

Dear Candidate

I am delighted that you have requested further information regarding the position of Deputy Head of Science at Oathall Community College. I joined the school as Headteacher in January 2012 and I am committed to providing an excellent education for every child in our learning community.

Oathall College is very much a school at the heart of its community. The staff care passionately about the well-being of the children and are driven to ensure

their educational experience is the best it can be. Our students are vibrant, enthusiastic learners and actively engage with the extensive range of opportunities available to them. Oathall is proud to be a strategic partner in a local teaching school alliance and the professional development of all staff is a high priority at the school. We are constantly looking to improve and are focussed on becoming an outstanding school. Examination performances have continued to improve with the college achieving its best ever results last year.

We recently remodelled the leadership arrangements in the school and adopted a faculty structure. Our new Deputy Head of Science will work in close partnership with the Head of Faculty and members of the Senior Leadership Team in leading change and improvement.

The successful applicant to this post will play a pivotal role in shaping the direction of the new Science curricula as well as improving the quality of teaching and learning in science so that all of our students receive an outstanding education. In addition, they will join the teaching and learning team; a cross curricula group with a whole-school brief to focus on the continuous drive to improve teaching and learning across the school.

A key aspect of this role will be to further develop a culture of high expectation and aspirations within the faculty. Inspiring students to develop a love of learning, to aim high and to maximise their full potential will be at the heart of what you do. Supporting and developing staff to offer the best possible classroom practice, characterised by high levels of challenge and the very highest aspirations will drive your efforts.

Our successful applicant will be dedicated, creative and talented with the ability to inspire others. They will model outstanding practice in the classroom and in all interactions with both colleagues and students. They will need the ability to work following their own initiative and also the skills to support and work closely with the Head of Science.

You will find further information in the pages that follow and of course on our website, but please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to know anything further. We welcome applications from candidates specialising in any Science discipline.

I look forward to welcoming you to Oathall.

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