

# HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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*A Church of England School  
providing a Values Based Education*

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Dear Sir / Madam

## **Re: Post of Science Teacher**

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. As part of Central Bedfordshire's 'Schools for the Future' development programme, we are currently exploring a long-term plan to evolve into an 11-16 secondary school.

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 leading the Science department and teaching Science to students in Years 5-8. Science is a well-led and superbly resourced area of the curriculum. There are two other Science teachers and some additional staff (all with good subject knowledge) in the team along with a Science Technician. This would be a perfect opportunity for an enthusiastic, inspiring and ambitious leader to further develop an already strong department. The postholder will also look after a tutor group and will have pastoral support sessions with the tutor group.

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 as soon as possible. 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](mailto:cdinner@holywellschool.co.uk)).

Completed applications should be addressed to Mr MG Simpson (Headteacher) and emailed to [cdinner@holywellschool.co.uk](mailto:cdinner@holywellschool.co.uk) on or before 9.00 am 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021. *Please explain in your letter of application why you are passionate about teaching Science and how you support students to develop excellent 'working scientifically' skills.* Interviews will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 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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