



The vacancy - Years 7 & 8 Science with GCSE Physical Sciences (Physics and/or Chemistry) MPS/UPR - 0.52 fte

This post offers the opportunity to teach Years 7 & 8 Science with GCSE Physical Sciences (Physics and/or Chemistry). The successful candidate will work closely with other teachers and an enthusiastic team of technicians, in the delivery of the curriculum. The Science Team is extremely successful, attracting large numbers at A Level and achieving excellent results at all levels.

The Science Curriculum Area comprises four subject teams: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. Each area is led by a Subject Team Leader (STL). The STLs work closely together to deliver our curriculum. Each core Science subject team contributes to the Years 7 & 8 Science programme, which has its own co-ordinator, as well as delivering GCSE and A Level courses. Within our curriculum, we also embrace whole school policies such as literacy and numeracy.

Science is an integral part of our broad and balanced curriculum. We offer 25 subjects at GCSE and 23 at A-level. We have a STEAM agenda (Science, Technology, Arts and Maths) to reflect the breadth of offering and the value we place in all subjects.

In Years 7 & 8 all students follow a combined Science course; each group is usually taught by one teacher. This is designed to follow on from their primary school experiences, developing scientific skills and knowledge. In Year 9, the sciences begin to be taught separately by a subject specialist.

At GCSE students follow AQA Science. All students complete separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The success of Science as a subject at AHS is evident from the numbers opting to study Science post-16. A Level numbers in all Science subjects are always healthy.

Throughout the school the Sciences are practically orientated. We have 12 well-equipped laboratories, which have recently been refurbished, and our practical approach develops skills alongside knowledge. All labs are digitally enabled with either projectors or interactive whiteboards. Our 1:1 device scheme is firmly embedded in our school, with all students having a Chromebook or laptop with them for every lesson. This allows us to work digitally when we feel it appropriate for learning and as a Google reference School, we are continually developing our use of this suite of resources.

Person specification

We are looking for someone who aligns with our educational ethos and values and will complement our existing team. We hope that this information and the school prospectus give you a flavour of Aylesbury High School. To help you in your application we have included below the sort of background we are looking for when reading the applications and at interview. However, we are always willing to consider anyone with alternative qualifications or experience.

Qualifications & Training

- Good honours degree in Physics or Chemistry
- Qualified Teacher Status or NQT
- Permitted to work in the UK

Experience

- NQT or more experienced
- Evidence of good classroom practice

Professional

- Excellent subject knowledge
- Familiar with current subject developments
- Keen to be involved in curriculum development
- Commitment to the AHS' vision, motto and culture
- An aspirational view of young people in the world
- Experienced ICT user
- Keen to develop own career through being a life-long learner
- Evidence of systematic professional development
- A team player

Personal

- Commitment to support and develop young people to fulfil their potential
- Good relationships with students and adults
- Positive role model for the whole community
- Good personal organisation and time management
- Good communicator
- Good attendance and punctuality record
- A positive outlook and the ability to work well under pressure whilst remaining calm
- Wide outside interests

All applicants qualified and able to meet the above criteria, will be treated equally, regardless of age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, culture or any other personal characteristic that might be discriminated against.

Applications

The documents relating to this post are all available at

<http://www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/about-the-school/staff-vacancies/>.

To apply for this post, please provide:

- A completed application form
- A letter of application which outlines how your experiences to date have equipped you for the post of Years 7 & 8 Science teacher, with the ability to teach GCSE Physics and/or Chemistry at Aylesbury High School. It would be helpful if you could limit yourself to no more than two sides of A4.

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Applications can be:

- e-mailed to secretary@ahs.bucks.sch.uk
or
- posted to

**Mr Giles Scoble
Headteacher
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Walton Road
Aylesbury
Bucks HP21 7SX**

If you apply electronically then you will be asked to countersign your application should you be invited to interview. The school follows national and local guidelines for Child Protection.

If you are shortlisted for this post, you will also be required to complete a self-disclosure form as part of the recruitment process; this will not be used for shortlisting purposes.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The appointment will be subject to references which are satisfactory for the advertised post, an enhanced DBS check with a Child Barred List check, identity checks, prohibition orders and qualification checks as appropriate.