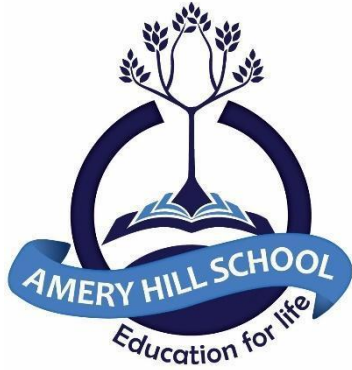




AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Education for Life

Part Time Teacher of Religious Studies (Maternity Cover)

Reports To	Member of SLT responsible for the Department
Contract Type	Fixed Term until 31 August 2027
Contract Term	Part Time 0.8 FTE (Thursday non-working day)
Salary	MPS/UPS
Location	Alton, Hampshire





Welcome from Rob Jeckells, Headteacher

A very warm welcome to Amery Hill School - a thriving and welcoming learning community which is proud to serve the town of Alton and its surrounding villages. Amery Hill School is a very popular, fully inclusive secondary school where excellence and high aspirations permeate every aspect of school life. Every student is valued as an individual and, whatever their goals, staff are there to support, nurture and assist them along their journey to success. Our motto, 'Education for Life', underpins all that we do.

Our vision is to provide a welcoming and supportive learning community where all students are encouraged to become independent, creative, active and resilient learners with the empathy to respond responsibly and morally to the challenges of this ever-changing world. As the Headteacher of Amery Hill School, I am motivated by a sense of the absolute importance of what schools do and a conviction that education should be inspiring and enjoyable. I am delighted you are interested in applying for this position and joining our school community.

Delivering our Vision, for Every Child, Every Day

We aim for academic excellence and achievement for all of our students. We inspire and develop a genuine love of learning through the dedication of our staff in creating an ambitious educational environment that is exciting and accessible to all. This is supported by a wide range of extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities for students to explore and deepen their own interests.

We work hard to identify and enhance each student's strengths, focussing attention on personal development so that their time at Amery Hill is not just about a journey to academic success but also one of self-understanding. Our aim is that on leaving Amery Hill our students can think, learn and cope independently so that they have the confidence to seize life's opportunities and make a real contribution to the communities where they live and work.



Investing in our Staff

We recognise that our staff are our greatest asset and we are committed to providing a comprehensive CPD programme for all. Inspirational teaching and support for our students is core to delivery of our vision and we actively encourage every member of staff to continue their learning by participating in our Professional Learning Groups (PLGs) through which they will conduct research on pedagogy, trial its usefulness and embed its practices to ensure that we stay at the forefront of educational thinking, innovation and enquiry.



Staff wellbeing is equally important to us and we have a number of wellbeing initiatives to provide a supportive work environment. In doing so, we acknowledge that the needs of staff change over time and are committed to allowing staff to balance their working lives with their personal needs and responsibilities.

We would welcome informal visits ahead of application which can be arranged with our HR Officer, Mrs Percy, at recruitment@ameryhill.school or on 01420 81307. We look forward to welcoming you to the truly inspiring learning community; come and see how our approach provides every student with an 'Education for Life'.

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Job Profile: Part Time Teacher of Religious Studies

Are you inspired by the idea of sharing life's big questions?

We are looking for a Religious Studies specialist to join us as soon as possible to cover the maternity leave of an experienced and well respected colleague. If you are an inspirational and excellent communicator, you will join a high performing, motivated, and specialist department which supports students to achieve excellent results at GCSE. We require a purposeful and committed individual who has the necessary adaptability, flexibility, skills and attributes to have a real impact across Religious Studies learning in KS3 and KS4. We offer an excellent induction programme alongside a supportive working environment

We offer a highly supportive environment with extensive CPD opportunities, ensuring you stay at the forefront of educational innovation. Join our team to benefit from a caring atmosphere, and a steadfast commitment to staff wellbeing.

We would be delighted for you to visit us before applying to discover more about our school. Please contact us to arrange a visit or if you have any questions regarding this role.

We will:

- Provide a supportive learning environment
- Offer you the opportunity to make a difference
- Offer you the chance to develop your career through our extensive CPD programme

If you are an ECT, joining Amery Hill School would be an excellent start to your teaching career with benefits including:

- an established and extensive ECT programme
- support and expertise of departmental mentors
- a tailor-made whole school professional development programme
- support network of other ECT's across subject areas

EDUCATION & TRAINING		
Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Graduate and Qualified Teacher	A-level in relevant subject	Application Form
Relevant degree and Qualified Teacher Status	First or second class degree	Certificates
		References
TEACHING EXPERIENCE		
Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Established as an effective teacher across the age range	An experienced teacher will have the ability to consistently teach 'good' lessons	Lesson observation
Relevant classroom experience		Application Form
Knowledge of the subject curriculum and its relationship to the curriculum as a whole		References
		Interview

Ability to recognise and describe the characteristics of high-quality learning in the subject and the main strategies for securing at least 'Good' progress for all Evidence of good classroom management skills in an inclusive environment Ability to differentiate materials to meet the needs of learners Successful experience working with young people in a pastoral capacity (e.g. as form tutor)		
PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS		
Essential	Desirable	Evidence
An ability to inspire and manage students effectively, thereby developing positive working relationships Well developed interpersonal and communication skills Ability to communicate clearly in writing Proven organisational and administrative abilities Good personal ICT skills including the ability to use ICT effectively to engage students		Application form Teaching Interview
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
Essential	Desirable	Evidence
A desire to make a difference to the lives of young people Belief in the importance of high expectations Energy, enthusiasm and creativity Able to work as part of a team	Evidence of commitment to working with students outside lesson time.	Application Form References Interview

