



# Tytherington

High School and Specialist Science College

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

*Achievement for All*

*An inclusive learning community encouraging excellence, respect  
and personal fulfilment*

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Headteacher: K Harrison

## TEACHER OF ENGLISH

### JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher of English to join our over-subscribed school from April 2012 or sooner. Outstanding teaching and learning in the school were identified by OfSTED in November 2011. We have high success rates both at GCSE and 'A' level.

We are looking for a temporary teacher of English to join a successful department with the PTI mark for innovative teaching for the second year running. This will be a full time post for up to one year to cover a maternity leave. The post would suit either a dynamic NQT or an experienced candidate.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all applicants will be CRB checked.

You will be joining a team of committed professionals who work closely together to teach English to all pupils in Years 7-13. Having been a pilot school for the Key Stage 3 Literacy Strategy, we have built many of its tenets into our Key Stage 3 programme. At GCSE level all pupils are offered a chance to study the AQA English Language and English Literature courses. AS and A2 level English Language (AQA) and English Literature (AQA) are popular courses with 50-60 students opting for advanced courses each September.

To help you with your application, please find enclosed:

- An application form
- Information about the English department
- A person specification

Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to telephone the school to speak to:

- Mrs Caroline Burke, Head of English
- Miss Mary Gannon, Assistant Headteacher (Personnel)

Candidates are asked to submit:

- A completed application form
- A separate letter of application (no longer than 2 sides of A4 paper)
- A current Curriculum Vitae

**Applications** should arrive in school on or before **Monday, 6th February 2012** and letters should be addressed to the Headteacher, Mr. K. Harrison.

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### **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

#### **CRITERIA**

#### **ESSENTIAL**

#### **DESIRABLE**

#### **Philosophy**

Committed to inclusive education  
Passionate about English  
Positive attitude to young people  
Self-critical about practice  
High standards for self and pupils

Ambitious  
Positive about change

#### **Qualifications**

Degree  
Qualified Teacher Status

Good honours graduate

#### **Experience**

Successful teaching practice  
or current post

Experience of new GCSE  
Specification

#### **Classroom practice**

Excellent subject knowledge  
Enthusiastic communication skills  
Assured classroom management  
Positive approach to discipline  
Thorough preparation  
Strong motivational skills

Innovative ideas  
Experience of latest  
theories and practice

#### **Subject specialisms**

Good ICT skills  
English Literature  
English Language

Experience of working with  
gifted pupils

#### **Pupil relationships**

Enthusiastic  
Approachable  
Committed to all abilities  
Commands respect  
Good listener  
Caring Form Tutor  
Sense of humour

Willing to work with pupils  
outside of lessons

#### **Staff relationships**

Committed to teamwork  
Willing to share practice  
Sense of humour

Contributes to extra-  
curricular activities in  
department and beyond

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### **THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever” (John Keats, 1795-1821)

“Dedicated to sucking the marrow out of life” (John Keating, Dead Poet’s Society)

#### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

We cannot promise to be as inspiring as either of the above departmental heroes but we are dedicated to making our department as successful as it possibly can be. For us, English is about nurturing creativity, developing skills and stirring imaginations. Despite the rigours of modern English teaching, we are still an unashamedly idealistic department always striving to convey a genuine passion for our subject.

#### **OUR CURRICULUM**

Pupils at Tytherington are taught English from Years 7-13 by a dedicated team of English specialists in teaching groups that are organised by ability. In Key Stage 3 pupils are encouraged to speak with confidence in class, read exciting modern fiction and write for a range of purposes. Media, drama and ICT work are all crucial aspects of our work as are the more traditional areas of handwriting, spelling, grammar and punctuation. At Key Stage 4 all students follow a joint GCSE English Language and English Literature course (AQA) and complete controlled assessments using a range of demanding texts and stimulating writing projects. A-level English Language (AQA B) and English Literature (AQA A) are both very popular courses and students are usually taught in groups of 10-20 by a ‘paired team’ of teachers. Provision for pupils with barriers to learning or with very high ability is a central concern during our curriculum planning.

#### **OUR FACILITIES**

We are fortunate to be housed in 8 dedicated English classrooms all in close proximity to one another. The main English block was opened in 2000 and has 4 modern classrooms with pleasant surroundings. Another 2 classrooms above the Learning Resource Centre are fitted with interactive whiteboards. Our remaining two classrooms are good quality mobile classrooms. All teaching rooms are fitted with projectors and 3 rooms have interactive whiteboards. From September 2012 the department will be fully suited in a purpose-built new block which begins construction this month.

#### **OUR TEAM**

The English team is an organised, committed and friendly group. We have a great range of experience in the department with very experienced staff members working alongside some colleagues who have been teaching only a few years. The management and leadership of the Department is based on Key Stage responsibilities and is highly collegiate.

#### **OUR MESSAGE TO YOU**

More than anything we are keen to work with someone who loves English, relishes change and enjoys the give and take of working in a team. We may not have Keats or Keating but we can certainly offer you an exciting opportunity to contribute a verse or two to our unfolding story.