



THE KING'S SCHOOL

CHESTER

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Information for applicants for the post of
full-time, temporary
JUNIOR SCHOOL KS2 TEACHER
(from September 2020)

The King's School is one of the North West's leading schools. Co-educational since 2003, it now educates 1,000 pupils, of whom 240 are in the Junior School. Examination results are consistently excellent, with King's being within the top 10 co-educational schools nationally for GCSE and A Level and within the top 70 schools nationally in all major league tables.

Henry VIII founded The King's School in 1541 and for over four hundred years the school occupied buildings adjacent to the cathedral. The school moved to a new site on the Wrexham road, about one mile from the city centre, in 1960 and the new buildings were opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in June that year. In 1989 additional buildings were opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret. In 1994 there was an extensive development of the junior school and in January 2000 a further development of the senior school, incorporating the impressive Wickson Library, was completed.

An exciting major development plan was launched in October 2002 and building commenced in the spring of 2003. By September 2004 an all-weather playing surface, extensions and improvements to the art and technology centres, a new medical room and an additional classroom had been completed. The new music school was completed for the start of the summer term 2005 and over the summer the old music school was converted to provide additional teaching rooms for other subjects including two additional science teaching rooms. Developments over the past few years include the Vanbrugh Theatre and an extended V1th Form Centre.

The school retains strong links with the cathedral and with the city. It is Chester's oldest independent school and is proud to serve the city as well as the surrounding areas of Cheshire, the Wirral and North Wales. The Head is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference.

The King's School comprises the infant school (ages 4-7), the junior school (ages 7-11) and the senior school (ages 11-18). There are currently 750 pupils in the senior school (220 in the sixth form), 243 pupils in the junior school and 120 in the infant school. In September 2003 the school became fully co-educational.

King's is a school for pupils of high academic ability. We seek to develop this ability in each pupil to its full potential and, at the same time, to develop the pupil's character and other talents in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere.

Further information about the school can be found on our website at www.kingschester.co.uk

The Junior School

The junior school accommodation and extensive playing fields are adjacent to the senior school. There are fourteen teaching rooms, a networked ICT suite, providing suitably-monitored internet access and three playgrounds. Facilities not ordinarily available to a primary school are used routinely – the Vanbrugh Theatre, the Senior School sports hall and the swimming pool, a floodlit AstroTurf surface and eight tennis courts.

A major £1.5 million extension has recently been added to the Junior School. The Learning Centre comprises specialist facilities in Art, DT and Science and a relocated library. Additional changing facilities have also been provided.

There are currently 243 pupils across the four national curriculum years 3 to 6. Numbers of girls within the school is increasing yearly and currently represent 46% of the Junior School pupil population. There are three forms in each year. Numbers in the lower forms are small and the forms grow to a maximum of about 24 by later age additions. Pupils are admitted by entrance test principally at age seven but also at ages eight, nine and, occasionally, ten. Entrance tests are held each year in the spring term. Appropriate competence is expected in maths and English but above all we look for the potential to do well. Nearly all Junior School

pupils join the remove forms of the senior school when they are 11 following an assessed entry procedure, based upon internal tracking.

There are 16 full-time members of teaching staff, including the Head of Willow Lodge and the Junior School, the Deputy and the Director of Studies, and three part-time. Additionally, there are two teaching assistants, visiting staff who teach various activities and four lunchtime supervisors.

The Curriculum

There is a 40-period, five-day week and pupils are taught mainly by their form teachers although they meet other staff. There is more specialist teaching in years 5 and 6. A wide range of visits in and out of school enlivens classroom work and brings school work into the context of everyday life.

academic curriculum:

- mathematics, English, science
- history, geography, RS
- art, DT, music, PE, games
- ICT, Spanish
- PSHE

additional short courses:

- Drama, Baking, Zoolab, Forest School, Dance, Yoga, Pilates, Cycling, German, French, Latin, Needlecraft, Newshounds, Gardening and Mindfulness.

extracurricular activities:

- music, drama, sport
- Activity holidays, year group school trips

The school community

Each pupil is seen as an individual who is a valued member of the school family. We aim to understand their needs and each form teacher gets to know their charges well and cares for their wellbeing and progress. Pupils are encouraged to consider the welfare of others as much as their own needs both within the school and outside. Parents are encouraged to be involved in monitoring their children's progress. Parents' evenings are held regularly and there are many opportunities for families to be involved in school life.

Fostering spiritual awareness

Assembly is held four mornings a week and is one expression of the corporate life of the school community. Through assemblies and cathedral services pupils of all religious persuasions can consider spiritual and moral issues that may confront them in everyday life.

Culture, leisure and recreation

There is an extremely lively tradition in music. The orchestra and choir perform regularly and every pupil participates in the annual concerts. Each year there are two drama productions and all pupils above the first year can become involved. Clubs and activities take place during lunch hours when there is also plenty of time for play.

Sporting opportunities

The school has extensive playing fields and few primary schools can offer the range of games available. Many competitive sports fixtures take place during the week. Selection for teams is on merit and all pupils can be considered. There is a full inter-house sporting programme for

all and competitive and recreational opportunities in football, cricket, swimming, tennis, athletics, cross country, triathlon, hockey and netball.

About the post

The King's' School wishes to appoint an outstanding teacher.

The appointee should be a well-qualified and committed graduate with creativity, drive and enthusiasm, who is able to stimulate hard-working, talented and responsive pupils' curiosity, interest and enjoyment. The appointee will be required to demonstrate excellent teaching of English and Maths and some general subjects to their own form. There may be some flexibility in the age group taught and any other specialist subjects offered. Please indicate any particular age group/subject preferences. It is likely that the appointed person will be required to co-ordinate a curriculum area throughout the Junior School. There may be some flexibility in this. Please indicate particular strengths. A desire to work as part of a team, promoting the work of the school and contributing to its smooth running and development is essential. So, too, is a strong commitment to the extra-curricular life of the school, both in and out of the classroom. There are many areas for involvement, including sport, outdoor activities, music and drama.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the pastoral care of the pupils, most specifically to the pupils in their class, within their role as form tutor.

The salary will be based on the King's School scale and commensurate with the successful applicant's experience and expertise.

Applications for the post

Candidates for this post should complete the application form which should be emailed or posted to the Head of the Junior School to arrive not later than midday on March 27th 2020.

- recruitment@kingschester.co.uk
- The Head of the Junior School, The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL

A curriculum vitae will **not** be accepted in place of the completed application form.

Interviews are likely to be held March 31st 2020.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to teach a group of pupils and meet other key members of staff. The selection procedure will include a formal interview and there will be an opportunity to see round the school.

Candidates, shortlisted for interview, will be asked to complete a confidential health questionnaire. Lunch and reasonable travel expenses will be provided.

For any further information on the post, please contact the Head of the Junior School's PA by email (rmh@kingschester.co.uk) or by phone (01244 689543).

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The school has policies and procedures for safeguarding and the formal interview will ask questions on this matter.