



Teacher of Geography

With effect from 1st September 2022

MPS Full Time

Langtree School is one of the smallest secondary schools in Oxfordshire, with an 11-16 intake of 600 fantastic students. We believe our small size is our greatest strength as we are a community in which students are known and valued as individuals and in which they can thrive with the close support of a dedicated team of subject specialist teachers. Many parents choose Langtree for this reason, and we remain heavily oversubscribed. Students are taught in four mixed ability teaching groups at KS3 and start their KS4 options in Year 10.

Our successes have been significant in recent years. Langtree secured Performing Arts specialist status and, although successive governments have lost interest in the notion of specialist status, creativity, in its broadest sense, still colours the ethos of school in a very significant way indeed. In 2012 we converted to an academy and in our most recent inspection in June 2017, we were rated as a very good school with outstanding features. Behaviour at Langtree is rated as Outstanding overall. However, Ofsted judgements are not the priority for Langtree, we prefer to ensure that all students have a productive educational experience whatever their individual strengths and needs. We live by our motto of "Putting Learning First" and ensure all students embrace our core values of Courtesy, Respect and Tolerance.

Langtree is an outstanding school in which to teach. We enjoy the pleasure of working with some excellent young adults who have considerable desire to succeed. The school is situated in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty in rural south Oxfordshire with easy access to Oxford, Reading and London. In order to gain more of a flavour of the vibrant learning community at Langtree, please visit our website at www.langtreeschool.com

This exciting post offers the opportunity for a creative and enthusiastic teacher to join a thriving and outstanding curriculum team. We are seeking to appoint an innovative and dynamic teacher with a genuine passion for teaching and learning, to teach Geography and BTEC Travel and Tourism at KS3 and 4 and contribute to the continued development of the subject within the whole school.

The Humanities Faculty at Langtree is a dynamic, enthusiastic and forward-thinking one and the successful candidate will join a supportive and collaborative faculty with a proud record of embracing creative approaches to teaching and learning. Our Head of Faculty is supported by Lead Teachers in Geography and History. The faculty also has strong links with art, drama and music in support of the school's performing arts specialism.

Humanities subjects are now compulsory in our KS4 core curriculum, and this reflects the excellent quality of teaching and learning with a clear focus on engaging, meaningful and rigorous lessons. Outcomes are consistently good: in 2019, 69% of students who sat Geography achieved a Grade 9-4.

The Faculty is situated in a department suite of adjacent classrooms. ICT is well established, with all classrooms equipped with, visualisers, data projectors and interactive whiteboards. The department also has a bank of chromebooks that can be used in lessons.

Trips and visits are an important element of the Geography curriculum, including visits to Swanage and Bristol, along with a range of opportunities at KS3. There is every opportunity for the successful candidate to become involved with such trips and extra-curricular activities are positively encouraged. At Langtree, we have a strong commitment to the 'outdoor classroom', and there are numerous opportunities to contribute to the many trips and visits in other curriculum areas.

If you feel that this post is of interest to you, and that you would be keen to join the staff at Langtree, then we would be delighted to receive your application. Applications for this post, by application form and letter, should be submitted to the Headteacher's PA, Mary Taylor Lane at mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com An application pack can be downloaded from the school website.

Candidates are invited to address the following questions in their letter of application:

- What are the key principles of an outstanding lesson?
- What personal qualities do you possess which you feel would help you to make a success of this role?
- How has your previous experience – or experience to date as a trainee - prepared you for this post?

I do hope that you are interested in this opportunity, and if so I look forward to receiving your application.

Mr Simon Bamford
Headteacher