TEACHER OF MODERN LANGUAGES
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THE KING’S SCHOOL

King’s is an academically selective, co-educational independent school originally founded in 1541 for the ‘poor and friendless’ children of Chester. Almost 500 years later, King’s is a thriving, dynamic and forward-thinking school of 1100 pupils that is considered to be one of the very best of its kind in the country.

At King’s we aim to make the very most of every individual student in the school, both academically as a selective school with a great tradition of scholarship, but also in terms of character development, confidence and wellbeing. This is achieved by a broad curriculum, extensive co-curricular programme, excellent pastoral care and highly committed and professional staff. We want our pupils to remember their time at school with real fondness whilst relishing the prospect of successfully making their mark on the world and leaving it a better place.

The school enjoys a spacious and well-resourced site on the southern outskirts of Chester, having moved from a city centre location in 1960. Our new, state-of-the-art infant school, Willow Lodge, was built 3 years ago with the Junior School being impressively extended a year beforehand. There is a major site development plan in progress for the Senior School that has recently started with the construction of a new £5million Sports Centre. The school retains close links with Chester Cathedral where it holds regular services, including a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas.

King’s comprises the Senior School (ages 11-18), the Junior School (ages 7-11) and the Infant School (Willow Lodge, ages 3-11). There are currently 760 pupils in the Senior School (220 in the Sixth Form), 240 pupils in the Junior School and 120 in the Infants, supported by almost 250 staff (teaching and support). In 2017 the students achieved 81% A*-A at GCSE and 87% A*-B at A level. There are over 100 activities and clubs in the Senior School for students to choose from on a weekly basis. The major sports are football, hockey, cricket and rowing for boys and netball, hockey and rowing for girls. Drama, music and the CCF are also all particularly strong.

Further information about the school can be found on our website: [www.kingschester.co.uk](http://www.kingschester.co.uk)
The opportunity

We require a well-qualified, talented and energetic teacher of Modern Languages for September 2018 to teach to GCSE and A level in this very successful department. The person appointed will be able to teach German preferably to A level; the ability to teach French or Spanish to GCSE would be an advantage.

NQTs, recent graduates or experienced teachers are equally welcome to apply.

Appointment to the role of Second in Department would be considered for the right candidate.

The successful applicant(s) will have the following attributes:

- enthusiasm and excellent subject knowledge,
- the ability to stimulate students’ curiosity, interest and enjoyment,
- a willingness to work as part of a team, promoting the work of the department and contributing to its smooth running and development,
- a strong commitment to the extra-curricular work of the department e.g. trips.

The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to all other duties normally shared by members of the department, such as marking, writing reports, setting work in case of absence, attending departmental meetings and appropriate administrative tasks.

All members of the teaching staff (with the exception of NQTs) are expected to take on duties as a Form Tutor.
All departments at King’s are part of a faculty structure, with Heads of Departments responsible directly to the four Heads of Faculty, who in turn report to the Deputy Head Academic. The Languages & Humanities Faculty comprises Classics, English, History and Modern Languages and is led by Seb Neal.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

The department teaches French, Spanish and German to GCSE and A level. There are currently five full-time teachers, two part-time teachers and three part-time language assistants.

All students currently study one language in Year 7, rotated annually. They continue with two languages in Year 8 and take either one or two languages in Year 9, whereupon they take one or both for GCSE. The German scheme of work in Years 7 – 9 follows the course book Echo, GCSE pupils follow the Stimmt course and both are supplemented by a range of published, digital and teacher-produced materials. Spanish KS3 and KS4 pupils currently follow the Mira course books whilst Expo and Studio are used in French. There is a wide range of support material for the new curriculum at GCSE and A level. Grammar is taught explicitly and teaching incorporates a wide range of styles and resources to facilitate a dynamic teaching environment. Pupils are taught in classes of approximately 25 at KS3 and then between 14 and 20 at GCSE.

Currently all students take a GCSE in at least one language and results are strong. Following the 2016 curriculum changes in MFL, the department is following the AQA GCSE and A level in all three languages. In 2017 Modern Language exam results were as follows:

**Spanish**

IGCSE: 56% A* - A  82% A* - B  
A Level: 71% A*- A  100% A* - B

**French**

IGCSE: 51% A* - A  63% A* - B  
A Level: 67% A* - A  100% A*- B

**German**

IGCSE: 71% A* - A  100% A* - B  
A Level: 70% A*-B

In addition to preparing students for external examinations, pupils’ learning is enriched in a variety of ways. Students are entered for Olympiads, produce work for poetry translation and film review competitions, and frequently take part in modern language debating competitions. There are a number of well-supported extracurricular clubs and many opportunities to develop pupils’ cultural interests beyond the classroom.
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The department is well resourced with five dedicated teaching rooms, all of which are equipped with a digital projector, speakers and interactive whiteboard. Pupils enjoy dedicated time in the language laboratory and support their learning with a range of digital materials, particularly through the School’s ‘Bring a Browser’ policy. Additionally, an online learning platform has allowed the department to pursue a range of teaching styles and ventures whilst balancing this with the rigorous and traditional approaches to language teaching.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The School will offer a highly competitive salary on our own salary scale which is pensionable under the TPS. A school iPad or equivalent interactive device will be provided, along with a relocation allowance where appropriate. Staff children may be educated at King’s at reduced fees.
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PROCCESS

Candidates for this post should complete the application form which should be posted, faxed or e-mailed to The Headmaster, The King’s School, Chester, CH4 7QL to arrive not later than 12 noon on Monday 12th March.

(hm@kingschester.co.uk) Fax: 01244 689501 Tel: 01244 689523

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

Interviews will be held during the week beginning Monday 19th March.

The Head of Department, Laura McCutcheon, is available to discuss the school informally with prospective candidates. She can be contacted via lem@kingschester.co.uk.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check. All our appointments follow the procedures laid out in our Equal Opportunities and Child Protection policies.