



Kings Langley Secondary School

Application Pack: Teacher of Business Studies

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Dear Candidate,

A warm welcome and thank you for taking the time to express your interest in the role of teacher of Business Studies at Kings Langley School.

We are proud to be an inclusive, mixed comprehensive school of some 1100 students, successfully operating as a stand-alone academy whilst valuing collaborative relationships both locally and wider afield. Following the expansion of our Business and Economics curriculum, we are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and innovative teacher of Business Studies to join a successful, determined and supportive learning area within the school. We wish to appoint a colleague who shares our values and vision and who will demonstrate inspirational teaching and learning founded on a platform of highly developed professional skills as we strive to be outstanding in all that we do. The ability to teach Economics is not essential but would be an advantage.

The school is determinedly committed to the development of “strong character” in order to provide students with the skills and moral fortitude to “make the right choices”. The extract below is written by Dr Tom Harrison from the University of Birmingham and forms part of his evaluation which awarded the school (the first in the UK) the award of National Character Kitemark Plus in June 2018. We are justifiably proud of our unique ethos and culture which attracts both national and international recognition.

“It was clear it is the core mission of the school to do its part to develop values in its pupils that will help them flourish – and teachers and pupils were both able to link the development of character to moral development and wider societal flourishing.”

–Dr Tom Harrison

The professional and personal development of all staff is a key focus for the senior leadership team as we strive to build a school which aspires to the highest possible standards but not at the expense of personal well-being or happiness. We want a culture where colleagues are confident to take risks and learn from their mistakes, safe in the knowledge that they will be supported through a careful programme of induction and personalised professional development.

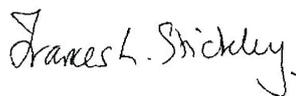
The governors are determined to ensure that our focus on the development of the whole child and strong character is matched with the highest possible academic standards as we look forward with excitement to further success and growth.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



David Fisher
Headteacher



Frances Stickley
Chair of Governors



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The Kings Langley School: Job Description

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| Title of Post | Teacher of Business Studies |
| Reporting to: | Subject Leader of Business Studies |
| Date | October 2021 |

Kings Langley School is a national lead school in the development of Character Education. The formation of strong character is at the heart of our curriculum and is a central foundation of our defined school culture and ethos. Consequently, all colleagues are expected to contribute positively to character formation, understanding that behaviours are both taught and modelled.

The duties outlined in this job description reflect and develop those covered by the latest School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document which is available from the Headteacher or alternatively can be found online on the "DfE" - Department for Education website. This job description may be modified by the Headteacher, with your agreement, to reflect or anticipate changes which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

Expected "standards" to be reached and maintained are clearly defined within the Performance Management (PAM) documentation and should be referred to regularly for further clarification and specific detail.

Teachers are paid on different scales and it is reasonable to expect that their contribution to the school's work and objectives reflects on their position on individual pay ranges. For example, performance management descriptors indicate much higher expectations of a teacher on the expert teacher band (UPS 1-3) compared with a newly qualified entrant teacher band (MPS 1-3).

Generic Responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

- Carry out teaching duties in accordance with the school's schemes of work and the defined National Curriculum. To plan and deliver lessons and other learning activities in accordance with the school's Teaching and Learning Policy.
- Liaise with other colleagues to deliver units of work in a collaborative way and contribute to the production and preparation of schemes of work (this contribution reflecting the post holder's level of responsibility).
- Work closely with teaching and other support assistants in delivering "personalised learning" whenever reasonably possible.
- Set targets for student attainment levels (using prior data provided).
- Set work for students absent from lessons in line with the school's behaviour and teaching policies.
- Within the PAM framework, work towards or maintain the teaching standards applicable (see documentation in PAM material).

Assessment and Recording

- Maintain a "teacher planner" as prescribed in the school's policy, including the recording of attainment and attitude to learning (ATL) marks, homework set, student attendance and lesson plans.
- Mark and return work (using the school's marking and assessment policy) on a regular basis and at least every two teaching weeks. Marking should include feedback for improvement and progress for each student.

- Provide assessment reports when periodically required within the school's assessment cycle and additional "round robin" reports when specifically requested.
- To ensure that suitably differentiated material and learning pathways are provided to challenge all students, regardless of their ability.
- Liaise with parents on students' progress using the school diary system, letters, telephone calls and consultation evenings where reasonable and appropriate.
- Work within the code of practice relating to special educational needs.

