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Teacher of Economics (Full time or Part time-Permanent)



Introduction

Chigwell School is seeking a well-qualified, enthusiastic and committed Teacher of Economics to join our highly successful school. Economics is a very popular A level option at Chigwell. The department fosters an ethos which encourages academic excellence and independent, thoughtful and well-balanced economists. The successful candidate may have had experience in a similar role in another maintained or independent school or could be an ECT. The school has a well-developed ECT induction programme. The ability to offer a second subject (Mathematics) would be desirable. This a full-time or part-time, permanent position required for January 2023.

Background

Founded in 1629 by Samuel Harsnett, the son of a Colchester baker who went on to become Archbishop of York, Chigwell School stands on its original site with the original school building still in use. However, whilst Chigwell of today is conscious of its long-standing history, it is a forward-looking, ambitious, coeducational independent school of 990 pupils aged four to eighteen. It enjoys excellent facilities, a dedicated staff, bright and hardworking pupils, and a site of 100 acres.

Chigwell School is located in the picturesque village of Chigwell just over ten miles from central London and on the Central Line. The extensive, beautiful grounds are close to the edge of Epping Forest and it is rare for a school to have so much space and yet be so close to the centre of the Capital. Most pupils are day pupils but in the Sixth Form, there is a small community of international boarders, roughly thirty from sixteen countries, and these live in four small boarding houses.

As well as being an academic school, Chigwell has the reputation for providing a rich and full education, with plenty of opportunities for all pupils who are enthusiastic, co-operative and able. Chigwell is a caring and friendly school, with a close sense of community, not least between colleagues. As the Good Schools Guide reports: *Academically, pupils are put through their paces but it all seems to be done in such a civilised and pleasant manner that you are more likely to hear pupils talk about opportunities and prospects than pressure and stress. "Anyone who wants to do well here, will do well" said one student, "and I can't think of a nicer place to succeed."*



The School Development Programme

Over recent years, the School's facilities have been extensively developed in order to enhance the educational experience that pupils receive. The development programme has included the following additions:

- 2008 Wilson Building teaching block
- 2008 Floodlit AstroTurf pitch
- 2009 Junior School library extension
- 2010 Complete redevelopment of catering facilities
- 2010 Harsnett's and Church House converted into boys' boarding houses
- 2012 The Old Chigwellian Club and land was incorporated into the school estate
- 2013 Pre Prep School completed and opened
- 2013 Two new science labs created
- 2014 Drama Centre balcony extended to provide additional music and drama rehearsal space
- 2016 The Risham Sarao Sixth Form Centre completed and opened
- 2017 Extension of Dining Hall
- 2018 Renovation of the Chapel
- 2019 Extension of Junior School
- 2020 3G football pitch constructed
- 2021 New Sports Centre (currently underway)

The Governors have recently agreed a development masterplan and the next priorities on the School's development plan are to:

- Further expand our provision of bursaries
- Expand the facilities for music





The School

Some pupils join Chigwell School in Reception and there are two classes in each of the three Pre Prep year groups. A small number of children join the Junior School at 7+ (Year 3) and there are three classes in each of the KS2 year groups. At 11+ (Year 7), there is a further entry with four or five classes making up Years 7 to 11. Again, there is a small entry into the Sixth Form. Entry at each stage is selective and although there are three main sections to the School (Pre Prep, Junior School and Senior School) these sections work closely together and there is a common ethos running throughout.

There are over a hundred teachers and together with the support staff, there is a friendly, mutually-supportive atmosphere. We place considerable emphasis on life outside the classroom and believe that the opportunities that we provide help to fulfil our Vision: To inspire our pupils to fulfil their potential and forge their path to success. The School Values are:

- **Happiness First**
We create a nurturing space where happiness underpins our achievements and drives us forward.
- **Courageous and Resilient**
We seize opportunities all around us and have the confidence to embrace them wholeheartedly.
- **Innovative Approach**
We adapt and evolve, influencing our changing world.
- **Community of Kindness**
We support and collaborate with each other, making a positive contribution to the community.
- **Lifelong Learning**
We cultivate curiosity, keeping the passion for learning alive beyond the school gates.





The Role

Economics is an extremely popular A Level choice at Chigwell, and the department has a strong story of pupils progressing to university to study economics and business-related degrees. The Economics A level gives students the opportunity to study a range of issues in microeconomics and macroeconomics. Students follow the OCR specification. Between 40 and 50 students choose to study Economics each year, including a number of overseas borders. Last year Economics students achieved an A*/A/B pass rate of 88% at A level and many go on to study the subject at leading universities.

The course allows students to build a theoretical understanding of the subject and apply it to contemporary issues. In addition, there are numerous activities and opportunities offered to students to get involved and explore the world of economics beyond the classroom. The department encourages pupils to enrich their learning experience through participation at external seminars and internal events facilitated by outside speakers.

The economics department is based in the purpose-built Risham Sarao Sixth Form Centre which opened in September 2016. The new Centre can be described as a "hub for learning". It has been specifically designed for A level teaching and learning and provides a stimulating educational environment. It includes a study and social base for students, as well as six classrooms for Sixth Form subjects and space for university and careers advice. The economics department has its own designated classrooms in the Centre, well equipped with interactive white boards and associated equipment. In addition, the department has a large bank of resources including textbooks, journal articles and revision guides. Chigwell School is increasingly using ICT as a

teaching, learning and administrative tool. All rooms are networked, they have integrated whiteboards and are fitted with a projector, and all teachers receive a laptop.



The Person

We are looking for a committed well qualified teacher who can communicate a passion and enthusiasm for the subject. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a structured approach to curriculum preparation and have experience of information technology in the teaching environment. Specifically, the successful candidate will be expected to:

- maintain and extend the high quality of delivery and teaching currently employed in the department
- Teach Year 12 and 13 A Level Economics
- Contribute to the pastoral and extra-curricular life of the School.

The ability to offer a second subject (Mathematics) would be desirable. Chigwell students are genuinely eager to learn. This post would suit an enthusiastic and talented ECT or more experienced teacher looking for career development. There is a well-developed programme of professional development and the School will provide the support you need to develop your potential as a teacher.





Salary

The salary on offer is competitive and based on National Pay Scales with a Chigwell enhancement

Hours of work

This is a full time or part time position.

Benefits

Chigwell School provides a very supportive working environment. There is a well-developed programme of professional development, pupils are enthusiastic, co-operative and able, and colleagues get on well together. There is a strong sense of community.

Other benefits of working at Chigwell School include:

- A competitive salary
- Strong commitment to professional development
- Membership of the Pension Scheme
- Fee remission for eligible children
- Personal Accident Cover
- Employee Assistance Support Programme
- Complimentary lunch and break time refreshments during term time
- Use of school sports facilities outside of the school day
- On site free parking and cycle racks
- Medical Centre on site
- Use of School Library
- A beautiful working environment – 100 acre site, beautifully landscaped with a number of listed buildings
- Good transport links by tube (Central Line), road and local bus route
- A supportive community of highly motivated students and staff

Applications

Applicants should complete the teaching staff application form which can be accessed directly from our website: www.chigwell-school.org (Vacancies) and sent to the HR department at: hr@chigwell-school.org

The Head of Economics, Mr James Harley, will be happy to answer any questions; he can be contacted at the School by telephone 020 8501 5732 or by e-mail to jharley@chigwell-school.org

Closing date: 3rd October 2022– early applications are welcome.

Applications will be considered upon receipt. Candidates will be contacted by telephone or email to attend interview if required. The School reserves the right to interview and appoint before the closing date.

Chigwell is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers, prohibition orders and enhanced DBS.

