



# SCIENCE TEACHER

CANDIDATE INFORMATION



Dear Candidate,

I am honoured to be Head Master of Dulwich Prep London and introduce you to this incredible school. For more than 135 years, the school has inspired generations of boys aged 3 to 13 (and Nursery aged girls) to fulfil their dreams and aspirations.



We are privileged to have developed a specific pedagogy that enables critical thinking, encourages exploration, and facilitates engaging communication skills while recognising that each child is on their journey of discovery.

We passionately believe in the whole child. Therefore, the broad and enriched education that we provide will enable our pupils to go beyond the expected and toward the exceptional.

We seek to work in partnership with parents and carers to embed the Dulwich Prep London Values, first and foremost, as this underpins the character skills required in our fast-paced modern world.

This expectation enables each child to put empathy and compassion at the forefront of their decision making. It is the catalyst for each child to be successful and resilient in whatever they turn their hand to while on their educational journey and beyond.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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Head Master



# **OUR ETHOS AND AIMS**

Our school's priority is the wellbeing and happiness of our pupils. Each child's sense of belonging is paramount to their success and the school's continuing success.

Our pupils are challenged in their pursuit of excellence, and we support each child to find what they are good at. Each child's sense of belonging is integral to their continued success in our school and future success in life.

We want our pupils to leave us having experienced the very best in pastoral care, teaching and learning, having enjoyed the most dynamic and demanding academic and co-curricular programmes, and having made friends for life.

In preparing our pupils for today and the future, we want to instil a sense of environmental awareness and empower each child to become a responsible world citizen.

These are the key building blocks for the school, but our Values act as the cement that bonds everyone and everything together.

Our Values create Dulwich Prep London's special atmosphere.









# **OUR VALUES**

Dulwich Prep London inspires excellence, and our pupils' character measures our greatest success.

Our Values sow the seeds of possibility in each child's mind, heart, and spirit and create the right culture and conditions to allow these possibilities to flourish and become real.

Everything we do sits upon our Values system. The eight recognised and explicitly taught Values weave across every year and deliver a deepened sense of empathy and the drive to be change-makers.

These values teach our pupils how to be kind and offer help where it is needed; to play fair and tell the truth no matter who is listening; to join in and play their part whilst letting others be heard; to appreciate the world around them and how valuable their contribution is and to always have a go.

Our expectations are high: those attending Dulwich Prep London go on to be citizens of the world, have a strong moral compass, and adapt to the rapidly changing environment of modern society.

Our children thrive, and we ensure that every opportunity is created for them to do so. Yet, no day is taken for granted.









# **ABOUT US**

Since 1885 Dulwich Prep London has been at the forefront of preparatory schooling in England. Generations of boys and Nursery-aged girls have benefited from a school with a rich history, is forward-thinking, has embraced change, kept pace with pedagogy and technology, and is, above all, passionate about the individual learning journey of every one of our pupils and staff members.

We are the largest boys' independent preparatory school in the UK with an enrolment of 840 pupils between the ages of 3 and 13. We are a selective school in two important ways. Firstly, our pupils generally sit in the top 10% nationally based on their scores on standardised tests. Secondly, and arguably, more importantly, we look for children who will thrive at the Prep and make the best of everything we offer.



50+ Senior School Destinations



200+ Scholarships Awarded 2020-2022





20+ Musical Ensembles 15+ Stage Productions





25+
Acres of Open
Space and a
Swimming Pool



10+ Sports Played at Every Level

7.00am-7.30pm Wrap Around Care



12+ School Community Events





We are situated in Dulwich, a leafy village and area known for its exceptional schools, a plethora of open spaces and thriving, diverse local culture. It is within easy striking distance of the bright lights of one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. Everyone at Dulwich Prep London takes pride in inspiring excellence. Our school Values underpin the rich diversity of curricular and co-curricular opportunities available to our pupils.

Our Governors strive to maintain Dulwich Prep London's position in a competitive market by sharing their broad range of expertise to provide the highest quality education for our pupils. Through this investment, we can attract excellent staff, provide up-to-date technology, and continue to create modern facilities within our stunning South London home.

At Dulwich Prep London, we aim to cultivate a sense of social and moral responsibility within each child. We want each child to leave our school with maturity, the strength of character and empathy fostered within them throughout their Dulwich Prep Journey. We have strong links to our community, alumni and local schools, modelling our values in everything we do. We nurture independent thinkers with a sense of justice who go on to be thoughtful citizens of the world, equipped with a strong moral compass and the ability to adapt to our rapidly changing environment.