Professional Standards

- The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- Support the aims and ethos of the school as defined in the staff handbook and school prospectus.
- Set a good example in terms of professional dress and appearance, punctuality and attendance. And adhere fully to the school's published code of conduct.
- Uphold the school's behaviour policy, uniform regulations and code of conduct in a consistent, firm and non confrontational manner.
- Maintain a purposeful and calm atmosphere in the classroom and other learning areas and *consistently* apply the school's prescribed sanctions and rewards procedures.
- To carry out suitable evaluation and analysis of examination results and performance at the beginning of the academic year (see PAM documentation) and provide a suitable summative report indicating achievements and corrective actions which might subsequently follow.
- As a consequence of the PAM cycle, take responsibility for personal development and progression making full use of the school's professional development opportunities and training.
- Attend team and staff meetings as appropriate, contributing actively whenever possible.

Specific Responsibilities—some examples

- ◆ The school always seeks to ensure reasonable parity across subject areas. For example, it is expected that Physical Education teachers will take a reasonable range of team practice sessions each week and that these activities would form part of their normal duties. However, if they were asked to run team fixtures on a Saturday morning, such tasks would be considered as additional to their normal workload and as such, would attract additional payments (see the school's published guidelines on extra curricula activities and payments).
- ◆ Science teachers would be expected to set up and carry out additional duties in order to prepare for a practical examination. Technology and Art teachers would be expected to provide reasonable additional supervision for students completing extended practical projects in their subjects.
- ◆ Drama teachers might be expected to organise and assist performances outside of the classroom. Music teachers would be expected to provide additional practice time in order to support students preparing for examinations or arrange for or directly provide suitable musical accompaniment.
- ◆ Other subjects will have individual requirements specific to their areas and it is reasonable to expect subject and other middle leaders to make these "reasonable" expectations clear during line meetings, department discussions and performance management reviews and objective setting sessions. *Any queries centred around reasonable additional activity outside of the classroom should be discussed in the first instance with the Senior Leadership Team line manager and then the Headteacher.*

The Humanities Learning Area

The Humanities Learning Area comprises of the subjects Business Studies, Geography, Politics, History, Psychology, Religious Education and Sociology. The learning area is suited together within the new school building and is equipped with a full range of high quality resources to draw from and state of the art clever-touch fully interactive whiteboards.

Students are taught in mixed ability groups across all key stages. We have detailed schemes of work in place for all year groups that are reviewed each academic year.

Business studies

The subject area is a thriving and successful department which significantly contributes to GCSE and Sixth Form education at the school, in both results and numbers taking the subject. A-Level Business is one of our most popular Sixth Form choices with results in the top 20th percentile in the country.



There are four GCSE business classes in both Year 10 and Year 11, making it the top choice for Year 9 students moving into GCSEs. This is all founded upon a love of business amongst the subject staff, who strive to produce the best education and learning for their students. This year, due to demand from students, we have an exciting opportunity to offer students the option of studying A-level Economics. As part of the subject area, your role will be to aid in the development of both Business and Economics through influencing practice, sharing ideas within the area and helping to design resourceful schemes of work. The subject area follows the AQA specifications for GCSE and A-Level Business and the Edexcel specification for Economics (Economics A).

The department ethos is to deliver creative, engaging and knowledge rich lessons. We use practical case studies, project-based work and IT-based learning depending on the topic being covered, to fully absorb students into the world of business and economics. Classrooms are equipped with Clevertouch interactive boards and all have access to laptops or computers to aid with imagination in lessons. Discussions within lessons are considered vital and draw on real-life examples in order to develop understanding of the subject matter.

The Business and Economics Department currently consists of one full time teacher and one part time teacher.

Geography

Geography is taught throughout Key stage three covering topics such as globalisation, energy and plate tectonics. The curriculum has been designed so that skills of numeracy, literacy and ICT are embedded across the year groups. Assessments are structured to include knowledge based tests and creative tasks.

At GCSE Geography is taught using OCR Geography B. There are currently four GCSE groups in both year 10 and year 11. Fieldwork is provided through day trips to the Olympic park in London and the river Chess in Rickmansworth OR a residential experience in Dorset. The residential experience is a popular choice for students as we visit the iconic Jurassic coast and students are able to develop their fieldwork skills using quantitative measures on the beaches and qualitative measures in Bournemouth.

