



Abbey Gate College

**Key Stage 1 Teacher**  
**(Maternity cover, full time)**  
Required to Start in February 2025



## Introduction from the Head of Abbey Gate College Infant and Junior School:



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Abbey Gate College Infant and Junior School, which is situated in the beautiful, rural village of Aldford near Chester, just a short distance from our Senior School in Saughton Grange.

Set in extensive grounds, the school benefits from football pitches, a netball court, a wildlife garden and pond, a nature trail and an adventure playground. Our Junior pupils occupy the original village school, which has been sympathetically refurbished to provide a wonderful learning environment.

Opened in September 2018, we have a modern building, which is home to our Foundation and Infant pupils. Spacious classrooms, with patio doors leading out onto our extensive grounds, ensure our youngest pupils have the best possible start to their education. All of our classrooms are welcoming and equipped with up-to-date technology, including Clever Touch Screens, to support learning.

### Our Mission:

The development of the whole child is of great importance. All pupils at Abbey Gate College are regarded as individuals who are supported and encouraged, by our caring and committed teaching and support staff, to reach their full potential and be the best that they can be. In doing so, we aim to nurture and develop happy, confident, motivated and self-disciplined children who are considerate, tolerant and sensitive to the needs of others.

### Our Aims:

We pursue our whole College mission, guided by three defining and aspirational aims:



#### SELF

Each pupil cares for their mental and physical wellbeing; learns and achieves to their individual potential; and is content, comfortable and confident to be who they are in our diverse and inclusive College.



#### SERVICE

Each pupil makes a positive difference to the lives of others in our College, as well as in our local and in wider, global communities.



#### SUSTAINABILITY

Each pupil contributes towards preserving and protecting the planet we all inherit and share, and has the opportunity to be creative and innovative; to help further humanity's progress in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about us. If you feel that you could bring the right balance of care, commitment, expertise and enthusiasm to this role, we would welcome your application.

Marie Hickey  
Head of Infant and Junior School

## **The Post:**

The College is seeking to appoint a caring, committed and well-qualified Key Stage 1 Teacher, teaching year 2, to join our dedicated Infant and Junior School staff. This is to cover maternity leave from February 2025.

Candidates should be suitably qualified, experienced and enthusiastic, in order to support teaching and learning, and co-curricular events throughout the Infant and Junior School.

The Infant and Junior School consists of seven classes from Foundation to J6. Small class sizes and specialist teachers ensure we offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum, which aims to develop the full potential of each and every pupil.

Spiritual, moral, social, and physical development form an important part of the curriculum and help to prepare pupils for the challenges and experiences of later life.

## **Key Qualities and Person Specification:**

- Be passionate about teaching and have the ability to inspire young people;
- Be caring, supportive, enthusiastic, innovative and creative, acting as a role model to colleagues and pupils;
- Possess excellent lesson planning and differentiation skills, being willing and able to adapt their teaching to suit the needs of our pupils;
- Be committed to raising standards and continuously monitoring pupil progress;
- Possess outstanding professional and personal qualities and the ability to remain calm under pressure;
- Be proficient in the use of ICT in the classroom (including remote teaching, should this be required) and confident in using new technologies to share and promote good practice;
- Have excellent personal organisational skills.
- Be able to demonstrate effective interpersonal / communication skills.
- Be adaptable, with a good sense of humour and able to take the initiative.
- Have the ability to enable and promote independent learning.
- Be a very good team worker, with the capacity to build relationships at all levels across the school.
- Be committed to the mission, aims, ethos and standards of Abbey Gate College.

## **Salary, Terms and Conditions:**

The salary for this position will depend upon the qualifications and relevant experience of the successful candidate. We welcome applications from both experienced teachers and Early Career Teachers (ECTs).

## **Safeguarding & Child Protection:**

Abbey Gate College is committed, as a priority, to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will, therefore, be subject to stringent vetting and induction processes, including an enhanced DBS disclosure.

**References for shortlisted candidates will be requested prior to interview;** please inform your referees.

Whilst criminal convictions are not necessarily a bar to appointment, this safety consideration will be central to all decisions regarding the employment of staff, approval of volunteers, and standards of external contractors.

## **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion:**

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and to treating all staff with dignity and respect. Therefore, applications from individuals are encouraged, regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and marriage and civil partnerships.

### **Process for Applications:**

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at midday.**

In order to apply for our vacancy, please complete our **Abbey Gate College application form** (available at <https://www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>). Please note that CVs alone cannot be accepted – candidates must complete an **Abbey Gate College application form**, in accordance with the DfE's Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance.

Please also include a covering letter, which should be addressed to the Head of the Infant and Junior School, Mrs Marie Hickey, outlining your interest in, and suitability for, the role and the College.

Your completed application form and covering letter should be returned to Mrs Sue Moran, HR and Staff Wellbeing Manager, at: [sue.moran@abbeygatecollege.co.uk](mailto:sue.moran@abbeygatecollege.co.uk) by the above closing date.

Should you require any additional information or assistance regarding your application, please also contact Sue Moran.

Please visit our website at [www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk](http://www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk) for more information about the College.