



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post as Head of Modern Languages at Archbishop Tenison's.

This full time role has become available as the previous Head of Department left last summer following a maternity leave for a part-time role. The department has been led in the meantime by a very experienced teacher, who has kindly filled the gap. There is also an active Acting Assistant Head of Department who is overseeing Key Stage 3. In fact, despite all the moves and changes, the results at both GCSE and A Level have been steadily improving in recent years. It is also a school which takes Modern Languages seriously and in which pupils have a positive attitude to the subject. As almost all pupils learn both French and German from Year 7 before specialising in at least one for GCSE, it would be best for the new Head of Department to be able to teach both of these languages to at least Key Stage 3 and at least one of them to GCSE and A Level.

Languages have a high profile within the school. This is also reflected in the two exchanges with France and Germany which we have managed to continue even when these have become less the norm in other schools. These visits do so much for our pupils and their families. We are looking to appoint someone to this post who shares our commitment to making these happen. We are also looking for someone who can lead a really good team of teachers forward in establishing a good foundation at Key Stage 3, making a success of the new GCSEs and increasing the uptake at A Level. In recent years we offered some Spanish at A Level for external students, but for now that is being offered through a local consortium.

Archbishop Tenison's is a lively, friendly and high achieving school, with a large Sixth Form, where pupils take their studies seriously. As a Church of England school we are always pleased to receive applications from those keen to help develop our Christian ethos.

We look forward to receiving your application and discussing the role further to those called for interview. In your **letter** please include the following points:

- why you would like to take up this post at this time.
- which experience and qualities make you particularly suitable for the post.
- how you would approach the responsibilities outlined in the Job Description.

Please see our website for further details.

Yours sincerely

Richard Parrish, Headteacher