

YARM SCHOOL

Teacher of Physics

Applications are invited for a well-qualified Teacher of Physics from September 2022. This is a fixed term, full-time position to cover shared parental leave and will last for the duration of the first half of the autumn term, which finishes on Friday 14th October 2022. Candidates should ideally be able to teach across the full age range, up to and including A level, but timetable flexibility is possible to match the experience of the successful candidate. The successful candidate will be joining a highly successful department and a collegiate professional environment. Our pupils are curious and want to learn; participation in lessons is strong and behaviour is excellent.

Physics at Yarm School

The Physics Department works alongside the other Science Departments in an excellent purpose-built science facility. Class sizes are small: groups of around 20 are typical for KS3 and GCSE, and are no larger than 16 at A Level. The Physics facilities include three large, well-equipped laboratories and a special prep room. In total, the Science Faculty has 11 laboratories and 2 computer rooms. We teach the science disciplines as discrete subjects from the start of the Second Year (Year 8). All pupils take Physics at KS4, with the majority entered for AQA Triple Award GCSE Physics and a smaller number of pupils taking the AQA GCSE Combined Science Trilogy. In a typical year, over half of our GCSE Physics entries would be at grades 9/8. At A level we follow the AQA A Level (7408) specification. Numbers are strong, with a typical uptake of around 30 pupils per year. The A level pass rate is usually 100%; in a typical year, we would expect 70% to gain grades A*-B. A very encouraging number of students go on to study Physics or a related discipline at university, including several Oxbridge applications each year.

There are currently fifteen full time members of the Science teaching staff, who are well supported by three specialist technicians. The Physics Department consists of five full-time Physics specialists. We have a dedicated and supportive technician, staffed reprographics, and our courses are well resourced, allowing time outside of lessons to be used efficiently. The Science Departments comprise a thriving, close-knit community, co-ordinated in a collegiate style. New ideas are encouraged and full consideration of all members is seen as an integral way of ensuring that Science continues to flourish. It is hoped that the person appointed will be both dynamic and forward thinking; able to interact well with colleagues and pupils alike.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Head of Physics, Dr Paul Prideaux (pdp@yarmschool.org)

Criminal Records Check

Yarm School is required to seek a Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in respect of successful applicants for all posts at the School where staff may come into contact with children. A criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to working in the School. Applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to submit a self-declaration form before attending the interview in which they will answer a number of targeted questions about any criminal history or information that would make them unsuitable to work with children. More information about this can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/dbs-filtering-guide>.

A copy of the School's policy on Vetting and Suitability Checks and the DBS Code of Practice may be obtained from the School Manager. Before an appointment is made routine checks will be undertaken to confirm identity and qualifications etc.

This post is a pupil-facing role and is therefore exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. This means that you will be required to confirm that you are not on the DBS Children's Barred List or disqualified from working with children, and further to declare any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not "protected" as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013 and 2020) or other Orders of the Courts made against you, even if they would otherwise be regarded as 'spent' under this Act.

Equal Opportunities

Yarm School is committed to ensuring that all job applicants and members of staff are treated equally, without discrimination because of any protected characteristics as defined in law. We welcome applications from anyone who considers that they meet the requirements of the job advertised.

Appointment Procedure

Applications will only be accepted on the application form provided by the school. This should be completed electronically. All questions must be answered. The candidate may also submit a Curriculum Vitae if he/she wishes but this is not a requirement. Applications should be submitted by email with an attached covering letter explaining why the candidate and post are mutually suited.

Applications should be e-mailed to the Headmaster, Dr Huw Williams, **as soon as possible and no later than midday on Thursday 12th May**. The school reserves the right to interview and appoint before the closing date if appropriate to the context of the field. Applications should be submitted to: head@yarmschool.org

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Further information about the school, together with an application form and job description, can be found on our website under "vacancies." Please email if you have any difficulties or queries.