

# Toynbee School

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Appointment  
of  
Teacher of Science

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## APPLICATION DETAILS

Please find enclosed the following details:

- Science 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](http://www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk/vacancies.php)

### **Employment Checks**

Employment checks will be undertaken to establish positive outcomes in the following areas dependent 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

### Science Department

The main aim of the Science department at Toynbee is to ensure that all pupils are able to develop their scientific knowledge and skills to their full potential.

The departmental leadership structure consists of a Head of Department and two Assistant Heads of Department.

There are seven Science laboratories, a central preparation area and a departmental office.

#### Year 7 & 8

- Year 7 and 8 are taught 7 lessons per fortnight.
- Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups in year 7 & 8.
- We have written our own KS3 curriculum, and it is fully resourced for all staff to use.

#### Year 9,10,11

- Years 9 are taught 8 lessons per fortnight. Year 10 and 11 are taught 10 lessons per fortnight.
- There are two separate science classes for each year group, aimed at our most able students. We select these pupils at the end of year 9, up until then, all pupils are taught in mixed ability groups.
- Combined Science is the most popular option, which is taught in mixed ability groups.
- Pupils follow the AQA Combined or Biology, Chemistry and Physics Science GCSE syllabuses.

#### Curriculum Development

The science curriculum at Toynbee is fully planned and resourced. It is based around Toynbee's guiding principles of curriculum and assessment. This ensures we deliver well sequenced lessons consistently across the department so that all pupils have access to the same high-quality content.

#### 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.

## Teacher of Science – Job Description

**Grade:** MPR

**Relationships:** The teacher will be:

1. responsible to the Headteacher
2. responsible to the Head of Science 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 Science 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 Science 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.

## Person Specification: Teacher

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

## Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

I am delighted that you are considering applying to be a Teacher of Science 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