Excellent time management and self-organisation		
Resilient and an ability to work calmly and effectively under pressure		
SAFEGUARDING & PROMOTING WELLBEING OF STUDENTS		
Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Motivation to work with students Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and boundaries with students Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline		References Interview
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES		
To carry out First Aid and Fire Marshal duties as required by the school		



Safeguarding

This role will involve contact with children. Amery Hill School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We follow a strict safer recruitment process and carry out a number of pre-employment checks, including enhanced DBS checks. All applicants are required to declare any criminal convictions, cautions or disciplinary proceedings related to young people and must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Services. Full details are given on the application form.

Application Process

Please click on the 'Apply' button on the vacancy advert on the My New Term portal. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) is not required and will, therefore, not be considered within the short-listing process.

Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received and in instances of high volumes of applications received, we reserve the right to close a vacancy earlier than the advertised date if we receive applications that meet the criteria. Once a vacancy has closed, we are unable to consider further applications, so please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Amery Hill School is committed to ensuring that the privacy of applicants and employees is protected. The School Privacy Notice sets out how the school uses and protects any personally identifiable information that is collected as part of the recruitment process.

If you have any queries about the recruitment process, please contact our HR Officer, Mrs Percy, at recruitment@ameryhill.school or on 01420 81307.

Equal Opportunities

Amery Hill School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from appropriately qualified persons from all backgrounds. We are dedicated to creating and sustaining an environment that values individuality and difference and celebrates the diversity of both staff and students by fostering perseverance, tolerance and integrity. We believe in equal opportunity for everyone, irrespective of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or socio-economic background. Candidates will be assessed against relevant criteria only (i.e. skills, qualifications, abilities, experience) in selection and recruitment.



Staff Benefits of Working at Amery Hill School

Amery Hill School enjoys a very positive working environment and staff often dedicate their whole careers to the school. We also pride ourselves, however, on developing individuals and moving them on to promoted posts both within and outside the school through a comprehensive Continuing Professional Development programme. Like all education institutions we demand a great deal from those who are employed here but in return we provide a caring atmosphere within which to work. Amery Hill School is committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognises the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors.

The benefits include:

- Generous employer contributions to both The Teachers' Pension Plan and to the Hampshire Local Government Pension Plan
- Access to a free and strictly confidential counselling support line and face to face sessions if deemed appropriate for both employees and their immediate family
- Access to free eye tests and to the cost of glasses if, as a result of the examination, it is considered necessary by the optician that glasses be worn for display screen work
- Opportunities for overseas travel during our extensive programme of school visits
- Staff sporting events
- Whole staff social events
- Free tea and coffee available in a large and well-equipped staff room



AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Staff Workload and Wellbeing Charter

OUR PROMISE

We will endeavour to ensure that the workload and wellbeing of all our staff will remain a priority as we try and support all colleagues to balance the demands of their jobs with those of home. We recognise that in everyone's life there will be good and bad times and therefore it is everyone's responsibility to support each other through both.

CULTURE



The culture of trust and professionalism is critical in ensuring we have an enjoyable and rewarding working environment in which all colleagues believe the demands of their job are reasonable and manageable. We ask all leaders to set a good example in how they behave and that they will try and reduce levels of stress and anxiety across the community. External professional support is available to those who need it.

DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING



The school will continue to explore ways in which technology can reduce the workload involved in data collection. Currently the school requires three data captures a year, which range from inputting one to three pieces of data. Only in one data capture is a summative comment required by the teacher and tutor.

WORKLOAD



The school supports the principal of 1265 directed hours for teaching staff and contracted hours for support staff. Where a colleague is not required to attend a particular event, for reasons such as not teaching a particular year group, they will not be given directed work to do. All decisions are made considering the impact on staff workload across the school; this is shared openly and with transparency.

EMAILS AND COMMUNICATIONS



There is no expectation for staff to read or respond to emails out of normal working hours and our policy states that they should not be sent between the hours of 6pm and 8am. To reduce emails, we have two staff briefings a week which are recorded and a weekly all staff bulletin (Friday). Staff are asked, where possible, not to send whole school emails and not to use the 'reply all' function.

LESSON PLANNING



Teaching staff will not be required to submit daily or weekly lesson plans. The use of Google Suite by each department will ensure resources and schemes of work are shared and ease collaboration. Department Professional Working Groups will focus on specific areas of pedagogy and practice to aid staff in supporting student learning.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND APPRAISAL



Investing in our most valuable asset, our staff is essential in creating a thriving school community. A fully planned internal CPD programme focusses on areas of SIP and our DIPs. New Staff, ECT, Aspiring Middle Leaders courses run each year as well as opportunities to follow the NPQ programmes.

MARKING AND FEEDBACK



As a school we only require one piece of formal marking and feedback each half term from each department in each class that is taught (Summative). Each subject will decide how weekly marking (Formative) will help inform their teaching and student progression. We mark less in terms of the number of pieces but with greater impact.

FLEXIBLE WORKING AND WELLBEING



We fully appreciate that colleagues across the school at times need to make some difficult decisions around home and work. Wherever possible we will try and support colleagues who need to attend immediate family events and personal appointments during the school day as well as considering flexible working for those who request it.

