

Headteacher: Paul Johnson Deputy Headteacher: Lucy Roderick

October 2021

Teacher: Science – Maternity Cover

TMPS/UPS: **Two** One-Year fixed Term Contracts to cover maternity leave Start: 1st January 2022 (or earlier) until: 31st December 2022 – Chemistry Specialism Start: 1st January 2022 until: 28th February 2023 – Physics Specialism

Thank you for your interest in the post of Science Teacher at Churchill Community College.

We are seeking to appoint two dedicated and talented professionals on a one-year fixed term basis to join our highly successful and talented Science department to cover two separate maternity leave periods. Ideally, we would like one post to be filled by someone with a Chemistry specialism and the other post to be filled by someone with a Physics specialism.

Both posts would suit someone at the start of their career or an experienced teacher. We are looking for someone who will earn the respect of our staff and students through her or his professionalism, hard work, abilities and enthusiasm. Churchill is a place where the education of every child is believed to be of equal value and that ethos informs all of our work. It is, and will remain, a fully inclusive school where the highest quality provision for, and exceptional care of, all students are our driving forces. Our staff are dedicated, very hard-working and believe that what we do is vital to improving the life-chances of the young people in the community that we serve. We expect that dedication and commitment from all staff. Challenge and accountability are central to what we do but nurturing good relationships and treating people decently are important to us too.

Churchill was inspected by Ofsted in 2019 as a 'good' school; previously the school had been judged 'outstanding', and whilst the judgement of 'good' was very fair we have the aspiration of 'excellence in all we do' and need the successful applicant to embrace this philosophy.

Churchill is very much a community school, and whilst the community we serve is enormously proud and supportive of the school, a significant proportion of our students come from low income or deprived households, with more than 40% of our cohort eligible for the Pupil Premium. Even before Ofsted began emphasising the importance of long-term learning and cultural capital we had begun the process of reviewing and developing our Key Stage 3 curriculum in order to put greater emphasis on them, something you will see reflected in our 2019 Ofsted report. Cultural and curricular changes take time to work through the system, however, and you will see this reflected in the dip in our academic outcomes in 2018 and 2019 following the introduction of the reformed 9-1 GCSEs. Had students had the opportunity to sit exams in either 2020 or 2021, we are confident that we would have seen outcomes improve significantly, and we are looking forward to seeing this publicly validate when we receive our exam results in 2022.



You do not need to be told how crucial this subject is to students in terms of the breadth of the subject, building of cultural capital, and the development of skills and knowledge. Consequently, the grade they achieve at key stage 4 can be transformative in terms of the opportunities it then affords our students. Fostering a love of the subject with students will further support them to achieve success at key stage 5 and may lead to them choosing related subjects at University or with a suitable apprenticeship provider.

For these reasons we are looking for someone who instils in students the desire to learn and the aspiration they can achieve the very best they can. It is essential that the right candidate is an exceptional role model to both staff and students.

Churchill Community College is a vibrant, exciting and rewarding place to work, and the role would be perfect for someone at any stage in their career. If, from what you have read, you feel that you would like to join us, please submit a completed application form and a letter of application (not exceeding two sides of A4) outlining how your skills and experiences make you the best candidate for the post. A CV is not required and will not be accepted.

The closing date is **9.00am on Monday 18th October 2021**. Please email your application to Heather Bell, Headteacher's PA: <u>heather.bell@churchillcc.org</u>

Interviews will be held on Thursday 21st October. We will only contact those candidates who have been shortlisted. If you have not heard from us by the 19th October 2021 you should assume you have not been shortlisted and your application was unsuccessful. Please note we do not pay expenses for candidates invited to interview.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Paul Johnson Headteacher

