

Toynbee School

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Appointment
of
Teacher of Computing & IT

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APPLICATION DETAILS

I have enclosed with this pack the following details:

- Computing and IT Department profile
- A Job Description/Person Specification
- School Details

An application form (teaching staff) is available to download from Toynbee School website. See link below:

www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk/vacancies.php

Employment Checks

Employment checks will be undertaken to establish positive outcomes in the following areas dependant upon role:

1. Personal Identity
2. Right to Work in the UK
3. Police check/Enhanced Level Disclosure and Barring Service Check (previously CRB disclosure)
4. Employment History
5. Qualifications
6. Health
7. References

Equal Opportunities Statement

In our school we are committed to securing genuine equality of opportunity, whether required by law or not, in all aspects of our activities as an employer and service provider.

This commitment is based on our belief in the broad principles of social justice and our aim is to provide services and employment on a fair and equitable basis.

Our staff are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to equality by taking active steps to: eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote good race relations.

TOYNBEE SCHOOL

Computing and IT Department

The main aim of the Computing and IT Department at Toynbee is to ensure that pupils enjoy Computing and IT, whilst developing their knowledge, skills and attitudes to their full potential.

There are three computing classrooms (all with ICT, Projector and sound) and a departmental office. In addition, there is an IT Technician and a service level agreement with an IT Company to support the teaching staff.

From September 2021: Key Stage 3 – Year 7 & 8

- Pupils will be taught Computing and IT as a separate subject.
- Pupils will be taught in mixed ability classes.
- Year 7 and 8 Pupils will be taught 2 x 1 hour lessons over 2 weeks.
- There are currently Schemes of Work in place for all topics.

From September 2021: Key Stage 4 – Year 9,10,11

- Pupils will be taught across 5 x 1 hour lessons a fortnight across the Key Stage.
- Pupils will be taught in mixed ability groups across a range of option blocks
- GCSE Computing (OCR Exam Board) is currently offered to pupils in Key Stage 4 and is always a popular option choice for pupils.

Curriculum Development

The Department are currently focusing on:

- Ensuring our curriculum is robust, sequential and meaningful and linked to the National Curriculum.
- Refining our new KS4 Schemes of Work to promote even better progress.
- Developing strategies to secure even better outcomes for our most able pupils

Continued Professional Development

The school offers outstanding CPD opportunities. We work closely with the Local Authority and have many links with subject inspectors and local schools. We pride ourselves on an internal training programme which is second to none. All staff are able to contribute to this.

Person Specification: Teacher

Criteria	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)
<p>Professional Values and Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High expectations of all students • Ability to contribute to the corporate life of the school • Commitment to their own professional development • Commitment to equal opportunities 	<p>E E E E</p>
<p>Knowledge and Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Honours Degree (subject area) • Qualified Teacher Status 	<p>E E</p>
<p>Teaching and Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to inspire and motivate learners • Ability to plan lessons on the basis of learning objectives and information about prior learning • Ability to select and prepare appropriate resources • Understanding of and compliance with safe practices • Understanding of and compliance with the requirements of the National Curriculum programmes of Study and related schemes of work • Understanding of the importance of literacy, numeracy and Citizenship within their subject area • Ability to use new technologies to support and accelerate learning 	<p>E E E E D D D</p>
<p>Monitoring and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to assess students' learning and to use this assessment to plan future teaching and raise student achievement • Understanding of the importance of Assessment for Learning • Understanding of the use of success criteria and grade/level descriptors when making assessments 	<p>E E E</p>
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have written and oral skills of a high order • Be able to build professional relationships and work sensitively with a wide variety of people • Demonstrate good presentational skills 	<p>E E E</p>
<p>Personal Qualities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as part of a team • Verbal and written communication skills suitable for working with parents, colleagues and students • Experience of working with young people outside the classroom • Have a love of teaching and learning and sensitivity to young people • Have integrity, optimism, flexibility, resilience • Have stamina to cope with the demands of the post • Be able to adapt to changing circumstances and new ideas • Show commitment and reliability 	<p>E E D E E E E E</p>

Teacher of Computing & IT

Grade: MPR

Relationships: The teacher will be:

1. responsible to the Headteacher
2. responsible to the Head of Computing & IT for all classroom activities
3. responsible to the Progress Director and Guidance Manager when fulfilling the role of tutor
4. professionally related to colleagues within the school on a number of levels.

Job Purpose: To teach effectively in the area of Computing & IT fulfilling all the professional responsibilities of a teacher.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Careful planning and preparation of lessons and a willingness to contribute to departmental discussions on the curriculum.
2. The assessment of pupils in accordance with the policy of the Computing & IT Department and the recording of assessment and the provision of reports as required.
3. Consultation and communication with parents and a contribution to all meetings arranged for this purpose.
4. Taking part in arrangements for further training in professional development as a teacher.
5. Maintaining a good order and discipline amongst pupils whilst maintaining the highest standards of care and courtesy.
6. A reasonable contribution to the general duties of the school and cover of absent colleagues in accordance with generally accepted policies.
7. Careful observations of all the rules pertaining to Health and Safety in the Department and sensible care of all equipment.
8. Participation in departmental and pastoral meetings as required.
9. Care of the teaching area with a contribution to display areas to provide a stimulating and attractive learning environment.
10. To be a tutor and contribute fully to the pastoral organisation of the school.
11. Any other duties as requested by the Headteacher, commensurate with the role.

Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

I am delighted that you are considering applying to be a Teacher of Computing & IT at Toynbee School. We are proud to be a holistic and inclusive school that promotes the highest expectations of our pupils. It is an exciting time in our development as a school and we are determined to further improve on our journey to become "outstanding". We are proud of our successful OFSTED inspections in 2015 and 2019, however, we are never complacent and know that there is always more we can do to improve Toynbee for pupils, staff and the wider community. Our pupils know that they are at the centre of all we do and as a result they play a significant role in shaping the school's improvement.

Toynbee is a friendly school with a strong reputation in the local neighbourhood for excellent results and delivering on its 'Personal Best ethos'. Our parents have described the school as "a gem in Chandler's Ford", and our pupils' aspirations and dreams for their future are the central focus of our work here. We believe that only through full participation in school life can our pupils become the most incredible person they can be. We want them to thrive and develop their potential through every opportunity offered to them, both within and beyond the classroom. Our pupils can enjoy exceptional teaching, with friendly and respectful support alongside some of the best extra - curricular provision the County has to offer.

Our academic curriculum is traditional and there is plenty of choice for all pupils' talents to be recognised. We pride ourselves on finding flexibility for individuals' needs and whilst this is provided for across the schools' academic and extra-curricular activities, it is especially evident in our Visually Impaired Resource Centre that supports VI pupils across Hampshire and beyond.

When pupils join Toynbee they are put into one of four houses and it is through our House System that pupils are given the chance to earn rewards, achievement points and enter inter-house competitions, which both reinforce and celebrate the gifts and talents of our pupils.

Alongside the impressive exam results our pupils achieve; we want them to grasp every opportunity to learn a new skill or participate in an event which stretches and enriches them. We believe that opportunities taken open doors and develop the whole person. None of this could be achieved without our excellent Guidance Support Team who enable our pupils to flourish and grow in confidence and ability during their time with us.

If you are ready for the next challenge in your career, and would like to be part of this dynamic, exciting journey, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Longden
Headteacher