



THE WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY TO A LEVEL WITH ICT*

***ICT Related subjects include ICT, Digital Technology and Business Communication**

General Information

The Wallace High School is a co-educational, voluntary grammar school founded in 1880. The annual intake of pupils into Year 8 is 170 and there are some 300 pupils in the Sixth Form. The school draws its pupils from Lisburn and the surrounding area. In 1976 it moved from its original site to a new building in Clonevin Park which also houses a Preparatory Department of approximately 140 pupils.

The Geography Department

The Department consists of the Head of Department and five other specialist teachers. The school follows the CCEA specification for both GCSE and A Level Geography.

Main Responsibilities

The school wishes to appoint a teacher who can offer Geography to GCSE and A Level, an ICT related subject to GCSE with the ability to contribute to at least one other extra-curricular area offered by the school.

- To be responsible to the Principal through the Head of Geography and Head of Computing for the effective teaching and learning of Geography and an ICT related subject.
- To teach Geography and an ICT related subject in accordance with school policies and practice, and in pursuit of high standards of pupil achievement.
- To act as Class Tutor to an assigned group and carry out duties in accordance with school policies and practice.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of conditions of appointment.

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed regularly and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after due consideration.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria

Applicants must (as at 1 September 2024)

- Have a good honours degree (2:1 minimum) in which Geography is a major component or an equivalent qualification.
- Be a qualified teacher recognised by the Department of Education and GTCNI.
- Show ability to teach Geography to GCSE and A Level.
- Show ability to teach an ICT related subject to GCSE Level.
- Show ability to use ICT in teaching and learning.
- Show ability and willingness to contribute significantly to an extra-curricular activity offered in school.
- Show ability and willingness to contribute significantly to a Geography related extra-curricular activity.

Desirable Criteria

Preference may be given to applicants who (as at 1 September 2024)

- Show experience of teaching Geography to GCSE for one year or more (i.e. academic year).
- Show experience of teaching Geography to A Level for one year or more (i.e. academic year).
- Show experience of teaching Business Communications to GCSE Level.
- Show involvement in an extra-curricular activity offered in school.
- Possess an appropriate qualification in an extra-curricular area.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to enhance the above criteria at shortlisting.

The following competencies will be explored at interview for those shortlisted.

Knowledge

- The ability to demonstrate knowledge of the NI Curriculum at Key Stage 3, 4 and 5.
- The ability to demonstrate knowledge of the academic nature of Wallace High School, a selective grammar school.
- The ability to demonstrate knowledge of the need for high standards of behaviour, attitude, appearance and effort of all young people at Wallace.
- The ability to demonstrate knowledge of the school's ethos (www.wallacehigh.net) including its use of portable devices to support learning.

Applications

It is preferred that application forms are emailed in Word format to the Principal's Personal Assistant, Mrs McDowell at recruit@wallacehigh.net. An acknowledgement will be sent by return of email. Applicants should ensure that they indicate clearly on their application form how they meet the criteria.

The closing date for receipt of application forms is **Monday, 13 May 2024 at 12 midday.**

In order to comply with DE guidelines on Child Protection shortlisted applicants should bring an original birth certificate and/or marriage certificate (if appropriate) plus photographic ID to their interview.

NB: It is an offence for an individual who is on either of the Department's Lists (UP List and/or List 99), or who is the subject of a disqualification order from the courts, to apply for, or offer to do any work, paid or unpaid, in a regulated position.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A broad education, we believe, values the academic progress of each individual but aims to complement it with an extensive range of extra-curricular activities.

There is an impressive variety of flourishing clubs and societies which provide scope for personal development. They build in our young people a sense of responsibility, confidence and self-discipline.