

THE KING'S SCHOOL IN MACCLESFIELD



TEMPORARY BIOLOGY TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER)

FURTHER DETAILS AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Biology Department consists of four full-time graduate Biologists, including the Head of Department, and one part-time member of staff. In addition, there is a full-time technician.

In September 2020, the school relocated to new purpose-built facilities on our state-of-the-art campus on the edge of Macclesfield and Prestbury. The Biology Department is situated in four brand new laboratories and a preparation room. We are in the process of designing and creating a Biology garden in the Science courtyard.

The department contributes to the teaching of General Science in the first two years, where each form is allocated seven periods per fortnight. In Year 9, the three sciences are taught separately. Currently at GCSE level, students study Biology either as a single subject (AQA) or as part of the Trilogy course (AQA). In the Sixth Form, 12 periods per fortnight are allocated to the teaching of AS and A Level Biology. Each Sixth Form set is taught by two teachers, who cover different components of the course. Our Sixth Form students follow the AQA specification.

Students have enjoyed considerable academic success over many years. In addition, extra-curricular Biology and other science activities are seen as an important component in the holistic education of our students. Consequently, members of the department support and help to organise activities, such as the Biology Club and Biology Olympiad, as well as off-site visits for fieldwork and the Manchester Museum for DNA techniques.

THE VACANCY

We are seeking an enthusiastic Temporary Teacher of Biology, who is both academically strong and flexible and has the ability to inspire and enthuse students in the disciplines of the subject. The appointed candidate will teach Biology throughout the Senior School, as well as teaching General Science to Years 7 and 8, working as required in the co-educational Senior Division. A Level teaching may be available for a suitably experienced candidate. The ability to offer a second science to GCSE would be an advantage. The department is always keen to respond to individual interests and enthusiasms.

This full-time, temporary post is available from January 2022 to cover for maternity leave and is likely to be for two or three terms.

The successful candidate will be expected to work collaboratively and supportively with colleagues, and demonstrate resilience and the ability to work well under pressure.

All employees of the school must display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.

SALARY AND CONDITIONS

The salary for this post will depend upon the qualifications and experience of the appointed candidate and will be discussed at interview. The school participates in the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme run by the TPA. Candidates should note that all appointments are subject to a routine check with the DBS.

All members of the teaching staff at King's are involved in pastoral care and all are expected to contribute to our rich programme of extra-curricular activities. There are numerous opportunities to take part in other aspects of school life and this may include contributing to the Games or Extended Studies programmes. In determining contributions, the school is always keen to support the particular interests and talents of individuals.

The school has a strong commitment to professional development and it is a condition of employment that all members of staff participate in any scheme of appraisal, review and professional development currently operating in the school.

We are a non-smoking establishment and an equal opportunities employer. We value diversity among pupils and staff and encourage applications from all individuals regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

APPLICATIONS

If you wish to discuss the post, informally, with the Head of Biology, Dr Simon Patrick, please telephone 01625 260000.

Your completed application form should be sent to Human Resources (staffvacancies@kingsmac.co.uk) as soon as possible. We should receive it no later than **9.00 am on Monday 27th September**. The school prefers the form to be completed electronically. It is available from the school's website on the Job Opportunities page: <https://www.kingsmac.co.uk/about/job-opportunities>.

We hope to interview for this post during the **week commencing Monday 4th October**. Further particulars of the school and the selection process will be sent to short-listed candidates.

Thank you for your application and for your interest in the King's School. We regret that we can only write to those candidates short-listed and are unable to provide tours of the school until the interview stage. If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

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