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Roll No: 1030
303 in Sixth Form

TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY (AND SOCIOLOGY) – MAIN/UPPER PAY RANGE

Required from September 2019, an enthusiastic, well-qualified teacher of Psychology (and Sociology) to teach bright, well-motivated pupils at AS and A level. TWGGS is an outstandingly successful and oversubscribed selective school and the Psychology/Sociology department is well-established and supportive with excellent facilities. The school provides strong induction for a newly qualified teacher, but would also offer an experienced teacher rewarding opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

For further details and an application form, please see the school website or contact Mrs Louise Stewart-Smith by e-mail or telephone. Deadline for applications: Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

TWGGS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. As such, the successful applicant will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). TWGGS is an equal opportunities employer

TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY (AND SOCIOLOGY): SEPTEMBER 2019 ONWARDS

Psychology at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School (TWGGS) is a thriving and extremely popular A Level option which has achieved good results for many years. In 2017 86% of girls gained A*-B grades for the new AQA specification. There are approximately 120 pupils taught in 3 Upper and 3 Lower Sixth groups, a significant number of whom go on to study Psychology and related degrees at university, with notable success. Sociology is also taught within this highly successful social sciences department (one class in each year group) and some pupils opt for both subjects. The two full time teachers liaise closely and work collaboratively.

We are very fortunate to teach in a brand new architecturally designed building which is specifically adapted for A Level teaching and learning, also housing the two Sixth Form common rooms and an ICT suite designated for Sixth Formers' independent study, as well as a bookable ICT room. The Hazell Building is also highly aesthetically pleasing with state-of-the-art technology and first class resources, providing a stimulating educational environment for TWGGS girls, and some boys from the neighbouring Skinners' School. In addition to these facilities, there is a well-resourced and spacious library, and further ICT rooms in the main school building.

The successful applicant will be an integral part of department which teaches and caters for the needs of a range of grammar school abilities, including a high percentage of gifted and talented pupils. We follow the AQA (A) specification which covers a wide variety of topics with a strong emphasis on Research Methods at A2. We also aim to challenge, enthuse and extend our pupils to maximise their motivation and enjoyment of the subject. The department offers opportunities for Sixth Formers to attend conferences, and extra-curricular enrichment is provided through visiting specialist lecturers. Psychology Prefects are also invited to engage younger pupils through lunchtime clubs which provides activities and debates.

TWGGS is an 11 – 18 girls' selective school of about a thousand pupils, where girls are encouraged to be as active beyond the curriculum as they are within it. Trips, visits and extra-curricular activities are unrivalled in the state sector, but, more importantly, it is an amazingly happy, positive community to be part of. The prospectus is on the school's website which may be found at www.twggs.kent.sch.uk; the school prospectus and website will, we hope, give you a feel for the atmosphere and ethos of TWGGS.

The post offers an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and innovative candidate to be part of a highly successful, committed department, building even further on its success. We are looking for a candidate who is passionate about the subject, committed to maintaining and enhancing the current high standards in the department and to working in pursuit of success for students. The ability to inspire girls to develop their skills in Psychology and Sociology to the very highest level is very important. The school also prides itself on the number of extra-curricular clubs and opportunities available, and members of staff offer a range of activities in areas of personal interest; an enthusiasm for such involvement in the wider life of the school would be an advantage.

Having read about the post, we very much hope that you would like to apply: please complete the school application form and write a supporting letter, identifying your strengths and skills and showing how you feel you are well-suited to the post. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 23rd January 2019. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

If you have not heard from us by 31st January, please assume that, unfortunately, your application has not been successful. We should like to wish you well in your future career whether at TWGGS or elsewhere.

Mrs Linda Wybar
Headteacher