A level geography follows the Edexcel specification. Fieldwork training is provided at the Norfolk coast with a study of vegetation succession and coastal management strategies.

The Humanities Learning Area

History

History is taught throughout Key stage three with students having 4 lessons over a two week period covering topics such as world wars one and two, medieval life and the civil war

At GCSE history is taught using the Edexcel specification covering topics such as medicine through time, the cold war, Elizabeth the first, civil rights and Nazi Germany. There are currently four GCSE groups in year 10 and three in year 11. A level history follows the OCR specification



Psychology

Psychology is one of the most popular subject options at Key stage five. They currently follow the AQA specification which covers topics such as memory and aggression using research and scientific methods.

Sociology

Sociology is taught at Key stage five through the AQA specification (7192) Students cover topics such as Family, Crime & Deviance, Education, Media and Research Methods. Students will also cover key sociological perspectives such as Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism and how these interpretations of Family, Education or Media differ. Research Methods deals with how research is carried out i.e. questionnaires, participant observations and interview techniques.

There is one Year 12 Group and one Year 13 Group of about 13 to 15 students each. It is a linear course although there are separate textbooks for each year. Students are expected to read and develop theory and concept knowledge. They are assessed via exam comprising some short questions but mainly medium to long essays. They are encouraged to be independent learners and occasionally to take part in flipped classroom exercises such as giving presentations to demonstrate knowledge and understanding.

Politics

Politics is taught at A level using the Edexcel specification.

Teaching includes a range of topics such as electoral systems, democracy, UK constitution and US politics.

Religious Education

RE is taught throughout all key stages.

Key stage three have one 50 minute lesson a week and cover the Hertfordshire agreed syllabus learning. They study all six main world religions through years 7-9.

All students take full course GCSE RE. The specification we follow is Edexcel Religious studies B (1RB0)

We also teach OCR philosophy and ethics at A level and currently have large groups in both year 12 and 13

Working at Kings Langley School

Well Being and Reasons to Work Here

Curriculum

- Teaching load for main scale teachers of 83% compared to the National suggested rate of 85%
- A culture of typicality is reinforced by non-lesson grading
- More straight forward planning as we teach to the top, with scaffolding required for some students
- All lessons begin with a quick start, with students knowing the protocols. This allows us all to start lessons in a prompt and orderly manner
- Subject area teams are given blocks of time in the summer to re-evaluate and amend their curriculum.



Registration

- A clear planned and resourced registration programme which supports character, numeracy and literacy across the curriculum. This means no planning for tutors and impact is seen in all subjects
- Equipment checks built into registration which enables all staff to run lesson properly as students are fully equipped for learning.

Behaviour

- A very clear behaviour system which is consistently applied enabling teachers to focus on students who want to learn.

Assessment

- A marking policy which includes live marking and green pen self-assessment with no carrying sets of books home unless the teacher chooses to.
- Assessments are encouraged to track progress but are most often marked by the students
- Two co-ordinated examination weeks per year group where students are given information and strategies on how to revise, so are encouraged to revise across all subjects independently
- The number of data entries has been reduced to 2 per year group and there is no longer a requirement to write subject comments on reports.

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Staff Development

Currently there are 69(66.8 FTE) teaching staff and 51 (35.0 FTE) support staff working at the school. Particular attention is paid to staff development and staff participation. There is a comprehensive in-house training programme for all staff and we also support colleagues in attending numerous external events including Herts for Learning's comprehensive programme of training courses. These include induction conferences for NQTs, to help deal with the challenges of the first years; training for leaders on how to prepare for the new curriculum; and everything in between, including subject-specific training.



Each year all staff have an opportunity to review their work and set objectives at an appraisal meeting. There is a robust system of pay progression in place for teaching and support staff.

Support for newly qualified teachers includes a reduced timetable, planned induction programme starting in July and mentor support. The school has a strong partnership with the University of Hertfordshire. We participate in its ITT programme and as a lead school have appointed teachers through School direct (salaried and non-salaried) routes. The school frequently hosts work experience visits for those interested in a career in teaching.

Facilities

Kings Langley School was re-developed under the Priority School Building Programme and we took delivery of a totally brand new school building in September 2016. The school has excellent teaching facilities with each learning area having its own suite of rooms with state of the art technology to support students' learning and enrichment activities.

