individual needs and priorities. There are many opportunities for teachers to work collaboratively across the school. Our annual two-day Teaching and Learning Conference is the highlight of this programme. Student attitudes and behaviour are excellent and are frequently commented upon by visitors as being so. It is an excellent place to work and we are committed to staff wellbeing and a healthy work-life balance for all our colleagues. The successful applicant should expect to be very well supported in their professional development and the role would suit applicants at any stage in their career.

THE PE TEAM

The PE Team is a strong team of specialist teachers with excellent results at all levels. In 2023, 83% achieved at least a Grade 4 at GCSE and 45% achieving a Grade 7 or above. Progress across the attainment range is consistently strong. At KS5, 71% of students achieved at least a C Grade, including 43% who achieved an A or A* grade.

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It is no coincidence that PE is regularly cited as a “favourite” subject by students. We are very proud of our attainment at both key stage 4 and 5. You would be joining a team of passionate teachers who show all round ability and commitment. We review tasks and responsibilities annually and, in addition to our scheduled meetings, we frequently meet informally to share resources and maintain our practice across the team.

We are a team of teachers who like and respect each other; there is a lot of support and challenge involved in our day-to-day work and in our participation in the wider life of the school. Extra-curricular clubs are a passion of the department and we provide a lot of opportunities for our pupils to compete against other schools.

PE facilities include a modern sports hall, two dance studios, 6 tennis/ netball courts, an astro, 5-6 acres of fields, a dedicated PE class room and PE office.

Key Stage 3

KS3 students are taught in mixed-ability groups and have 3 lessons a week. We all follow a negotiated schedule of units and there are central resources on the school portal for each unit to which we contribute new ideas. This system allows a welcome degree of professional autonomy.

Key Stage 4

At KS4 we follow the Edexcel syllabus. Students have 3 theory lessons per week and are taught in mixed-ability groups. Practical lessons are taught during core PE lessons, this makes up roughly half of the year group who have selected it. The remainder follow a negotiated schedule of units and there are central resources on the school portal for each unit to which we contribute new ideas. This system allows a welcome degree of professional autonomy.

Key Stage 5

At KS5 we offer, A Level PE (Edexcel) and BTEC Sport (Edexcel). Students have 5 lessons a week theory, with the practical element covered in their own time

GENERAL DUTIES

At Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust we pride ourselves on providing a safe and happy environment where young people can flourish and we want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part within it. This job description should be read in conjunction with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the provisions of that document will apply to the post holder.

Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

You will be expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as outlined in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document currently in operation, or any subsequent legislation. The performance of all the duties and responsibilities shown below will be under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, or other Senior Manager if appropriate, who will be mindful of his/her duty to ensure that the employee has a reasonable workload and sufficient support to carry out the duties of the post.

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The successful candidate may well be expected to be a form tutor and on Friday mornings help with the delivery of the school's PSHE programme. In addition to support from within the PE team, newly appointed staff are able to benefit from the induction support programme.

TEACHERS PENSION DETAILS

The link for teaching staff to the Teachers' Pension website is:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/>

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust employs teaching staff working at Wallingford School on the conditions of service contained in the General Terms and Conditions of Employment for Teaching Staff which can be found at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/teachers-conditions-employment>

Please see our privacy notice:

<http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/documents/category/24-privacy-notice>

TO APPLY

Please complete the attached application form and email to recruit@wallingfordschool.com

We look forward to receiving your application

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