



Abbey Gate College

**FULL TIME - TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS
(12 months fixed term)**



To start: SEPTEMBER 2019

Abbey Gate College – Teacher of Mathematics

The College

Abbey Gate College is the longest-running coeducational independent school in the Chester area, catering for circa 485 pupils aged 4-18 years. Set in the idyllic rural villages of Saighton and Aldford on the outskirts of Chester.

Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. We believe education is about building self-esteem, a love of learning and igniting a desire in all our students, to ensure they fulfil their academic and personal potential. We strive to guarantee our children leave Abbey Gate College as confident, articulate, respectful and happy young high achievers.

From the youngest in Foundation to our Sixth Formers, we aim to develop skills for life; core values such as respect and compassion within the framework of an excellent education. Developing talents and skills in a wide range of areas are encouraged, success is celebrated and endeavour is recognised.

Abbey Gate College is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Post

We are seeking a dynamic and committed Full Time Teacher of Mathematics (12 months fixed term) to join our enthusiastic department. The successful candidate will teach across the year groups in the Senior School.

There are six experienced members of staff in the department, four of these have additional responsibilities. Members of the Mathematics Department work together to share good and innovative practice and resources, and to develop the curriculum and schemes of work, departmental strategy for assessment and pupil support and enrichment opportunities in response to the needs of our pupils.

The use of ICT in the Mathematics curriculum is good and constantly reviewed. Set sizes are small and are also reviewed regularly. The vast majority of GCSE candidates achieve Grade 4 or above and A level results are excellent. A number of candidates each year take up the option of pursuing Further Mathematics at A level and continue their study of Mathematics at university. We use AQA at GCSE Level for Mathematics and some students have the opportunity to study GCSE Statistics or FSMQ Additional Mathematics for enrichment. For A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics, we use the Edexcel exam board.

We believe that the best mathematicians should be challenged and develop the pursuit of excellence in mathematics. We encourage every pupil to attain the highest standards of which they are capable, to develop a positive attitude to the subject, to enjoy the learning experience and to learn to persevere with topics that they may at first find difficult. We aspire for pupils to learn the skills needed to think and reason mathematically and to develop their understanding and use of methods of formal reasoning. In order to provide a firm foundation for appropriate further study, pupils must appreciate the need for accuracy and develop academic rigour in their work.

Curriculum

Pupils have four 55 minute lessons a week in Years 7 & 8, three lessons in Year 9 and five lessons in Year 10 & 11. They are placed in appropriate sets to best support their learning. Set sizes allow each pupil to work confidently and effectively at a suitable level and pace, with both an appropriate level of support and opportunities to explore the mathematical ideas in greater detail. We have a flexible approach and pupils are regularly monitored and moved, if necessary, in order to enable the highest possible achievement; set sizes are between eight (set four) and twenty- two (set one). Currently in Year 9, pupils begin studying for their GCSE (AQA specifications) either at Higher Level (3 sets) or Foundation Level (1 set). GCSE Statistics is offered as an additional qualification to well-motivated and able students in Year 10 in a lunchtime session. For particularly able students, the FSMQ Additional Mathematics qualification is also available.

In the Sixth Form, students are given the option of studying AS/A-Level Mathematics and AS/ A-Level Further Mathematics (Edexcel specifications) in five or six 55 minute lessons a week per subject. The small set sizes allow strong support and a personalised learning approach to all students. In addition, the comprehensive support is provided to Mathematics degree applicants, including preparation for the Oxford entrance examinations, STEP papers and interview practise.

Key qualities and person specification:-

The person appointed should demonstrate the following skills and qualities:-

- Inspirational teacher
- Enthusiastic, innovative and creative
- Committed to raising the standards and monitoring pupil progress
- Act as a good role model to staff and pupils
- Have outstanding professional and personal qualities
- Caring, supportive and willing to adapt their teaching to suit the needs of the pupils
- Proficient with the use of ICT in the classroom
- Show good planning skills
- Well organised
- Calm under pressure

Please note, we will accept applications from NQT's for this position.

Salary

The salary for this position will depend upon the qualifications and relevant experience of the successful candidate.

Child Protection

Abbey Gate College regards as paramount the welfare and safety of children. Whilst criminal convictions are not necessarily a bar, this safety consideration will be key to all decisions regarding the employment of staff, approval of volunteers and standards of external contractors.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to treating all employees with dignity and respect regardless of race, ethnic background, nationality, colour, gender, transgender status, pregnancy, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief. We therefore welcome applications from all segments of the community.

Applications

Candidates should complete an Abbey Gate College Application Form and submit this together with a letter explaining their interest in and suitability for the post.

The closing date for applications is **12 noon on Wednesday 5 June 2019. Interviews expected to take place the following week.**

The interview process will include; the candidates will meet the Headmistress, Deputy Heads and Head of Mathematics and have a tour of the College. Candidates will be asked to prepare and deliver a mathematics lesson (details confirmed before interview).

References **will be taken** up prior to interview, please inform your referees.

Please mark the envelope:

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Alternatively you can make your application electronically by email to: - rebecca.upton@abbeygatecollege.co.uk