# JOB DESCRIPTION

To carry out the functions of a teacher at Dulwich Prep London in accordance with the aims and objectives of the school and the Departments in which they are teaching. This role reports to the Head of Science.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### Subject Teacher

- Stay up to date with training to ensure you are informed of changes in subject content, pedagogy, and methodology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of delivering the ISEB syllabus and external examinations up to scholarship level where possible or demonstrate confidence and willingness to undertake training in both.
- Assess, record and report on the progress, development and attainment of pupils and to keep such records as required.
- Use teaching strategies that will engage and challenge students and are appropriate to their needs and the demands of the curriculum
- Prepare and teach lessons, set and mark assignments (e.g. classwork, preps, assessments, projects etc.) and record results as required; all in a reasonable timeframe.

- Mark, grade and give written, verbal and diagnostic feedback to pupils on individual work and group work they have undertaken.
- Use summative and formative assessments to guide teaching.
- Report accurately (both in writing and verbally) to parents, colleagues and senior staff on the progress and problems encountered by individual pupils and to explain strategies adopted to maximise progress in the subject.
- Share a strong knowledge of your subject to enhance the curriculum.
- Prepare and update subject materials.
- Be comfortable using online learning platforms.

## Teaching & Learning

- Create and manage a caring, supportive, purposeful and stimulating environment that is conducive to children's learning.
- Plan, prepare and deliver high quality, differentiated lessons across the curriculum in line with the school's schemes of work.
- Identify clear teaching objectives and learning outcomes, with appropriate challenge and high expectations.
- Organise and manage groups or individual pupils, ensuring differentiation of learning needs, reflecting their abilities.
- Plan opportunities to develop the social, emotional and cultural aspects of pupils' learning.
- Enable pupils to develop positive attitudes to learning.
- Promote high standards of behaviour and discipline among the pupils, safeguarding their health and safety.
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of the pupils, and that all termly pupil reports are of high quality, that they are specific to the pupil and are on schedule.
- Use assessment to evaluate and improve teaching and the learning and attainment of the pupils.

- Ensure effective use of support staff within the classroom, including parent helpers.
- Contribute to the development and co-ordination of a particular area of the curriculum.
- Be part of a whole school team, actively involved in decision-making on the preparation and development of policies and schemes of work, teaching materials, resources, methods of teaching and pastoral arrangements.
- Participate actively in staff meetings, INSET days and share in supervisory duties.
- Promote learning and celebrate achievement through bright and varied displays.
- Ensure that school policies are reflected in daily practice.
- Promote actively strong and positive relationships with parents and carers, communicating with them about all aspects of their children's education - academic, social and emotional.

#### Form Teacher

- Care for the form, prepare pastoral reports and profiles as required.
- Be responsible for the general order of the form and its day to day administration.
- Attend parents' evenings and interviews as appropriate.
- Report to parents, colleagues and senior staff on the progress and problems encountered by individual pupils in relation to their general development and behaviour.
- Be a pivotal person for each pupil, building trusting relationships which will thereby ensure the continuity of well-being for pupils, and continuity of communication between them, their parents, and the whole school.

### Training & Development

- Regularly review your own practice, and in collaboration with your Head of Department, to set personal targets and take responsibility for own continuous professional development.
- Participate in the annual performance review process.

#### General Requirements

- Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils for who you are responsible and with whom you come into contact with.
- Maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance and conduct.
- Maintain positive, courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues.
- Regularly contribute to the school's programme of extra-curricular activities.
- Share regular supervisory duties as required.
- Maintain good order and discipline among pupils and to support and contribute to the school's responsibility for safeguarding their students.
- Promote the good name and reputation of the school.
- Adhere to school policies and procedures.

### Keys Skills & Knowledge

- A degree in an appropriate discipline.
- Qualified teacher who holds a PGCE or QTS qualification.
- Specialist Science Teacher (preferable).
- Strong academic and intellectual credentials.
- Ability to teach up to GCSE across all three sciences.
- An outstanding practitioner with strong knowledge of child development.
- Knowledge of current educational thinking, initiatives and issues.
- Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures.
- IT literate and understanding of the role of ICT across the curriculum.

### Personal Competencies & Qualities

- Enthusiastic individual possessing drive, energy and commitment, with a presence that engenders confidence and respect from pupils, colleagues and parents.
- Belief in teacher efficacy; in the difference excellent teaching can make to pupil progress and attainment.
- Capacity to inspire, with a positive, proactive 'can do' outlook.
- Ability to plan, prioritise and manage a varied workload and changing priorities.

- Team focused: shares knowledge and information with other members of staff to promote good practice.
- Focuses on what needs to be delivered: understands what is needed and responds promptly.
- Exude a generosity of spirit towards the demands of a vibrant, energised and ambitious school setting.
- Commitment to the highest standards of educational and pastoral care for all pupils.

