

Tomlinscote School



September 2019

Dear Applicant

Appointment of History Teacher (Maternity Cover)

Thank you for your interest in this post at Tomlinscote School. I am after a high quality teacher who will join our team of enthusiastic members of staff. Tomlinscote is a really successful school where you can flourish and develop your career. It is a school where you can teach effectively in classrooms with students that have a thirst to learn. Furthermore, it is a place where you will be valued and your well-being is considered as being really important. My philosophy is that the most effective learning takes place when staff feel supported, appreciated and happy. The most effective way to decide if you wish to apply is to visit the school and I would relish the opportunity to show you the school and to meet out students and staff. Please email Anna Finch (HR Business Partner, afinch@tomlinscoteschool.com or applications@tomlinscoteschool.com to arrange a time to visit.

The Humanities at Tomlinscote is a successful area both in terms of exam success and in terms of the thinking skills that the subjects work hard to develop. Opportunities for international collaborations and visits abroad are supported by Tomlinscote's strong international dimension as a Language College. The History teachers are a team of friendly and supportive members of the school staff who work hard to ensure that all learners and colleagues are able to work to their full potential. The team is passionate about providing an engaging history curriculum that allows students to access a greater understanding of how our society and world has developed

Students study a broad sweep of history in KS3 from the Norman Conquest through to the Holocaust. In Year 9 students have the opportunity to visit the First World War Battlefields in Ypres and the Somme area of France; this is a very popular trip comprising of 3 coaches and a 3 day visit. At GCSE we study the AQA specification: Cold War 1945-1972, USA 1920-1973, Elizabethan England and Health and the People. Our Cold War GCSE course is supported by a 4 day trip to Berlin in the summer term of year 10. GCSE history is a popular choice with pupils, we currently have five year 10 GCSE sets. In our history teaching we endeavour to strike a balance between an emphasis on student recall of knowledge and acquisition of history skills. The History department makes full use of iPads in its delivery of the history course

Support for staff is strong. The school is fully staffed, partly because staff report that they can concentrate on teaching and are supported by widely shared and regularly reinforced expectations. We have a well-established programme of support for newly appointed staff, which enables them to settle into the school routine quickly and effectively.

As an employee of Tomlinscote School, we offer an excellent benefits package:

- Individual iPads
- Excellent training and professional development opportunities,
- Generous Pension Scheme
- Free annual eye test
- Excellent onsite catering facility
- Discounted membership to the onsite gym
- Free counselling service.

Please contact HR department for further details.

The attached Job Description summarises the main responsibilities of the post. I hope the information supplied describes your type of school; if so your application is most welcome.

To apply, please complete the application form and equality monitoring form – C.V.s are not required. Application forms are available via the school website: visit the vacancies section.

Please refer closely to the Person Specification when writing your accompanying 'Statement of Application'. Use a maximum of two sides of A4 to describe how your knowledge, skills and experience have prepared you for this post. Please give brief examples where possible. Please return the application form electronically to applications@tomlinscoteschool.com by 9am Monday 23rd September 2019.

Thank you for your interest in this post and the school. I look forward to reading your application.

Yours sincerely

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