



King's College

TAUNTON

Appointment of Teacher of Art and Photography (full-time)

Starting September 2019

ABOUT KING'S

King's College is a thriving boarding and day school of approximately 460 pupils. It combines strong academic achievement, traditional values and excellent pastoral care with a progressive, modern outlook, providing girls and boys aged 13–18 with the opportunities, confidence and ability to exploit their potential to the full within a happy and caring environment.

King's Hall Prep School (located some three miles away) combines with King's to provide continuous education from 2-18 and the two schools are run by one Governing Body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a sound family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered. Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to good universities and professional careers.

For a relatively small school, King's College has an enviable record of success. The school has regularly topped GCSE league tables for Somerset in recent years and two departments, DT being one of them, were rated top in the country for their A level results by the Good Schools Guide. The Chapel Choir won the BBC "Choir of the Year" competition, the girls football team are ISFA national champions at U18 level, and the U15 cricket XI were national champions in 2017.

In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, successful school.

ABOUT TAUNTON

Taunton, the county town of Somerset, is a busy market town with excellent road and rail links. It is located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5, 25 minutes north of Exeter and 35 minutes south of Bristol. The fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours. Taunton is a growing commercial and residential centre, has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum and the usual shopping outlets.

THE POST

The art department enjoys a high profile among both pupils and staff, and is busy, purposeful and successful. All pupils in year 9 take art and a good number of these opt to study art or textiles at GCSE. At present there are two GCSE art sets and one GCSE textiles set in each year group, whilst at A level usually about 8 - 15 study either art or photography. At both GCSE and A level the department follow the Edexcel syllabus.

GCSE and A level results span a range of abilities, with several going on to take foundation and full courses at prestigious universities. The department enjoys consistently good results:

		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Art (AL)	A* - B	100%	63%	83%	50%	80%
Photo (AL)	A* - B	50%	50%	-	67%	40%
Art (GCSE)	A*A / 987	33%	50%	44%	28%	55%
Textiles	987	100%	na	na	na	na

The department comprises two full-time and one part-time teacher, as well as a designated technician. The department is housed in its own building, which includes a darkroom, gallery and the new Silvermead studio, which was opened in 2017. The department also includes offices for both full time teachers, a small computer room and mezzanine level in the studio with a full computer suite. The art department is at the forefront of creative teaching and learning, with work displayed around the school and in a spectacular end-of-year exhibition.

Alongside normal teaching the department organises visits from outside artists and attends lectures at local schools and universities. The department regularly takes trips to the London galleries and they also undertake an annual overseas trip for Sixth Form pupils; this year the group visited Vienna.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We require an enthusiastic teacher to join this department from September 2019. The post would suit either a newly qualified teacher or one with experience, who can share their expertise and love of the subject, and teach lessons which inspire and that pupils enjoy. King's College has a lively and friendly Common Room of over 50 full-time teachers, all of whom contribute to the school's outstanding co-curricular programme of sport, music and many other activities. The ability to contribute in some way to this programme would be a distinct advantage. All full-time teachers also tutor a small number of pupils.

Newly qualified teachers will be supported in completing their initial year at King's by the Head of Staff Induction, who has vast experience in guiding and training NQTs.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree level qualification • PGCE or equivalent teaching experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific training courses
Knowledge and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of how to ensure all pupils thrive in artistic subjects • Specific artistic skills and/or experience relevant to the subject areas taught at King's (fine art, photography, textiles) • Reflective about your own pedagogy and willing to share best practice with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of teaching art and photography to A level • Able to give guidance to interested pupils on career prospects based on taking art or photography at A level.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships with the pupils in your care • Efficient and effective administration and organisational skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good IT skills • Good ability to contribute to the co-curricular programme at King's
Personal qualities and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personable, with a sense of humour • Patience, kindness, resilience and the ability to be firm but fair 	
<p>The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sight of original qualifications • King's College application form • Interview, including teaching a lesson and viewing a portfolio • References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals 		

APPOINTMENT POLICY

Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

HOW TO APPLY

Please write a brief letter of application, addressed to the Headmaster, and complete the application form enclosed and send by email or letter to:

Sarah Baverstock, HR & Payroll Officer, King's College, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3LA.

Tel: 01823 328105

Email: SLBaverstock@kings-taunton.co.uk

Website: www.kings-taunton.co.uk

The closing date for applications is 12.00pm, Monday 25 February

Interviews will be in the week beginning Monday 4 March

Enclosed

- Application form
- Appointment policy
- Job description