Job Title: Teacher of Environmental Science

Peter Symonds College is one of the biggest centres for A Level Environmental Science in England and Wales and has been taught here for twenty-five years. It is currently taught by a small but dedicated team, all of whom are highly experienced and teach only this subject. Two of the teachers have experience as examiners and we anticipate that this opportunity is likely to be available for the additional member of staff.

At present, there are 11 classes. Students from a wide range of backgrounds and interests study this A Level. Retention is high and a significant proportion go on to study at university. In a typical year, approximately 50% of these students will study Environmental Science or closely related degrees.

Attendance is high across both year groups and A Level results have been consistently above national results for many years.

Students have extensive support – workshops are well attended and students make thorough use of the IT and literature resources. Staff and students regularly use the comprehensive online resources in Google Classroom.

Environmental Science is taught in two dedicated laboratories allowing a wide range of practical work which is an important part of the subject provision. In addition to laboratory work, a range of field-work opportunities are usually available for the students, and these will become part of the planning again for the coming academic year.

This post represents an exciting opportunity for a teacher to contribute to the growth of this inspiring subject in one of the most successful colleges in the SFC sector. It would be an advantage if candidates had the following qualities:

- A passion and enthusiasm for the subject and an ability to transfer that enthusiasm to students
- A degree in Environmental Science or similar subject.
- A willingness to plan and help run fieldwork activities, including both day and residential trips
- An inquisitive nature, willing to research new initiatives and technologies in the subject area
- Be an effective team member who is prepared to share ideas and resources, and to develop the subject even further
- Subject-related experience outside education e.g. industrial experience, volunteer work, expeditions, research

We will welcome applications equally from those with teaching experience and from newly qualified teachers.

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