

Teacher of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

Maternity cover: two terms in the first instance from Sep 2022

Full-time or part-time

Details of the Role

- Teaching PRE from Fourth Form (Year 9) to A Level
- Start date: September 2022, for two terms in the first instance
- Full-time or part-time considered

The Department

Almost all Fourth Form (Year 9 pupils) study Philosophy, Religion and Ethics, covering a bespoke syllabus which introduces all three disciplines with modules on: Dimensions of Religion from a phenomenological perspective; Philosophy of Religion; Islam; the Holocaust; and Ethics. At GCSE we have two sets in each year group who follow the AQA specification for Buddhism, Christianity and Thematic Studies. At A Level we have one set in each year group and follow the OCR specification for Philosophy of Religion, Religious Ethics and Developments in Christian Theology.

The department is housed in the beautiful Culford Hall and consists of one classroom and one seminar room/office. There are two members of department, including the HoD.

All pupils have laptops and blended learning using various digital media is a strong feature of what we do. Culford uses iSAMS and the Google Suite of Applications, including Google Classroom, Google Meet, Google Drive and Google Sheets. Whilst experience in the use of these products would be advantageous, full training will be given as necessary to the successful candidate. Pupils and staff have access to online textbooks and additional resources.

Culford believes in professional and personal development and will seek to support the successful candidate in all areas. We are a member of the Teachers' Development Trust and seek to offer a wide range of professional development opportunities to all staff. We aim to ensure that our pupils are receiving the best possible experience in the classroom, while our staff are supported in developing their careers.

Teaching in the Senior School at Culford was judged as Excellent in our last ISI inspection (2020). We value dynamism and risk-taking, and colleagues are given freedom to teach creatively in ways that inspire pupils.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will:

- Be an ambassador for PRE within the school
- Teach pupils of a range of ability, from Fourth Form (Year 9) to A Level
- Teach the GCSE specification outlined above; and ideally (but not essential) the Developments in Christian Thought paper at A Level
- Care for a tutor group of around 10 pupils, if full-time

We are looking to appoint a colleague who will:

- Model our values of flexibility, innovation, dynamism and resilience
- Be passionate about teaching and take a collaborative and reflective approach to it
- Be keen to engage with educational research to inform their teaching practice further
- Be adept at using technology to support learning
- Be excited by blended learning and the opportunities it offers
- Promote pleasurable and successful learning for all pupils
- Demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Have a firm commitment to safeguarding children and a good knowledge of policy
- Be supportive of the aims and ethos of a Methodist independent boarding school
- Deal confidently with pupils, staff and parents, showing natural empathy
- Work under pressure and meet deadlines

This role may be possible part-time or full-time.