

HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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*A Church of England School
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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Post of Teacher of English

Thank you for your interest in the above position.

Holywell School is a caring, distinctively Christian, community-focussed Church of England School. We aim to continue the historic tradition of Church of England Schools by providing a Christian Values-inspired education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. As a school, we are a loving, supportive community with high aspirations for all. We promote inclusion, we are proud to belong and we value each individual. We look after each other, believe in second chances and aim to be the best we can be so we can serve and support the common good.

Our vision is to 'Live life in all its fullness'. We aim to be an outstanding Christian learning community where everyone is valued as a unique individual and where everyone feels safe. We will aim to be the best we can possibly be, to treat others as we wish to be treated and to make a positive difference to our community and beyond. We strive to be peaceful problem-solvers with open minds and hearts, living God's love and being kind.

We are a popular and oversubscribed school of 700 students. 2021-2022 will see our final year of expansion. Although situated in the Local Authority of Central Bedfordshire, we straddle the border and have half of our population from Bedford Borough schools. Students are largely drawn from the two villages of Cranfield and Wootton. There is an increasing number of 'out-of-catchment' students who are applying to the school because of its good reputation.

We have a secondary approach to our curriculum delivery with specialist teachers providing engaging, challenging and inspiring lessons across all four year groups. The advertised position will entail teaching English to students in Years 5-8. English is a well-led and superbly resourced area of the curriculum. This would be a perfect opportunity for a teacher to further develop their teaching skills or for a teacher new to the profession to develop and hone their skills as a teacher. The postholder will look after a tutor group and will deliver some PSHCE lessons.

In our last OFSTED inspection, the Lead Inspector commented: "Pupils are well behaved and have very positive attitudes to learning. They are proud of their school and they are excellent ambassadors both in and out of the classroom. They value the high quality of teaching, from which they benefit, and they welcome the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available to them."

The start date for the position is the 1st September 2021. You would be most welcome to visit the school – even in these days of social distancing!

On the school website ('Vacancies') you will be able to download all the key documents about this position:

- Job description
- Person specification
- Application Form
- General information about the school

If you need any additional information or clarification about the post, or should you wish/be able to visit the school ahead of submitting your applications, please contact Mrs Colleen Dinner (Business Manager) by email (cdinner@holywellschool.co.uk).

Completed applications should be addressed to Mr MG Simpson (Headteacher) and emailed to cdinner@holywellschool.co.uk on or before 9.00 am 25th March. *Please explain in your letter of application why you are passionate about teaching English and how you support students to develop excellent writing and reading comprehension skills.* Interviews will take place sometime between 14th and 16th April 2021.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

MG Simpson

Michael G Simpson
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mr MG Simpson MA, NPQH
Deputy Headteacher: Mr S Van Der Merwe – Acting Deputy Headteacher: Mrs H Donnellan
Acting Assistant Headteacher / DSL: Mrs J Davies
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