

JOB INFORMATION

PART TIME TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY

RHS is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher to the post of Part Time Teacher of Psychology with effect from September 2017, initially for one term. It is expected that the appointee will be confident in the delivery of the psychology syllabus to pupils in Year 12 and 13. This is a fantastic opportunity to work in our well-established and popular Psychology department.

Responsibilities are detailed in the generic job descriptions of Teachers at The Royal Hospital School and should be read in conjunction with the Subject Teacher Specification, both of which are attached. The Teacher of Psychology will work alongside and report directly to the Head of Psychology.

THE SCHOOL

The Royal Hospital School (RHS) is an HMC co-educational boarding and day school for approximately 750 pupils aged 11-18. The School occupies a magnificent 200 acre site in the Suffolk countryside just south of Ipswich.

The School selects pupils from a reasonably broad ability range and for this reason we focus on achieving a positive value added for all our pupils. Applications for places at RHS are extremely healthy and this year our pupil numbers are the highest on record.

The Royal Hospital School aims to provide academic excellence with an outstanding range of cultural and sporting opportunities. This is strongly backed up by first-class pastoral care and a commitment to leadership, service and spiritual awareness. We have an outstanding campus which provides a safe and secure environment. We have a talented and dedicated staff who believe in maximising each child's potential, fuelling their aspirations, firing their imagination and encouraging independence of thought. We seek to provide pupils with the skills and confidence to navigate their own lives and to think about where they will be at 25.

This summer the School undertook the development of the internal sporting facilities including a new strength and conditioning room, a fitness suite, dance and martial arts studio and the addition of a climbing wall in a refurbished sports hall. Further development of the School estate and the provision of top quality facilities for the education of our pupils remains a priority. The School has embarked upon a rolling programme of classroom refurbishment and, thanks to the generosity of our trustees, Greenwich Hospital, a £400,000 Wi-Fi programme has facilitated wireless internet access across the whole school campus since 2013. All members of the teaching staff and all pupils have iPads as part of the School's mobile learning initiative.

MISSION AND AIMS

Our Mission is to understand each young person's strengths, to help them to make the right choices at the right time, navigating through their critical, formative years and ensuring their education becomes the foundation for their happiness and success.

Aims

The aims of the Royal Hospital School are:

- to develop intellectual curiosity and academic confidence;
- to enable pupils to grow into the person they wish to become, fulfilling their potential and prepared for life after school;
- to inspire leadership, adventure and self-discovery;
- to foster creativity and imagination;
- to provide a secure and nurturing community which promotes wellbeing, fitness and healthy competition;
- to instill the values of service, loyalty and commitment and uphold the School's unique and rich heritage;
- to cultivate a global outlook and environmental responsibility.

LAST INSPECTION

The School was inspected in January 2015 and received excellent ratings in all nine areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. The inspector commented:

"The School has clear aspirations for its pupils. It seeks to promote the attributes of inspiration, challenge and leadership in its pupils. Pupils are encouraged to strive for academic excellence and to endorse the values of service, loyalty and commitments whilst upholding the School's unique and rich heritage. The School encourages leadership and a sense of adventure and self-discovery. A high priority is the promotion of service both within the School and to the wider community. The School aims to foster creativity and imagination within a civilised, caring, Christian community, based on high standards of behaviour, mutual respect, trust and courtesy between staff and pupils. The School cultivates a global outlook and sense of environmental responsibility. It aims to encourage pupils to develop fitness, wellbeing and enter into healthy competition."

Candidates can read the full Report on the School's website at <http://www.royalhospitalschool.org/school-life/overview/#inspection-report>.

THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Psychology is a very popular subject at the Royal Hospital School and attracts a significant number of the Sixth Form. We currently have three Year 13 classes and two Year 12 classes.

The department will continue to be staffed by the Head of Department and one other specialist teacher of Psychology. We have our own rooms in an area of the school that only teaches other A level subjects and this provides a strong academic base for our pupils.

It is a well-resourced department; we have our very own Psychology Library and subscribe to a number of the leading Psychological journals which students enjoy. Teaching and learning is further enhanced by the use of iPads. Pupils are able to develop their research skills by accessing full academic papers and it gives us the opportunity to facilitate learning in many different mediums.

The department offers various extra-curricular clubs and trips. A popular club is 'Psychology club' that is offered to pupils in years 9-11. Pupils are encouraged to explore the subject of Psychology and are given the opportunity to learn about popular topics within Psychology such as phobias, dream analysis and criminal behaviour. At post-16, 'Psychology Film club' is available to pupils who are and are not studying the subject at A-level. Pupils can watch contemporary and award winning films that they can enjoy and enhance their learning of the subject. The department runs many trips and over the last year has taken pupils to the local cinema, Colchester Zoo and Psychology conferences in London.

The Curriculum

Year 13 will be the first cohort to take the reformed AQA two year course this June. This is an exciting time and many new and current studies have been incorporated into the new specification. Enthusiastic and inspiring teaching has allowed the department to increase its student numbers year on year and this is a trend we expect to continue

APPLICATION PROCESS/APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

Applications should be made on the *RHS Application Form* enclosed, be accompanied by a letter (no longer than one side of A4) giving reasons for applying for the post, and be sent to Mr. Simon Lockyer, Headmaster, Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2RX (Email: recruitment@royalhospitalschool.org). **(*Note that a C.V. will not be accepted in lieu of a fully completed Application Form).**

Further details of the Royal Hospital School can be found on our website: www.royalhospitalschool.org

The closing date for applications: 12noon on Wednesday 3 May
Interviews: 10 / 11 May

RHS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Employment is subject to satisfactory references and an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.