#### **Terms & Conditions**

- Core school hours, when all fulltime teaching staff are expected to be at work, are currently 8am to 4.30pm each day, plus a proportional share of pastoral and organisational duties.
- All INSET days and major school and departmental events, such as Open Day, Sports Day and parents' evenings.
- Depending on the requirements of the school at any time, these hours are subject to the terms and conditions of a Contract of Employment and to amendment by the Head Master from time to time.
- Staff may be called to perform other duties that the Head Master considers reasonable and commensurate with the post's grading and designation.

# **WORKING WITH US**

Dulwich Prep London is an inspiring and vibrant place to work. We have a large yet incredibly warm community of passionate teachers, inquisitive pupils, a hardworking and friendly support team and ambitious parents. Together we create a supportive environment that is committed to achieving excellence.

Working at Dulwich Prep means being part of a team that cares about your continued professional development and journey as a teacher. Whether you join us at the beginning, middle or end of your career, you will be guided, supported and encouraged every step of the way to achieving your goals. For example, our CPD might involve training for whole school initiatives, going on 'Learning Walks' around the school, taking part in a Lesson Study, or seeking further formal academic qualifications.

We are proud to be members of the Teacher Development Trust, which supports schools focused on innovation and evidence-based learning. In addition, we work with initial Teacher Training institutions such as St Mary's University, Twickenham and The Cambridge Partnership to develop new teachers and keep up to date with the latest research and pedagogy.

Staff are encouraged to participate in as many of the vast array of sporting and drama activities as possible at the Prep. From all-nighter charity swims to Saturday park runs to our fabulous drama productions, there's always something going on at the Prep where hidden talents are celebrated.

#### Remuneration

- Competitive salary £35,165 to £53,720.
- Generous defined contribution pension scheme.
- Life assurance.
- Free school lunches.
- Enhanced sickness, maternity, paternity and adoption pay entitlements.
- Free access to our School Counsellor.
- Cycle to work scheme.
- Wide range of professional development opportunities.
- school fee remission.
- Easter and Summer holiday camp discounts.
- Healthcare Cash Plan scheme.
- Employee assistance programme.

## Application and Interview Process

A completed Application Form and a cover letter explaining your suitability for this role should be emailed to <u>Tamsin Hutson</u>, <u>HR Manager</u>. Please also read the accompanying Application & Recruitment Process Explanatory Note. We reserve the right to appoint at any time during the recruitment process.

• Closing Date: Monday 2 September 2024 at 9.00am.

Interview Date: Week Commencing 9 September 2024

• Start Date: January 2024

#### **Appointment**

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon the following:

- Receipt of at least two references that are satisfactory to the school.
- Verification of identity and qualifications, including evidence of the right to work in the UK.
- A satisfactory enhanced criminal records check through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), clearance of the Children's Barred List, and confirmation that you are not disqualified from providing childcare.
- A check that confirms that you are not the subject of a sanction, restriction or prohibition issued by the Teaching Regulation Agency that renders you unable or unsuitable to work at the school.
- Verification of your medical fitness for the role.
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
- A check which confirms that you are not banned by the regulating authority of the teaching profession in each country in which you have worked as a teacher, which confirms that you are not subject to any sanctions or restrictions and that there are no concerns over your suitability to work as a teacher.
- Evidence from the professional regulating authority of the teaching profession in each country in which you have worked as a teacher which confirms that you are not subject to any sanctions or restrictions and that there are no concerns over your suitability to work as a teacher
- Any further checks that the school deems necessary if you have lived or worked outside of the UK, which will include an overseas criminal records check or certificate of good conduct and may include professional references.

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Dulwich Prep London is committed to the equal treatment of all current and prospective employees and does not condone discrimination based on age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, gender identity, or marriage and civil partnership.

We are an equal opportunity employer and welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds. We believe in fostering a diverse and inclusive work environment where all employees are valued and respected for their unique perspectives and contributions.

Candidates will only be assessed against relevant criteria (i.e., skills, qualifications, abilities, experience) in selection and recruitment. In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act, Dulwich Prep London seeks to treat those with disabilities as favourably as those without disabilities. Accordingly, we will make reasonable arrangements, wherever practicable, to avoid putting those with disabilities at a disadvantage.

#### SAFEGUARDING

Dulwich Prep London is committed to safeguarding and promoting children's and young people's welfare and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening and training appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers, online checks, and an enhanced criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service.





We aspire to have a diverse and inclusive workplace.

We strongly encourage all suitably qualified applicants regardless of background to apply and join us at Dulwich Prep London.

We are proud members of the schools Inclusion Alliance and the Government's Disability Confident Scheme.