

Teacher of Psychology & Criminology

Job Description

Salary: Main Scale / UPS

Start: September 2026

Responsible to: Head of Social Sciences

Job purpose:

- The planning and teaching of effective lessons which ensure that each student is positively encouraged to develop their full potential in
- To promote a positive culture for Psychology & Criminology and a lively and enthusiastic atmosphere within the classroom
- The assessment of students in line with departmental and school policy
- To contribute to the development of Psychology & Criminology in the curriculum

Key Responsibilities and Tasks

- To plan and teach Psychology & Criminology lessons that are effective, creative, varied and appropriate to the needs of the students
- To utilise appropriate technologies in the classroom to ensure that learning is current, relevant and enjoyable
- To fully support the Head of Department in continuing to raise attainment and achievement in Psychology & Criminology
- To contribute to the review and development of departmental schemes of work and lesson materials with colleagues
- To ensure pupils are assessed in line with departmental and school policy
- To attend and contribute to department meetings and other meetings as appropriate
- To follow departmental policies under schemes of work and where necessary, contribute to their development
- To promote Psychology & Criminology in the school and to help other staff to do so where necessary
- To maintain personal development and expertise by remaining up-to-date with current subject matter and initiatives and accessing appropriate training
- To lead on or contribute to wider activities which promote Social Sciences in the curriculum

- To act as a Tutor and undertake associated mentoring activities
- To contribute to wider school activities and initiatives

The school undertakes to support applications for CPD to enable the post holder to fulfil their role to their optimum capacity.

These responsibilities may be amended at any time in the future in order to respond to the changing demands and needs of the school. They must also be read in conjunction with the TDA standards for qualified teacher status.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have excellent subject knowledge and a passion to teach Psychology and Criminology
- Are a successful classroom practitioner who can teach the demands of A Level/KS5 with ease
- Are able to motivate and inspire students to learn and have high expectations of them
- Are highly motivated and organised
- Have a variety of teaching and learning strategies that they can use effectively
- Are able to maximise the achievement of all students
- Are able to work effectively as part of a team
- Are willing to contribute to the broader life of the school
- Are willing to contribute to the development of the school through their own professional development
- Are able to contribute effectively as a member of a team

