

Job Title: Teacher of Psychology

Psychology is one of the largest single subject A levels in the College with 917 students (463 L6 and 454 U6) and 12 staff members, following the AQA A Level Psychology course, which makes it also one of the largest centres in the country. Last year our cohort of 454 was over twice the national average of 178. We also run the ICM Level 2 Award in Psychology course.

There are 21 teaching groups in each year group, and twelve staff members. Students are taught by two teachers, each one covering different topics of the specification.

The Psychology Department is housed in the purpose built modern John Shields Building. All classrooms have SMARTboards and whiteboards.

The candidate will be expected to teach Psychology, and as well as delivering the subject, they will be expected to deliver pastoral content (as a personal tutor) and be part of the college's enrichment programme (ideally providing a subject specific enrichment).

The vast majority of students progress on to higher education, and of these a significant proportion go on to read Psychology. Achievements in Psychology have been consistently strong.

The person appointed to this post should be a graduate of Psychology or a closely allied subject.

In addition, candidates should possess the following characteristics:

- an ability to enthusiastically transfer knowledge, understanding and skills of Psychology to students;
- an ability to be an effective Personal Tutor, giving students pastoral guidance and support;
- be an enthusiastic participant in curriculum development;
- be committed to proactive subject-specific student support

All students/courses make use of Information Technology. Google Classroom is used widely within the department. Weekly lunchtime workshop sessions are provided for all students by departmental staff and regular use is made of this facility. The department also prepares its own study material in the form of booklets, which are issued to students.

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